

## A Defenced City

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*“For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee” (Jer.1:18-19).*

As a Christian and a preacher of the gospel I have always admired the prophet Jeremiah. He was God’s man in a city and a nation headed for **divine judgment**. He suffered much, was persecuted and knew deep frustration but he never wavered from his determination to do the will of God. That was his assignment from his true King.

Likewise, brethren, God has placed us in society headed for divine judgment. The forces of un-Godliness and hedonism are having a field day in America. **The twin evils** of religious liberalism and compromise are wrecking havoc among the churches of Christ. At times it may seem overwhelming but we must remain *“Faithful and True”* (Rev.19:11).

Like the prophet of 2,600 years ago we must be “a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls” against the forces of darkness in our land **with love** in our hearts and **malice toward none**. We must continue to proclaim the Truth and live it. Not an easy task among an unbelieving people! Like Jeremiah, we must realize who we serve and His promise to us, *“and, lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world”* (Matt.28:20).