

Chapter 24: Part Two - 11. Of My Deeper Purpose

Jeremiah, left alone in the darkness of Mount Thunder, grapples with overwhelming anger and despair as Covenant and Linden depart, leaving him with the impossible task of saving the Earth. Clutching the Staff of Law, he feels the tremors of the Worm's destruction and struggles to believe he isn't out of time. His anger is directed not only at Covenant and Linden for abandoning him but also at himself for feeling powerless and childish. He resents being burdened with expectations he feels incapable of fulfilling, haunted by memories of his past failures and the weight of his current helplessness.

Despite possessing the Staff of Law, Jeremiah feels taunted by its potential, emphasizing his inability to wield it effectively. He reflects bitterly on his situation, comparing it to being possessed by the croyel, where he was at least numb to his helplessness. Now, he is acutely aware of his limitations, unable to even provide light or comfort to his wounded companions, the Giants and Haruchai. The Staff's power feels like a cruel reminder of his inadequacy, and he questions the purpose of Covenant's plan, doubting it can stop the Worm's inevitable destruction.

Rime Coldspray, weakened and weary, requests Jeremiah to summon light to ease their spirits, but he admits his failure to harness the Staff's power. His frustration boils over as he dismisses her plea, sarcastically warning of the impending collapse around them. The Giants, despite their exhaustion, try to reassure him, expressing faith in Covenant and Linden's ability to succeed. Jeremiah, however, remains consumed by bitterness, convinced their efforts are futile and that the world is already doomed.

The chapter closes with Jeremiah sinking deeper into his despair, unable to reconcile his anger with the faint hope offered by his companions. The darkness of the cave

mirrors his inner turmoil, and he feels utterly alone, even as Coldspray and the Haruchai cling to their belief in Covenant's mission. Jeremiah's final thoughts underscore his sense of betrayal and futility, leaving him isolated in the face of the world's impending end.

