

Hymns from Jeremiah (1745)

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Editorial Introduction:

The ledger of the London printer William Strahan contains an entry for October 7, 1745 charging the Wesley brothers for printing 2000 copies of “hymns from Jeremiah.” From the description of the paper used, this was likely an 8-page pamphlet of hymns.

Unfortunately, no copies of this pamphlet appear to have survived. The hymns were certainly by Charles Wesley, and likely related to the Jacobite invasion currently underway (see “Hymns for 1745”). Further evidence for this setting is the title “The Fourth Chapter of Jeremiah” that is found after two “Hymns for the Year 1746” in the first section of manuscript hymns in MS Richmond Tracts. Charles does not go on to give the text of the hymns under the title, perhaps because they had just been published.

Charles also omitted these hymns in *HSP* (1749), because he did not include any of his similar pamphlets of multiple hymns in this collected set. But it is almost certain that they reappear in a different setting—as the set of six hymns on the fourth chapter of Jeremiah in *Hymns for the Year 1756*.

Editions:

[Charles Wesley.] *Hymns from Jeremiah*. London: Strahan, 1745. [no copies extant]

Text:

[Most likely the hymns on Jeremiah 4 in *Hymns for the Year 1756*, 11–17.]