

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

(Judah's Last Hour)

Summary Overview:

JEREMIAH, also known as the 'weeping, tender prophet'. "This is the autobiography of one of Judah's greatest prophets during the nation's darkest days. Apostasy (falling away from God), idolatry (worshipping false idols), perverted worship, moral decay – these were the conditions under which Jeremiah lived and ministered. An avalanche of judgment is coming, and Jeremiah is called to proclaim that message faithfully for forty years. In response to his sermons, the tender prophet of God experiences intense sorrows at the hands of his countrymen; opposition, beatings, isolation, imprisonment. But though rejected and persecuted, Jeremiah lives to see many of his prophecies come true. The Babylonian army arrives; vengeance falls; and God's holiness and justice are vindicated, though it breaks the prophet's heart." Source: TTTB – describes Jeremiah as "**a heart-broken prophet with a heart-breaking message**. TTTB: Pg. 198)

Author:	Jeremiah (1:1) (dictated to his scroll Baruch; but see Chap. 52 –not Jeremiah)
Audience:	People of Judah (Also to the Gentiles - Chap. 46-51)
Time:	627 – 580 B.C.
Location of Events:	Judah, and surrounding nations (Jerusalem/Egypt), Babylonia
Genre/Type of Writing:	Prophecy (foretelling of the future)
Key Word:	Judah's Last Hour
Key Verse:	<p>"But this is what I commanded them, saying 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.' Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward." (Jeremiah 7:23-24)</p> <p>"For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, "Peace, peace!" when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed, nor did they know how to blush. Therefore, they shall fall among those who fall; in the time of their punishment they shall be cast down,' says the Lord." (Jeremiah 8:11-12)</p>
Key Chapter:	Chapter 31 – Amid all the judgment and condemnation of Jeremiah are the wonderful promises of Jeremiah 31 . Even though Judah has broken the covenants of her great King, God will make a new covenant when He will "put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (31:33). The Messiah instituted that new covenant with His death and resurrection (Matthew 26:26-29). (TTTB, 199-200).

Quick Outline - Jeremiah - Zondervan Life Application Study Bible

A. God's Judgment on Judah (1:1-45:5)

1. The call of Jeremiah
2. Jeremiah condemns Judah for its sins
3. Jeremiah prophesies destruction
4. Jeremiah accuses Judah's leaders
5. Restoration is promised
6. God's promised judgment arrives

B. God's Judgment on the Nations (46:1-52:34)

1. Prophecies about foreign nations
2. The fall of Jerusalem

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