

## A Tour Through the Divine Library (Jeremiah)

### I. General Introduction to Jeremiah

-Title: Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiyah (1:1)

-Author and Date: Jeremiah, sometime between 627 and 575 BC (1:1-3; 36:1-4, 20-24, 32); confirmed by Daniel (Dan. 9:2 with Jer. 25:11-14; 29:11); for historical background see 2 Kings 22-24, 2 Chron. 34-36; Jeremiah's sufferings (11:19, 21; 12:6; 16:1-4; 18:18; 20:1, 2, 10; 26:8, 11, 24; 28:1-17; 37:11-15; 38:2-6); "the weeping prophet" (9:1; 13:17; 14:17)

-Theme/Purpose: "return to the Lord"; coming judgment; Babylonian exile; restoration; remnant; a new covenant

-Structure:

I. Jeremiah's Call (ch. 1)

II. Jeremiah's Ministry to Judah (chs. 2-45)

III. Jeremiah's Messages to Other Nations (chs. 46-51)

IV. The Fall of Jerusalem (ch. 52)

### II. General Overview of Jeremiah

-Jeremiah's Call (Ch. 1)

-Ministry to Judah (chs. 2-45): Condemnation (chs. 2-25); Confrontation (chs. 26-29); Consolation (chs. 30-33); Consummation (chs. 34-45)

-Messages to Other Nations (chs. 46-51): Egypt (ch. 46); Philistia (ch. 47); Moab (ch. 48); Ammon (49:1-6); Edom (49:7-22); Damascus (49:23-27); Kedar and Hazor [Arabia] (49:28-33); Elam (49:34-39); Babylon (chs. 50, 51)

-Fall of Jerusalem (ch. 52): Destruction of Jerusalem (vs. 1-23); Deportation of the Jews (vs. 24-30); Deliverance of Jehoiachin (vs. 31-34)

### III. Prominent People and Themes in Jeremiah

-People: Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah, Baruch, Ebed-Melech, Nebuchadnezzar, the Rechabites

-Themes: God's Sovereignty; Reliance on Religious Rituals; Presence and Influence of False Prophets; Promise of a New Covenant; True Repentance

### IV. Christ in Jeremiah

-In the Prophet (11:19)

-In the Prophecy (2:13; 8:22; 23:5, 6; 30:9; 33:15-18)

### V. Practical Lessons in Jeremiah

1) The Babylonian exile points to the final judgment yet to come.

2) The prophecy points to the forgiveness of sin that is promised in the gospel.

3) Jeremiah points to Christ and His people.