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THE CREATION CHRONICLES

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Scene 6: JEREMIAH

Character: Jeremiah

Scripture text: Jeremiah 13

Props: pair of ripped up men's boxer shorts

Length: 3 minutes

JEREMIAH: Howdy. My name's Jeremiah. It was a little while back that the Lord says to me, He says, "Jeremiah," ... that's what He generally calls me, Jeremiah. He says. "Jeremiah, go buy some shorts. And wear these shorts, but don't worsh em." That's what He said, so that's what I did. I went and got me a pair of shorts and I wore 'em, but I didn't worsh em. I was never that popular anyway. And then the Lord says to me, "Jeremiah" ... that's what He generally calls me. "Jeremiah," the Lord says to me. "Jeremiah, take off them shorts." And He said: "Go to Parah and hide dem shorts in a crack in the big rock." That's what He said, so that's what I did. I took them shorts off ... Pheeeeewwwww! ... and I took 'em on over to Parah and hid dem shorts in a crack in the big rock.

It was a little while later that the Lord says to me, "Jeremiah" ... that's what He generally calls me, Jeremiah. "Jeremiah, go back and get dem shorts what was in the crack in the big rock." So I went back and dug the shorts out of that crack what was in the big rock. (*Produces traumatized shorts from his pocket; regards them.*) Well, they didn't look the same. I didn't think they would.

Then the Lord said, "I will use the power of Babylonia to destroy the pride of the people of Judah and Jerusalem. The people of Judah are evil and stubborn. So instead of listening to me they do whatever they want and even worship other gods. And when I am finished with them they will be good for nothing, just like dem shorts. See, I knew He'd come around to the reason why I done ruined a perfectly good pair of shorts.

See, the children of Israel, they didn't stop being the children of God; they just stopted acting like it. The Lord said, "Those shorts used to be tight around your waist," and I said, "Yeah, they used

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> ta." He said, "That's how tightly I wanted to hold the people of Israel and Judah. I wanted them to be my people. I wanted to make them famous, so that other nations would praise and honor me, but they wouldn't do it." And then Lord was gone. I was stuck holdin' the waistband.

Well, that's what happened. That's my story. My short story.

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