Year of Faith Monthly Networking Bible Study
May 21, 2013

5:15 to 5:45 – Open Networking.
   Fill in the optional networking exercise by 5:45 to be eligible for a drawing for a prize potentially worth MILLIONS of dollars (a $1 lottery ticket...) Entries will be collected at the beginning of Round I.

5:45- 6:00 Formal Program Starts: Welcome & Opening Prayer
   Introductions & Instructions

6:00 to 6:10:   ROUND I: NETWORKING
   Go around the table and each person QUICKLY give the information about yourself on the sheets on your table. (The info is different for those who indicated they want to do business networking vs. social networking, etc.) You each have about 45 seconds to talk. If you get around the table and there is still time, please tell how you heard about this event.

6:10 – 6:50:   Father James McIlhone, Director of Biblical Formation, Archdiocese of Chicago speaking on Jeremiah

6:50 to 7:00: Change Tables: QUICKLY visit the food table or get a drink if you need to! But please be at your second assigned table by 7:05 or we won't get out on time!

7:00 – 7:25: ROUND II: DISCUSSION
Go around the table once and in about 30 seconds each person give the following:
   - Name & In one or two sentences, tell us one interesting thing about yourself that others might want to know. (Examples: What you do for a living, favorite ministry, hobby, or why you are here, etc.

Discussion Questions:
   - What strikes you most about the career of Jeremiah?
   - Do you feel that Jeremiah has something to say to our modern world? If so, what?

7:25 Adjournment, Raffle Drawing for the Donation & Final Blessing

LinkedIN

If you are in LinkedIN- send a request to join the group: **One Ultimate Network**. Encourage your Catholic friends to join. They do not have to attend this Bible Study to be in that LinkedIN Group.

Coming in June

John R. Barker, OFM, Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Chicago Theological Union
Speaking about Job (Not jobs...Job – the guy with a lot of problems...)
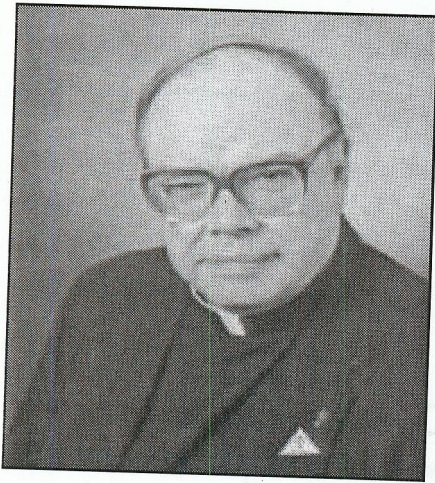
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Questions? Ideas to Make this Better? E-mail Linda Weaver at Myfaithnet@aol.com

Ministry Choices for the Raffle

Franciscan **Outreach**	**Mission** of Our Lady of the Angels	**Daughters** of St. Paul
Relevant Radio	Catholic **Extension** Society	Catholic **Charities**

Fr. Jim McIlhone, Director of Biblical Formation for the Archdiocese of Chicago

Fr. Jim McIlhone has been a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago for nearly 34 years. He entered Quigley Preparatory Seminary South and graduated in 1966, and attended Niles College of Loyola University where he graduated in 1970 with a BA degree in classical Languages in the honors program. He attended St. Mary of the Lake Seminary from 1970 to 1974 where he graduated with a Masters of Divinity and Bacculaureate in Sacred Theology in 1974. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 8, 1974. In September of 1975, he was awarded the Licentiate in Sacred Theology from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary.

From July of 1974 to July of 1980 he served as associate pastor at Our Lady of the Wayside Parish in Arlington Heights. During this time he began giving talks in the area of Sacred Scripture and wrote articles for *AIM* (Aids in Ministry) and the *Word in the Home*. In August of 1978, he was named an associate member of the Catholic Biblical Association. In July 1980, he became associate pastor at Santa Maria del Popolo in Mundelein. During this time in addition to regular parish duties he pursued his Doctoral Degree in Religious Studies with a major emphasis in New Testament at Marquette University. He also contributed articles to *Chicago Studies*, and the *Bible Today*. He also became a regular contributor to the Homily service *Markings* published by the Thomas More Association. During his years at Santa Maria, he also taught religion at Carmel High School in Mundelein. He offered courses in Spirituality, Prayer, and Scripture.

In January 1987, he was named to the faculty of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary taking up residence in June 1987. In October 1987, he defended his Doctoral dissertation entitled "The Lord Your God is One: An analysis of Mark 12:28-34, the Love command". He graduated with a Ph. D. degree in Religious Studies in December 1987, and the following August was named an active member of the Catholic Biblical Association.

He has taught several courses at Mundelein Seminary in Old Testament, New Testament, Biblical Languages and Intertestamental Literature, and Patristics. He is the author of *The Word Made Clear*. And during his time at Mundelein he has contributed to *Church Magazine* and *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* where he has reviewed biblical software.

Fr. McIlhone served as the Chairman of the Computer Committee of the Catholic Biblical Association and currently is a member of the same committee. He also is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, The Biblical Archaeological Association, the Chicago Society for Biblical Research, and the Catholic Theological Association of America. He began serving the People of St. Francis de Sales parish in June of 1990 and has been with the parish continuously since that time.
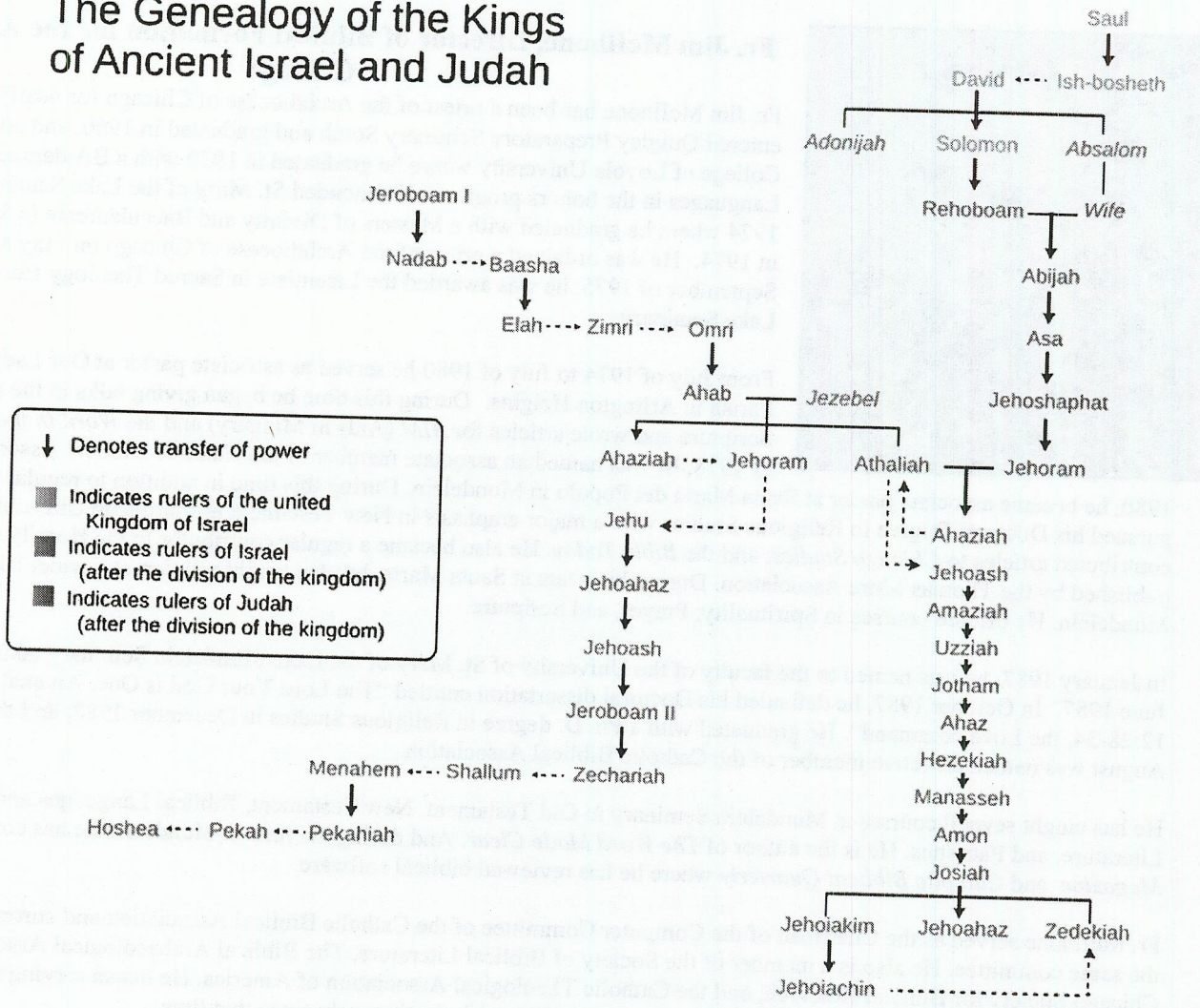
At Mundelein Seminary, he serves as the Chairman of the Department of Biblical Exegesis and Proclamation, as well as Associate Dean of the School of Theology, and Vice President of the Ecclesiastical Faculty. He is a former director of Computer Services for the Seminary, and currently serves as Director of the Summer Scripture Seminar. In May 1995, he was named a Full professor in the Department of Biblical Exegesis and proclamation.

From 1994-2009, he has served as Associate State Chaplain to the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus, in addition to serving as Faithful Friar to the Northern District of Illinois for the Fourth Degree.

He has addressed the presbyterates of several dioceses throughout the country on fundamentalism and several biblical topics. He has presented papers at the Catholic Biblical Association in continuing seminars as well as updating the membership on several occasions on the most recent software advances in biblical studies.

Since 2010, Fr. Jim has been the Director of Biblical Formation for the Archdiocese of Chicago. In this position, he has developed a website, www.wordmadeclear.org which has an electronic commentary on the Gospel of Mark, an electronic commentary on the biblical Roots of the Mass, and currently he is working on an Electronic Commentary on the Gospel of Luke. In addition, Fr. Jim serves as a faculty Member and board member of the Chicago Catholic Scripture School, and a faculty member of the Institute of Diaconal Formation.

The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah

Saul

David ···· Ish-bosheth

Adonijah   Solomon   Absalom

Jeroboam I

Nadab ···· Baasha

Elah ···· Zimri ···· Omri

Ahab — Jezebel

Ahaziah ···· Jehoram

Jehu

Jehoahaz

Jehoash

Jeroboam II

Menahem ···· Shallum ···· Zechariah

Hoshea ···· Pekah ···· Pekahiah

Rehoboam — Wife

Abijah

Asa

Jehoshaphat

Jehoram

Athaliah

Ahaziah

Jehoash

Amaziah

Uzziah

Jotham

Ahaz

Hezekiah

Manasseh

Amon

Josiah

Jehoiakim   Jehoahaz   Zedekiah

Jehoiachin

Legend

↓ Denotes transfer of power

▓ Indicates rulers of the united Kingdom of Israel

▓ Indicates rulers of Israel (after the division of the kingdom)

▓ Indicates rulers of Judah (after the division of the kingdom)

Jeremiah: A Prophet for our Times?

Rev. James P. McIlhone

May 21, 2013

I. Why Jeremiah and Not Isaiah?

II. Previous History
- a. The Covenant with David – Royal Davidic Theology
- b. The Assyrian Crisis of 701
- c. The Reign of Manasseh

III. Jeremiah's Early life
- a. Birth and early Life
- b. Call to be a Prophet   Jer 1:4-10
- c. Jeremiah, The prophet like Moses

IV. The Reform of Josiah
- a. Finding of book of Deuteronomy
- b. The recovery of the Mosaic Covenant

V. Early Ministry of Jeremiah (622-605)
- a. Jeremiah "eats" the words of Yahweh
- b. Shift from Anathoth to Jerusalem
- c. Jeremiah and the Reform Program of Josiah
  - i. With Habakkuk and Zephaniah, Jeremiah hopes that Judah will seize opportunity to renew commitment to ancient faith.
- d. Jeremiah meets with opposition
- e. The death of Josiah; Eliakim, his son reigns, name changed to Jehoiakim
- f. Reform is brought to a screeching halt
  - i. Temple Sermon (Jer 7:1-15)
- g. Confessions of Jeremiah
  - i. Preaching God's word has brought Jeremiah anguish Jer 20:1-10
    1. But he is sure God will deliver him Jer 20:11-13
  - ii. Confessions show Jeremiah is a man of profound faith

VI. 605 Pivotal for Jeremiah
- a. Assyrians weak; Babylon power to be reckoned with (Jer 46:2)

VII. Later Career of Jeremiah
- a. Jeremiah quiet during remainder of Jehoiakim's reign
- b. 597 Jerusalem surrenders to Nebuchadnezzar – first deportation
  - i. Jeremiah again speaks; despite popular hope, deportees will not return home
- c. Vision of the two baskets of figs
- d. Hananiah and the two yokes
- e. Jeremiah and Zedekiah in 587
  - i. The promise of a new covenant (Jeremiah 32)
- f. Jerusalem falls; Jeremiah is freed; can go where he will

Jeremiah's Temple Sermon (Jer 7:1-15 NABRE)

The Temple Sermon.* [1] The word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: [2] Stand at the gate of the house of the LORD and proclaim this message there: Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD! [3] Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Reform your ways and your deeds so that I may dwell with you in this place. [4] Do not put your trust in these deceptive words: "The temple of the LORD! The temple of the LORD! The temple of the LORD!" [5] Only if you thoroughly reform your ways and your deeds; if each of you deals justly with your neighbor; [6] if you no longer oppress the alien,* the orphan, and the widow; if you no longer shed innocent blood in this place or follow after other gods to your own harm, [7] only then will I let you continue to dwell in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors long ago and forever.

[8] But look at you! You put your trust in deceptive words to your own loss! [9] Do you think you can steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, sacrifice to Baal, follow other gods that you do not know, [10] and then come and stand in my presence in this house, which bears my name, and say: "We are safe! We can commit all these abominations again!"? [11] Has this house which bears my name become in your eyes a den of thieves? I have seen it for myself!—oracle of the LORD. [12] Go to my place at Shiloh,* where I made my name dwell in the beginning. See what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel. [13] And now, because you have committed all these deeds—oracle of the LORD—because you did not listen, though I spoke to you untiringly, and because you did not answer, though I called you, [14] I will do to this house, which bears my name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your ancestors, exactly what I did to Shiloh. [15] I will cast you out of my sight, as I cast away all your kindred, all the offspring of Ephraim. [1]

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[1] *New American Bible*, Revised Edition, Je 7:1–15 (Washington, DC: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011).