

# Scripture

## Jeremiah 18:1-11 (NLT)

### The Potter and the Clay

- 1 The Lord gave another message to Jeremiah. He said,
- 2 “Go down to the potter’s shop, and I will speak to you there.”
- 3 So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel. 4 But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over.

5 Then the Lord gave me this message:

6 “O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand.

7 “If I announce that a certain nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, And destroyed, 8 but then that nation renounces its evil ways, I will not destroy it as I had planned.”

- 9 “And if I announce that I will plant and build up a certain nation or kingdom, 10 but then that nation turns to evil and refuses to obey me, I will not bless it as I said I would.”
- 11 “Therefore, Jeremiah, go and warn all Judah and Jerusalem. Say to them,  
‘This is what the Lord says: I am planning disaster for you instead of good. So turn from your evil ways, each of you, and do what is right.’”