

## NOW THE WORD OF THE LORD

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*



Jeremiah was called at a young age to be a prophet to the nations. The Lord commissioned him to speak words of judgment that would tear down nations and words of salvation that would rebuild them.

**NOW THE WORD** of the LORD came to me saying,

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”*

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”  
But the LORD said to me,

*“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you,  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”*

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

*“Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”*



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sidered how I appointed now a  
servant to the nations

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## SET ME AS A SEAL UPON YOUR HEART

*Song of Solomon 8:6-7*



Here the lover is aflame with an overwhelming desire to be united with the beloved. This profound experience of human love can also be part of the believer's relationship with God. Origen identifies the beloved with Christ and the lover with the church or the individual believer.

**SET ME AS A SEAL** upon your heart,

*as a seal upon your arm;*

*for love is strong as death,*

*passion fierce as the grave.*

*Its flashes are flashes of fire,*

*a raging flame.*

*Many waters cannot quench love,*

*neither can floods drown it.*

*If one offered for love*

*all the wealth of one's house,*

*it would be utterly scorned.*



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