

## PLOT AGAINST JEREMIAH

**Jeremiah 11: 18-20**

Thursday, March 15, 2018, 26th Day of Lent

Jeremiah 11:18 Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing.

In the summer of 1990 the armies of Iraq invaded Kuwait as part of an effort to influence worldwide oil prices. I was a mid-level non-commissioned officer in the West Virginia Army National Guard and you wouldn't have expected me to be able to immediately know what my role in our nation's response to that would be.

Like Jeremiah, I attribute that knowledge to God and His work in my life. I am in my sixties now and have the benefit of hindsight in recognizing the long chain of events that have been manipulated in the course of my life.

In my thirties, the benefit I had was a youthful mind with the ability to read quickly and to remember what I had read and to be able to put it together with other sources. In the late eighties, I had worked with Army operations plans that were used to develop training programs for our National Guard units and one plan was to engage the Russians in a scenario in which they invaded Iraq from the north. In August of 1990 I recognized that situation as being tactically the same as what was happening on the ground. I was able to use this revelation to implement the prudent processes of being personally and professionally ready months before we received official notice.

God has used many people and events to shape who I am now. I have learned to recognize His power and the immensity of His knowledge in the world around me. I pray for His continued work in me.

**Prayer:** Lord, like Jeremiah, We have been young people in your service. You have revealed hidden things to us, things that are unseen by the world. You invite us undeservedly to benefit from your gifts. We thank you for this work you do in our lives and we determine to step out in faith, trusting in your control of our lives and fate. In Jesus' name we pray!

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