chapel 2/5/74 Jeremiah

into what He desires us to be through all eternity. There is so much to the bk. of Jer. Christians so neglect the book.

when I was first teaching, I think it was in thesecond or third year when I was teaching beginning Hebrew, I started one evening to read the pophets through. And I started in Isa. and I read right through the major and minor prophets, and when I go through I could not have told you anything I read. I just got nothing out of it. It was just words. You can read Genesis. You can read Kings. Or you can read many parts of the Bible and you can find that the meaning of it is on the surface, there is much below the surface, but there is so much on the surface that it is so easy to get. But for the prophets you have to get into them, get the principles, get the important aspects of interpretation, get the flow of it, get the interrelation of the parts, and then they just open and are filled with wonderful messages and blessings that God has there for us.

This book of Jer. is perhaps one of the most neglected by Christians except for reading a vs. here and ht there. Few get the run of the book all through and the relation of its parts and the meaning. We don't know what's ahead for the world. We don't know what's ahead for us personally. We don't know, but for many of us there may be tremendous blessing. And for all of us there is very considerable blessing in the sat study of the bk. of Jer. and in the learning of the lessons of which there are so many in it that have such relevance of everyone who is a follower of the Lord. Let us pray: Our Father, we thank you for these great prophets of Old. We thank you for these men who stood true in face of such varying situations. Some having such joy in the message you gave them as Isaiah had. Some going through such terrible experiences, being considered as traitors, and quislings, and enemies of what their people wanted, and of what they themselves wanted like Jeremiah. O our Father, what a differente between these various writers, but Oh what lessons you have for us. Help us our Father to learn each one, to realize that what you have given us of physical powers, of mental powers,