

Jeremiah

The Weeping Prophet

“If I’ve told you once I’ve told you a million times...” Isn’t it strange how some people refuse to listen ... especially to _____? For almost _____ years the prophet Jeremiah told the nation of Judah over and over again that they needed to _____ of their sins or they would be severely _____ by God. But the people of Judah _____ to listen ... so Jeremiah wept.

The book of Jeremiah is the _____ of one of Judah’s greatest prophets. If the other prophets were flickering lights, Jeremiah was a blazing torch. He _____ the darkness of the people’s sins using the bright light of God’s Word. Unfortunately, Jeremiah’s forty years of preaching a doomsday message to a stiff-necked people only brought him _____, harassment, beatings, and _____. He was threatened in his hometown, put on trial for his life by _____ and false _____, placed in stocks, forced to flee for his life, publicly humiliated, thrown into a deep well, and finally, dragged against his will into _____, the very place he had told the people not to go! Jeremiah’s prophecies are _____ recorded chronologically, but seem to be arranged somewhat thematically. Each one of them is a call for a sinful people to _____ or _____ the consequences. Because they _____ to listen to Jeremiah, God told them:

“And this whole land shall be a desolation and a _____, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon _____ years.” (Jer. 25:11)

The book of Jeremiah can be outlined as follows:

<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Theme</u>
1–39	Prophecies _____ the Captivity
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Some key verses:

1. God appointed Jeremiah for _____ from his mother's womb (Jer. 1:1,4-9).
2. Judah was playing the harlot (_____) just like her sister Israel whom God "divorced" because of her harlotry (_____) (Jer. 3:8).
3. There is coming a day (the Millennial Kingdom) when Israel and Judah will _____ to God and be _____ into the Promised Land to follow the Lord (Jer. 3:14-18).
4. God will _____ Judah from judgment if Jeremiah can find even _____ person who acts _____ and seeks _____ (Jer. 5:1).
5. God's _____ against the nation of Judah will come at the hands of a far away nation (Babylon) (Jer. 5:15-17).
6. Prophets, priests, and people all love the preaching of _____ (Jer. 5:30,31; 6:13).
7. God requires true inner _____ not outward _____ (Jer. 7:3-7).
8. Jeremiah _____ for his rebellious nation (Jer. 9:1,2).
9. God makes it very clear that the _____ for the nation's _____ is idolatry (Jer. 9:12-14).
10. A person's boasting should be in the _____, not in _____ (Jer. 9:23,24).
11. Judah's false gods are so many that God tells Jeremiah _____ to _____ for the people (Jer. 11:13,14).
12. God _____ Jeremiah against a plot to _____ him once and for all (Jer. 11:21,22).
13. God promises to _____ the Jewish people to the _____ some day (Jer. 12:15).
14. Even _____ and _____ wouldn't be able to change God's mind about Judah's impending _____ (Jer. 15:1,2).
15. Jeremiah is _____ to take a _____ or have _____ (Jer. 16:1,2).
16. Man's heart is _____ and desperately _____ (Jer. 17:9).
17. God is the Potter and man is the clay. _____ or _____ in the heart of the "clay" _____ what is fashioned by the Potter (Jer. 18:1-12; Rom. 9:19-23).