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## Reading

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of Jeremiah.

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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**