



JEREMIAH

a musical and step-dancing extravaganza

ORIGINAL ARMSTRONG
AUDITORIUM CAST
AUDIO RECORDING

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LYRICS

1. OVERTURE

Orchestra

2. JUST A CHILD

Young Jeremiah

I'm just a child, I'm just a boy;
I don't know how to speak,
or how to stand strong.
Who would believe the words I say?
I'm just a child, I'm just a boy today.

As an ordinary lad in a town of pious men,
If I looked for one bright star,
Chances are I would find ten,
In their halls they weigh the world,
judging matters so profound,
Yet consumed in youthful play,
on the streets I would be found.

So few things these lips have said,
Even less these eyes have seen;
See these rosy cheeks unscarred?
See these hands still soft and clean?
What king would hear the speech
uttered from this boyish frame?
Such consequential words
need a man of great acclaim!

A prophet from the womb,
Who has heard of such a thing?

They would laugh it all to scorn,
All the tidings that I bring.
And if this message were received,
As if from a prominent man,
They would silence me in haste,
They would bind me with their bands:

3. I HAVE MADE YOU A FORTRESS

Heavenly Choir, Young Jeremiah

Do not say, "I am a youth,"
For to you I give my truth.
You shall go wherever I send,
You will speak all I command!

In the womb, you were ordained,
Y.J.: Before I was born ... I'm starting to see.
And from then I saw you were trained.
Y.J.: You've always been here!
Go and preach, pull down and uproot
Y.J.: Give me Your words ... Your mighty hand!
Overthrow and plant anew!

I have made you a fortress, an iron pillar;
I have made you a brazen wall,
And I will attend, deliver and defend
If they fight you then they shall fall!

Fear not their faces,
the threat of their dungeons,
For I will be with you, wherever you go,
I will protect you from every foe!
Y.J.: I am a fortress! I will arise and speak!
Do not say you you are young and weak,

For your mouth I will gird
with my unfailing Word,
Now arise and speak!

4. TEMPLE GATE

Orchestra

5. POINT OF NO RETURN (BARUCH'S SCROLL)

Baruch, Heavenly Choir

Josiah was king of our nation,
When God told him how it would fall.
His death set God's plan into motion,
To put us in Babylon's thrall.

God gave us a plentiful country.
God gave all the blessings we wanted.
We turned from His way and went backward.
To His face with our idols we taunted.
Are we not concerned
When we pass the point of no return?

King Nebuchadnezzar is coming.
His conquest is by God's command.
Though Judah may struggle and fight him,
The nation will fall to his hand.
This is what we earn
When we pass the point of no return.

See seventy years of enslavement,
Till the captivity is undone.
Though God comes in wrath at the present,
To Judah again we will come!

With our lessons learned,
Into our land we will all return!

6. THE UNSTOPPABLE WORD

Hamutal

Oh, listen, my daughters, and heed...
The prophet was barred from the temple.
The priests would not hear what he said.
They kept him outside, secure in their pride,
But his scribe preached the message instead!

The men took his scroll to the king.
They came with God's message to ponder.
But he cut it in half, and burned it to ash,
But soon it came back even stronger!

**This is God's unstoppable word,
His unbreakable vow!
His invincible plan
will not be foiled by a man!
This is God's unstoppable word,
His uncloseable door,
His unquenchable flame!
Who can stand in the way
of His unstoppable word?**

The king made fatal decree;
He called for the death of God's man.
But he sought him in vain,
Throughout his domain.
He could not impede God's great plan!

Oh, listen my daughters, and heed!

Our God is Lord of all!
His promise prevails; His word never fails.
And those who trust him never fall!

7. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH ME

Jeremiah, Hananiah

JEREMIAH

Ambassadors came to plead with the king,
To throw off the chains that Babylon brings.

God heard of their plans;
He warned them through me;
I made five yokes to send to their kings.
I wore one myself to show to the land
That Babylon rules by God's mighty hand:

O Judah heed: God speaks through me!

HANANIAH

This man speaks lies! God lives with us!
In two years time will our foes lick dust!
The king will return, all captives as well.
So God tells me, now you I tell:

O Judah believe: God speaks through me!

JEREMIAH

How I would rejoice if all this were so!
But I must explain what he should well know.
He says you are free, yet you are in bonds;
In time you will see which prophet is wrong!
You are the one who speaks of a lie,
By God's great decree this year you will die!

HANANIAH:

Our God defends! This much He spoke.
His mighty hand will break their yoke!

JEREMIAH:

This yoke made of wood is easily snapped,
Yet Babylon has us already trapped.
Their yoke is of iron; you speak of a lie.
By God's great decree this year you will die!

8. CRY OF THE BESIEGED

Zebudah, Chorus, Youth, Hamutal

Arise, O God, and save us!
O Lord, we cry to Thee!
Awake, O God, and answer!
Make haste to hear our plea!

Like lions after prey,
Our enemies surround us.
Deliver us today!
Before they can confound us!

Our bread has disappeared,
And all we eat is sorrow.
Our only drink is tears,
We cannot see tomorrow!

How long wilt Thou be angry
Against Thy people's prayer?
We cry out for Thy mercy!

9. THE KING'S COURT

Orchestra

10. LET HIM DIE

Pashur, Jucal, Gedaliah, Shephatiah, Chorus,

SHEPHATIAH: Jeremiah is a traitor,

GEDALIAH: Selling us to Babylon,

JUCAL: He has crept outside the city,

PASHUR: To their army he has gone,

ALL FOUR: He has given up the city,

So he lives when they have won!

Let him die! Let him die!

He would have the city fall!

Let him pay with his life;

He would make slaves of us all!

SHEPHATIAH: Jeremiah is a traitor,

GEDALIAH: Speaking lies of Babylon,

JUCAL: He has kept our fighters frighten'd,

PASHUR: Till their strength is nearly gone.

ALL FOUR: He has frightened all the city

So their army will have won!

Jeremiah is a traitor, selling us for a price!

Now let him pay with his life!

To our sentence he must fall!

11. SAVE THE MAN OF GOD

Ebedmelech, Zedekiah

EBEDMELECH

My Lord, hear me, I beg:

The man of God will die!

The princes laid him low,

Where non can hear his cry!

You gave him to their hands,

They dropped him in the mire.

I plead you stop this now,

And frustrate their desire.

Let your humble servant go ...

To save the man of God!

I bid you let me go to save from his fate.

If you should let him die,

God's anger will be great!

ZEDEKIAH

So Jeremiah dies? This was not my intent!

No man should perish so;

I give you my assent:

You, my loyal servant, go save the man of God!

12. SAVE THE THRONE OF GOD (PSALM 89 PLEA)

Jeremiah, Heavenly Choir

JEREMIAH

My Lord, hear me, I beg.

Your covenant you made void.

You cast it to the ground.

Your king have you cut off;

You have profaned the crown.

You made his glory cease,

You covered him with shame,

How shall Your promise fail?

Has David lived in vain?

How can any servant now ...

Save the throne of God?

HEAVENLY CHOIR

Yet David's seed lives on

Through all apparent flames;

And though his tree looks burned,
A tender branch remains.
You, My loyal servant, go ...
Save the throne of God!

13. TEPHI'S WEDDING RECEPTION

Orchestra

14. WORDS OF LIFE

Heavenly Choir, Jeremiah, Baruch

I hear your prayer; this is my word:
If you will stay, then I will build.
I will then plant and cause you to grow,
This land that I grant is for you to sow.
But if my words you now ignore,
No place you flee can hold back the sword!
Open your ears, heed what I say!
Do not resist: Dwell where I stay!

**Be not enticed by illusion,
The path that leads to strife.
Trust in the depth of my vision;
Keep My words of life;**

Fear not the cruel, fear not his hand;
Though he may rule o'er all the land.
For I will save your life in the end,
No man prevails when God will defend.

15. THE UNSTOPPABLE WORD (REPRISE)

Tephi, Jeremiah, Baruch

Grandmother spoke words that I heeded:

That God is Lord of all:
His promise prevails, His word never fails,
And those who trust Him never fall.

God said of my father King David,
His kingdom would never end:
His scepter and line would last for all time,
Though others might try to contend!

**This is God's unstoppable word,
His unbreakable vow!
His invincible plan
will not be foiled by a man!
This is God's unstoppable word,
His uncloseable door,
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Who can stand in the way
of His unstoppable word?**

My brothers and fathers are taken;
Our city is ruined and waited;
Though they may be gone,
This throne will live on!
To far away lands we will hasten!

16. JOURNEY ON THE SEA

Orchestra

17. VISION ON THE HORIZON

Jeremiah

The morning radiance melts the mist away,
Unveiling views that I have long desired:
A sight that shows the end of stormy paths,

A destiny that kept my heart inspired!

My life can be compared
to this journey on the sea,
With winds and waves and waters rising high:
What kept me pressing on,
What kept my course unchanged,
Is what now lies just north before my eyes!

It was the vision on the horizon,
That burned within my bones,
When facing the unknown,
There was the vision on the horizon:
That kept me looking through the storm,
Transfixed by the approaching shore!

I faced the foaming waves of certain death,
And once was doomed to drown
in dungeon mire.

The persecution fell like violent hail,
Until my battered soul began to tire.

The scoffing that I faced
Was more than I could bear,
So silence was the only cure I found.
But holding in these words
Oppressed me even more.
This fire within my bones
could not be bound!

Was it some quest for worldly gain,
Or a search for passing fame?
Was it just some daring game,
Or a twisted love of shame? No!

18. WELCOME THE ENDLESS THRONE

*Jeremiah, High King & Queen of Dan, Hamutal,
Baruch, Zebudah, Tephi, Chorus, Youth*

JEREMIAH: Welcome the royal son!
HIGH KING: Welcome the coming tide!
ALL: Welcome the banner of courage;
HIGH QUEEN: Welcome his beautiful bride!

YOUTH: Welcome the future's songs;
HIGH KING: Welcome the glorious stone;
HIGH QUEEN: Welcome the seat of mercy;
ALL: Welcome the endless throne!

For this kingdom shall go on and on,
Just as certain as each rising sun,
This dominion ever growing,
Now has just begun!

HAMUTAL: Welcome the planted seeds,
BARUCH: Welcome the fruitful rain;
ZEBUDAH: Welcome the bountiful harvest;
ALL: Welcome the boundless terrain!

JEREMIAH
See how the breach is healed!
TEPHI: See how the paths are restored!
See how the heavenly promise is sealed!

ALL: See how our spirits have soared!

This dominion, ever spreading,
Now has just begun to grow.
Welcome the endless throne!

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