

The record of Jeremiah's prophetic utterances makes up the longest book in the Bible. The ancient Near East, from Egypt to Mesopotamia, was in a constant state of flux, turmoil, and war during Jeremiah's life. That included life in Judah, where Jeremiah saw no less than five kings come and go during his ministry.

In many ways, Jeremiah was witness to a level of threat and change very much like what we witness today. Modern nations are threatening, and sometimes attacking, one another. People in many nations and societies live in fear of political and economic instability. The masses are looking for someone to trust. That is why Jeremiah wrote: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord." That didn't mean that war and turmoil would stop the moment people started trusting. Jerusalem was conquered, and people, even Godly people like Daniel, were carried into captivity in Babylon. However, trusting in the Lord dispelled fear of the future.

Trust in the Lord has the same effect today for those who hope in Him. Don't let the world's instability cause you to lose hope. Keep hope alive through faith in God.

Jeremiah 17:7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord."