



OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: JEREMIAH AND LAMENTATIONS



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Jeremiah- THE BASICS

- **Author:** Jeremiah, The Weeping Prophet
- **Time written:** Between 630 and 580 B.C.
- **Purpose:** Final prophecies to the Southern Kingdom, Judah - and other Kingdoms
- **Division of book:**
 - **Chapters 1-45:** Judah's Sin and Judgment
 - **Chapters 46- 51:** Other Nations' Sin and Judgment
 - **Chapter 52:** A Sobering Ending
- **Events**
 - Jeremiah called as prophet (already a priest)
 - Prophecies to 4 Kings/ Southern Kingdom – a nation hurtling headlong toward judgment from God.
 - National sin and lack of repentance with consequences for disobedience



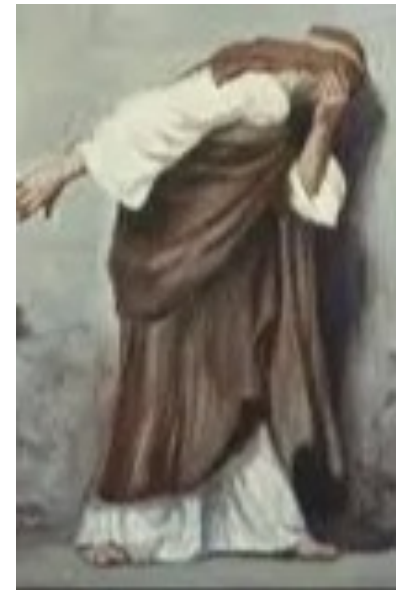
JEREMIAH WAS PERSECUTED
BECAUSE OF HIS PROPHECIES
DOOM + GLOOM

JEREMIAH

	Judah's Sin and Judgment	Prophecies against the Nations	A Sobering Ending
	<u>Jeremiah's call</u> <u>Idolatry</u> <u>Corrupt leadership</u> <u>Moral compromise</u>	<u>Exhortations to Judah</u> <u>Promises of restoration (30-33)</u> <u>Fall of Jerusalem and aftermath (39-45)</u>	Jerusalem <u>in ruins</u>
	<i>CHAPTERS</i> <i>1-45</i>	<i>CHAPTERS</i> <i>46-51</i>	<i>CHAPTER</i> <i>52</i>
Theme	Judgment is coming; repent!		
Key Verses	7:23-24; 8:11-12, 21; 9:23-24; 31:1-40		
Christ in Jeremiah	The fountain of living waters (2:13); the righteous Branch, the coming Shepherd, the LORD our righteousness (23:4-6); the New Covenant (31:31); Redeemer (50:34)		

Who is Jeremiah?

- Son of Hilkiah and born a priest in Anathoth, just north of Jerusalem- *Jer. 1:1*
- Chosen to be a prophet before he was born- *Jer. 1:5*
- Called to the prophetic office while he was very young- *Jer. 1:6*
- Commissioned of God to be a prophet- *Jer. 1:9–10*
- Began his ministry during the reign of King Josiah (the last “good” king of Israel, and was a mourner at his funeral- *2 Chron. 35:25*; served under at least 5 more kings
- Forbidden to marry because of the terrible times in which he lived- *Jer. 16:1–4*
- VERY Unpopular Ministry: never made a single convert, rejected and threatened by his people (*Jer. 11:18–21*; *12:6*; *18:18*), hated, beaten, put in stocks (*Jer. 20:1–3*), imprisoned, and charged with being a traitor (*Jer. 37:11–16*)
- His message broke his own heart- *Jer. 9:1*
- He wanted to resign, but God wouldn’t let him- *Jer. 20:9*
- Saw the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity. Was permitted to remain in the land. When the remnant wanted to flee to Egypt, Jeremiah prophesied against it (*Jer. 42:15–43:3*), but was forced to go with the remnant to Egypt (*Jer. 43:6–7*); and he died there. Tradition says he was stoned by the remnant.



Judgments against Judah

- **HUMAN VIDEOS** for the people (like Parables)
 - The Linen Sash the Ephod (Sash)- Jer. 13:1-11
 - Wine Bottles- Jer. 13:12-14
 - Potters Wheel- Jer. 18:1-6
 - Sign of the Broken Flask – Jer. 19:1-15
 - 2 Baskets of Figs- Jer. 24: 1-9
 - Yolks and Bonds- Jer. 27: 1-3
 - False Prophet- Hananiah- Jer. 28: 10-17
 - 2 Stones against Egypt- Jer. 43: 8-13



JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

- 1 | JEREMIAH WARNS PEOPLE TO REPENT
- 2 | JUDAH EXILED B/C OF IDOLATRY
- 3 | GOD WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT
- 4 | A MESSIAH IS COMING!

Jeremiah's Punishments

- A Lamb to the Slaughter
- Persecuted
- Placed in Stocks by Pashur, another priest
- Whipped (Jer. 20:1-3)
- Attacked by a Mob (Jer. 26:1-9)
- Imprisoned by King Zedekiah
 - **Jer. 33: 1-3** Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the prison, saying, "Thus says the LORD who made it, the LORD who formed it to establish it (the LORD *is* His name): 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'
 - **Jer.: 33: 14-18** Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute Judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this *is the name* by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'
- Jeremiah's scroll is burned and he re-writes it- Jer. 36



Chronology of Jeremiah

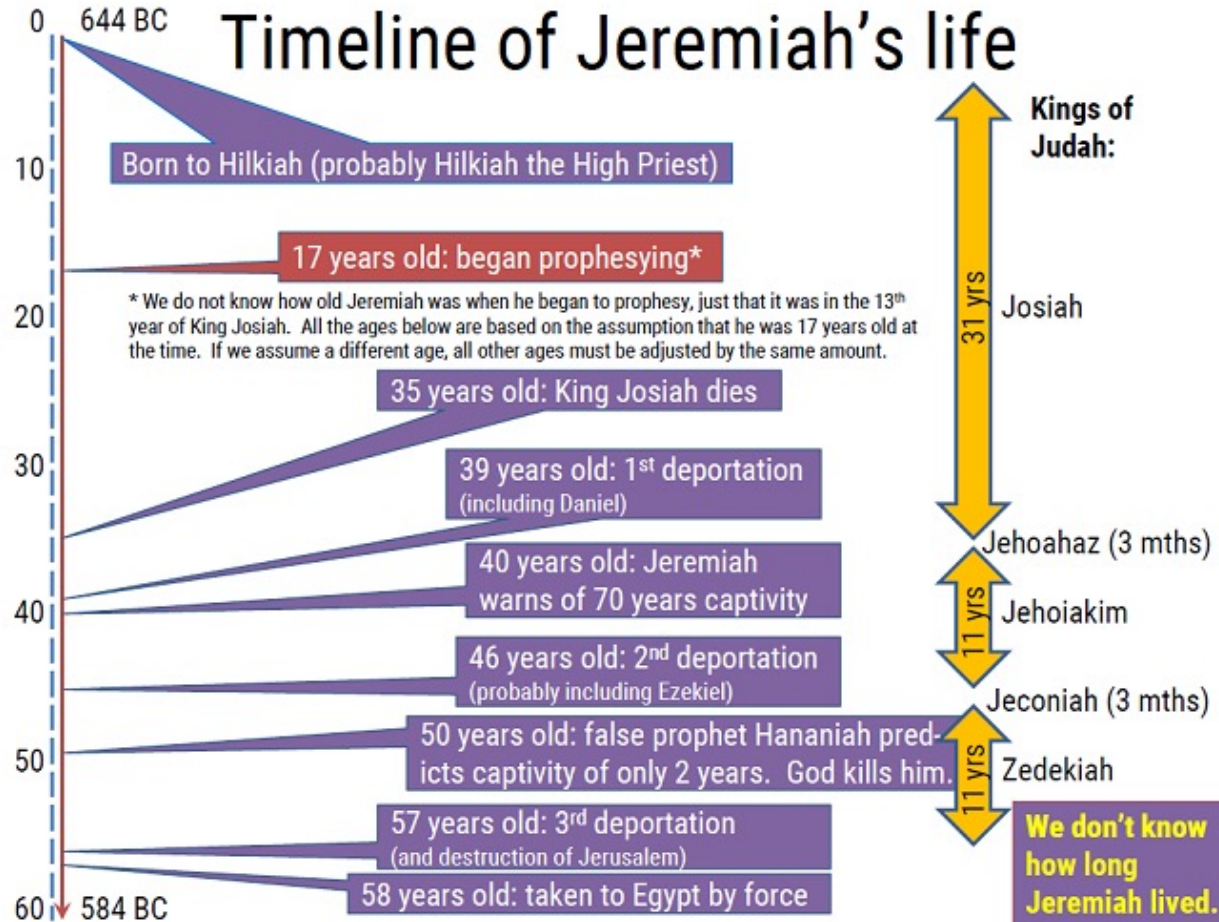
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PERIODS OF PROPHETIC MINISTRY

627-622	608-605	593-586	586-585
627	609	605	597
Major Events: Call	Josiah's death	1 Babylonian invasion	2 Babylonian deportation
		3 Babylonian exile	
Kings of Judah: Josiah (640-609)	Jehoahaz (609)	Jehoiakim (608-598)	Jehoiachin (598-597)
	3 months	11 years	3 months
			Zedekiah (597-586)
			11 years

Jeremiah prophesied from the 13th year of Josiah (627 BC) past the fall of Judah (586 BC) to about 580 BC.

His ministry spanned 4 decades and the reigns of 5 kings of Judah.



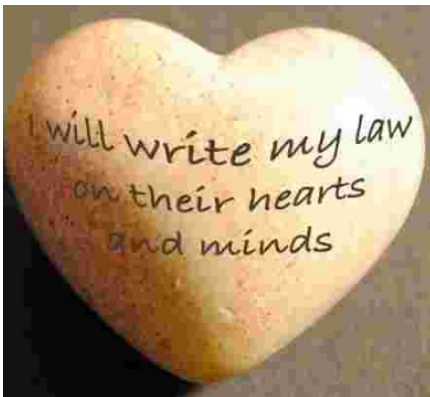
The New Covenant Promised!

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

- ³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. ³³ But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I 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. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

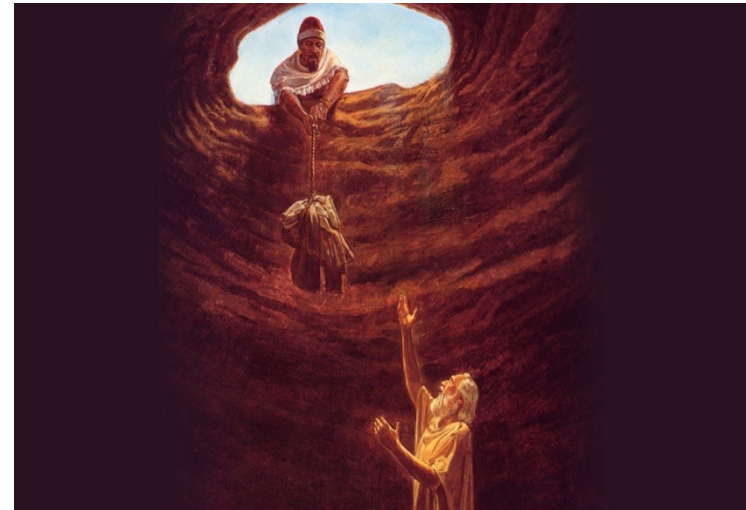
Luke 22:14-20

- ¹⁴ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, “With *ferve*nt desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”
- ¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”
- ¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”
- ²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.



Jeremiah's Life is Saved Several Times

- Jeremiah's life is saved!
 - Ahikam- Chapter 26
 - Ebed-Melech- Chapter 38
 - Gedaliah- Chapter 39 (Nebuchnezzar)
 - Gedaliah later killed by Ishmael
 - Baruch- his partner and friend who wrote out the scrolls



JEREMIAH'S FRIENDS



AHIKAM
SUPPORTED
& SAVED HIM



GEDALIAH
SON OF AHIKAM,
GOVERNOR WHO
HOUSED HIM



EBED-MELECH
OFFICIAL WHO
RESCUED HIM



BARUCH
WROTE
JEREMIAH'S
WORDS ON
SCROLLS

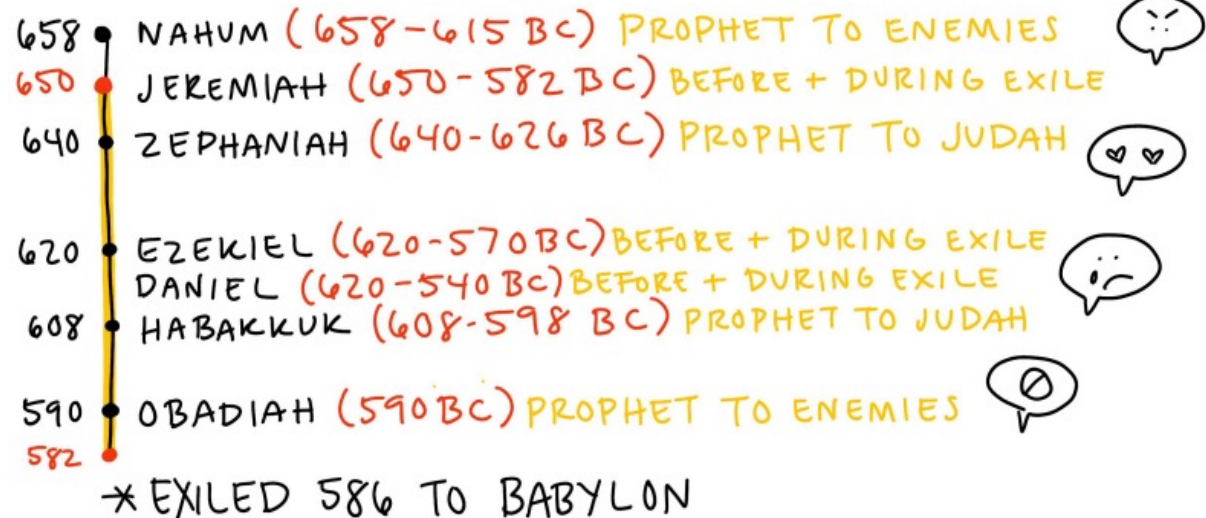
Other Judgments/ Prophets

- Egypt
- Philistia
- Moab
- Ammon
- Edom
- Damascus
- Kedar and Hazor
- Elam
- Babylon
- Seraiah
- Fall of Jerusalem reviewed



NATIONS TO BE PUNISHED IN JEREMIAH'S PROPHECIES

prophets during Jeremiah's ministry

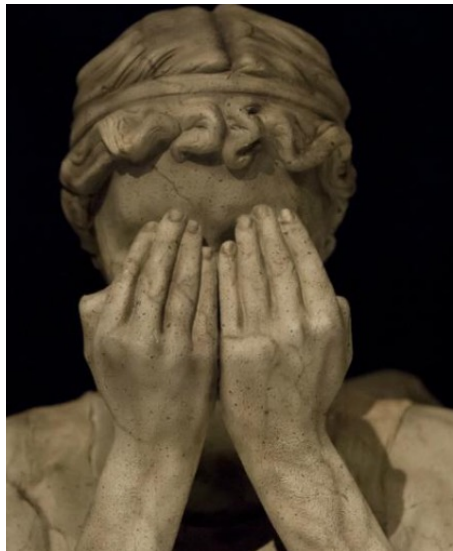
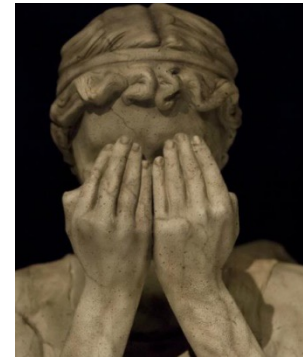


The Wounded Husband / The Adulterous Wife



- In Jeremiah, God is shown as a wounded husband calling to his bride to repent, because His bride Israel has been adulterous and broken her vows to God
- King Josiah's reign, the last "good" King of Israel tore down false idols, destroyed temples, houses of prostitution and altars for sacrifice of children
- Jeremiah cried and pleaded for them to return to God and repent, but Israel refused
- Jeremiah said that Israel needed a new heart, a heart of flesh, but the sin only got worse and this broke God's heart
- The leaders of Israel (the remaining "bad kings" told the people that as long as the Temple was still in Jerusalem/ with them that they had really not broken their covenant with God
- Jeremiah warned they would be taken into captivity and begged them- there was still time to repent

Israel is taken into captivity by King Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon- conquest of Jerusalem, burning of the temple and the exile to Babylon



Jesus in Jeremiah!

- Picture of Adulterous Bride and Redeemer Husband
- Fore Shadowings- Jer. 23:4-6
 - Branch from the House of David
 - Coming Shepherd
 - King who would reign in wisdom and righteousness
- Fountain of Living Waters- Jeremiah 2:13
- New Covenant- Jer. 31:31-34/ Luke 22:14-20



Lamentations- THE BASICS

- **Author:** Most agree Jeremiah
- **Time written:** late 586 BC/ early 585 BC
- **Purpose:** The Eulogy for Jerusalem *AND* God's faithfulness even after judgment
- **Division of book: 5 separate, non-chronological poems**
 - **Chapter 1-** Daughter Zion
 - **Chapter 2-** God's wrath
 - **Chapter 3-** Hope for the people of God
 - **Chapter 4-** Ruin & desolation of Jerusalem and the Temple because of the people's sin
 - **Chapter 5-** Group prayers for recovery
- **Main Characters and Events**
 - Jeremiah, the Weeping Prophet
 - The City of Jerusalem

- ① JEREMIAH : WARNS + PREDICTS EXILE TO BABYLON
- ② LAMENTATIONS : SORROWFUL PRAYERS DURING EXILE



LAMENTATIONS

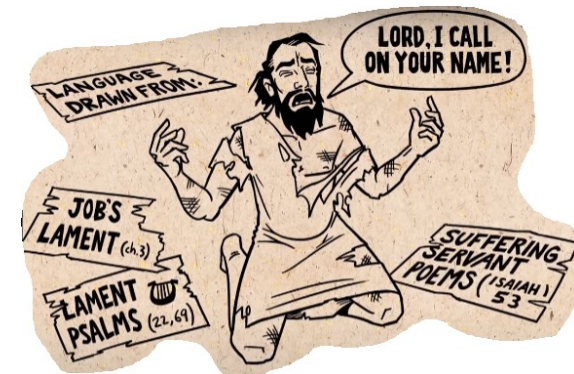
	Jerusalem's Desolation	The Lord's Anger	Jeremiah's Grief	The Lord's Anger	Jeremiah's Prayer
	CHAPTER 1	CHAPTER 2	CHAPTER 3	CHAPTER 4	CHAPTER 5
Underlying Emotion	Lonely, groaning	Angry, exhorting	Broken, weeping	Desperate, anguished	Weary, pleading
Short Prayers	1:20-22 "See us!"	2:20-22 "Look at us!"	3:55-66 "Judge them!"	4:20 "Avenge us!"	5:21 "Restore us!"
Theme	Mourning over sin; the severity of God's judgment; hope in His mercy				
Key Verses	1:1, 5	2:14, 17	3:16-24	4:11-12	5:5, 19-22
Christ in Lamentations	Jesus, like Jeremiah, wept over the sins of Jerusalem (Matthew 23:27-38; Luke 13:34-35).				

Laments 1, 2 and 3

- Lam. 1
 - Jerusalem personified as a woman, Daughter Zion
- Lam. 2
 - God's Wrath
 - Does NOT mean volatile or spontaneous anger
 - DOES mean Justice
- Lam. 3
 - A Suffering Man (*Jeremiah*)
 - Takes Laments from other parts of the OT
 - *Job, Psalms, Isaiah*
 - Gives himself hope by recognizing God's love and faithfulness through suffering
 - **Lam. 3:22-23**



THE FAITHFUL LOVE OF
THE LORD NEVER ENDS!
HIS MERCIES NEVER
CEASE. GREAT IS HIS
FAITHFULNESS; HIS
MERCIES BEGIN AFRESH
EACH MORNING.
LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23



Laments 4 and 5



- Lam. 4
 - Relives the 2 year siege of Jerusalem
 - Contrasts before and after

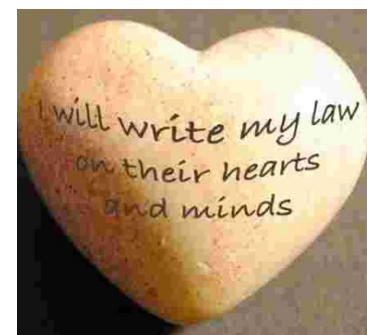


- Lam. 5
 - A group lament
 - People lament for one another
 - Ends with a paradox: God reigns forever and why do you forget us? v19-22



Jesus in Lamentations!

- Jesus weeps over Jerusalem- Luke 19:41-44
- We need to mourn over sin... and asking the Lord for forgiveness as He is faithful to forgive us- 1 John 1:9
- The temple of Jesus' body is also destroyed, but His temple (body) is raised again in 3 days- John 2:19-22



Estimated Schedule of OT Survey

- *January 4 - Overview*
- *January 11 – Cancelled*
- *January 18 – Cancelled*
- *January 25 – Genesis*
- *February 1- Exodus and Leviticus*
- *February 8 – Numbers and Deuteronomy*
- *February 15 – Cancelled*
- *February 22 – Joshua, Judges, Ruth*
- *March 1- 1 and 2 Samuel*
- *March 8 – Kings/ Chronicles and Prophets*
- *March 15 – NO CLASS/ SPRING BREAK*
- *March 22 – Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther*
- *March 29 – Job, Psalms and Proverbs*
- *April 5 – Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and
Isaiah*
- *April 12 - Jeremiah and Lamentations*
- **April 19- Ezekiel and Daniel**
- **April 26 – NO CLASS**
- **May 3 – Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah**
- **May 10- NO CLASS - Boys/ Girls Clubs Awards**
- **May 17 – Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk**
- **May 24- Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and
Malachi**

**ALL dates are ESTIMATES
depending on weather and pace of
previous classes!**