

Introduction to Jeremiah

Sunday School

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text - **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

Section	Thematic Outline	chapter(s)
I.	Jeremiah the Prophet is Called by God	1
II.	Jeremiah Preaches the Present Condemnation of Judah	2 - 29
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Jeremiah the man :

- I. Began as a Young Prophet
 - He was born of a priest in Anathoth
 - God chose him to be a prophet before he was born
 - God called him when he was very young

- II. Finished as an Old Prophet
 - He preached under Kings Josiah; Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, & Zedekiah,
 - He continued under Nebuchadnezzar, Gedaliah, and Johanan
 - He finished preaching to wandering Jews in Egypt, where he died

- III. A Prophet of Judgment
 - He reprovved, rebuked and warned both Jews and Gentiles
 - He spoke plain & clear & rough
 - He was forbidden to marry

- IV. A Weeping Prophet
 - He mourned at the death of King Josiah
 - He grieved over the sin of Israel's apostasy
 - He wept at the destruction of the Holy city
 - He penned the doleful book of Lamentations

V. A Suffering Prophet

- He was rejected by his people
- He never made a convert
- He was hated, beaten, and put in stocks
- He was imprisoned twice
- He was charged as a traitor
- He was forced to go down to Egypt

In the New Testament, many of the Jews likened Jesus to Jeremiah, because both:

- were *men of sorrows and acquainted with grief*
- *wept*
- were persecuted for righteousness
- could stand and publicly preach hard against sin
- were personally tender and compassionate
- witnessed the fall of Jerusalem
- were single
- died at the hands of unbelievers

Details of Book:

Jeremiah has - 52 chapters 1,364 verses 42,654 words

Jeremiah preached 14 messages of condemnation to Judah in chapters 2 - 29

#	chapter	#	chapter
1	2:1 - 3:5	8	21:1 - 14
2	3:6 - 6:30	9	22:1 - 23:40
3	7:1 - 10:25	10	24:1 - 10
4	11:1 - 13:27	11	25:1 - 38
5	14:1 - 17:18	12	26:1 - 24
6	17:19 - 27	13	27:1 - 28:17
7	18:1 - 20:18	14	29:1 - 32

Jeremiah is named 9 times in four other books of the Bible.

- (1) 2 Chronicles 35:25; 36:12, 21-22; (2) Ezra 1:1
 (3) Daniel 9:2; (4) Matthew 2:17, 16:14, 27:9

Jeremiah is referenced 8 times in five other books of the Bible.

Book	Reference source
Daniel 9:2	Jeremiah 25:11-12 & 29:10
Matthew 2:18	Jeremiah 31:25
Matthew 27:9	Jeremiah 18:2, 19:2, 32:6-9
1 Corinthians 1:31	Jeremiah 9:24
2 Corinthians 10:17	Jeremiah 9:24
Hebrews 8:8-12	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 10:16-17	Jeremiah 31:33-34

The Eighteen Prophecies of Jeremiah chapter & verse reference

- 1 The Fall of Jerusalem 1:14-16, 4:5-9, 5:15-17, 6:1-6, 32:2, 38:17-18
- 2 Destruction of the Temple 7:11-15, 26:6-9
- 3 Death of King Jehoahaz 22:10-12
- 4 Death of King Jehoiakim 36:27-30
- 5 Cutting off of the Royal line of King Jehoiachin 22:24-30
- 6 Death of two false prophets in Babylon 29:20-32
- 7 Death of a false prophet in Jerusalem 28:13-17
- 8 Capture and Exile of his friend Seraiah 51:59
- 9 Failure of the Egyptian-Judean military alliance 37:5-10
- 10 Defeat of Egypt by Babylon at Carchemish 46:1-12
- 11 Babylonian Occupation of Egypt 43:9-13
- 12 The 70 year Captivity of Judah in Babylon 25:11, 29:10
- 13 The Return to Jerusalem after 70 years 27:19-22, 30:18-21, 31:38-39, 33:3-9
- 14 Babylon's Defeat after the 70 years 25:12, 27:7
- 15 The Capture of King Zedekiah 21:3-7, 34:1-5, 37:17
- 16 The Kind Treatment of Jews in Babylon 24:1-7
- 17 The Final Regathering of the Jews 30:3, 10 & 31:8-12
- 18 The Rebuilding of the Nation of Israel 30:18-21, 31:38-39, 33:7-9

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