



— OVERVIEW OF —

# THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

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# —•— 5 TIPS —•—

## FOR READING BIBLICAL PROPHECY



**1**

### LOOK AT THE CONTEXT

Understand the historical, cultural, and literary context.



**2**

### IDENTIFY THE MAIN MESSAGE

Focus on what God is saying through the prophet.



**3**

### DISCERN THE FULFILLMENT

Determine if the prophecy has been fulfilled, is being fulfilled, or is yet to be fulfilled.



**4**

### CONNECT TO CHRIST

All Scripture ultimately points to Jesus (Luke 24:27).



**5**

### PRAY FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and apply it to your life.

# WHO WROTE THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH



## JEREMIAH WAS...

- A prophet chosen by God from a young age.



## HIS PROFESSION

- A prophet and messenger of God.



## WHERE HE LIVED

- He lived in Anathoth, a town in Benjamin.



## HIS ROLE

- He delivered God's messages to the people, leaders, and nations.



## WHO HE WAS

- Faithful, obedient, and deeply devoted to God.

# WHEN DID THIS TAKE PLACE?

JEREMIAH'S MINISTRY IN THE CONTEXT OF HISTORY

BOOK OF ISAIAH



Isaiah's Ministry  
740–680 BC

ABOUT  
**50–60**  
YEARS AFTER  
Isaiah's Ministry

BOOK OF JEREMIAH



Jeremiah's Ministry  
627–586 BC

Jeremiah prophesied for  
about 40 years.

ABOUT  
**40**  
YEARS BEFORE  
The Babylonian  
Conquer

BABYLONIAN  
CONQUER



Fall of Jerusalem  
586 BC



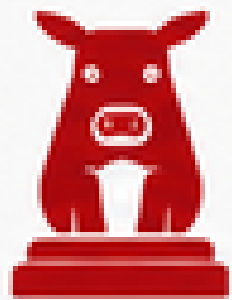
Jeremiah's ministry took place roughly **50–60** years after Isaiah and  
about **40** years before the Babylonian conquest of Jerusalem in **586 BC**.

GOD'S WORD IN GOD'S TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE.

# 5 MAJOR THINGS HAPPENING IN THE CULTURE

— ● — DURING THE TIME OF JEREMIAH (7TH–6TH CENTURY BC) — ● —

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## IDOLATRY & SPIRITUAL DRIFT

The people turned away from God and worshiped idols, trusting in themselves and other gods.

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## MORAL & SOCIAL CORRUPTION

Greed, lies, violence, and injustice were common. The poor were oppressed and truth was ignored.

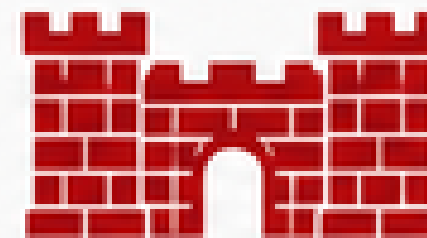
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## POLITICAL INSTABILITY

Israel faced constant threats from powerful nations like Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon.

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## RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

The people went through religious rituals but their hearts were far from God. False security was placed in the temple.

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## DECLINE OF JERUSALEM

Jerusalem was wealthy and growing, but pride, violence, and sin were leading the nation away from God.

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# UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT

## WHO WAS THE ORIGINAL AUDIENCE?

Jeremiah's message was to God's people in the **Southern Kingdom of Israel (Judah)**.

### THE TWO KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL

#### SOUTHERN KINGDOM: JUDAH

**LOCATION:**

The southern part of the land of Israel

**CAPITAL:**

Jerusalem

**TRIBES:**

Judah and Benjamin  
(2 of the original 12 tribes)

**IDENTITY:**

The Davidic kingdom  
(God's chosen line continued through King David)

**RELIGIOUS CENTER:**

The Temple in Jerusalem

#### NORTHERN KINGDOM: ISRAEL

**LOCATION:**

The northern part of the land of Israel

**CAPITAL:**

Samaria

**TRIBES:**

The other 10 tribes

**IDENTITY:**

Separated from the Davidic line; followed many false gods

**RELIGIOUS PRACTICE:**

Worshiped at multiple high places; idolatry was common

#### WHERE WAS THE NORTHERN KINGDOM AT THIS TIME?

The Northern Kingdom of Israel had been conquered by the Assyrians in **722 BC**, about 100 years before Jeremiah began his ministry.

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Jeremiah's message was to the Southern Kingdom of Judah, with Jerusalem as the center.



GOD'S WORD IN GOD'S TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE.

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## JEREMIAH'S 3 MAIN MESSAGES

# RETURN TO GOD BEFORE JUDGMENT COMES.



- Jeremiah calls God's people to turn from their sin and empty religion.
- If they do not repent, judgment is coming.
- God's warning is an act of love, not rejection.



### KEY SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 2:13  
Jeremiah 18:7–8  
Jeremiah 26:3–6



### THE BIG IDEA:

God desires a heart that loves and obeys Him, not just religious rituals.

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## JEREMIAH'S 3 MAIN MESSAGES

# GOD'S COVENANT LOVE

IS **FAITHFUL** EVEN WHEN HIS PEOPLE ARE UNFAITHFUL



**GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE  
DOES NOT CHANGE,  
EVEN WHEN THEY BREAK HIS COVENANT.**

- Jeremiah reveals God as a loving Father who pursues His people.
- He compares Israel to an unfaithful spouse, but promises to restore the relationship.
- God's heart is to bring healing, forgiveness, and renewal.



### KEY SCRIPTURES

- Jeremiah 3:1–4
- Jeremiah 31:3
- Jeremiah 32:40–41



**THE BIG IDEA:** God's love is constant and His desire is to restore His people back to Himself.

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## JEREMIAH'S 3 MAIN MESSAGES

# THERE IS HOPE IN GOD'S PLAN

EVEN IN JUDGMENT, GOD PROMISES A FUTURE AND A **HOPE**.



- **JUDGMENT IS NOT THE END.**  
God will discipline His people, but He will not abandon them.
- **GOD PROMISES A NEW COVENANT.**  
He will write His law on hearts and have a personal relationship with His people.
- **THERE IS A FUTURE AND A HOPE.**  
God promises to restore His people and bring lasting peace.



### KEY SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 29:11

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Jeremiah 33:6



### THE BIG IDEA:

God is at work even in hard times—His plan is to restore His people and give them a future full of hope.