

The Book of JEREMIAH

“whom Jehovah appoints”

9:1 Oh, that my head were waters, And my eyes a fountain of tears,
That I might weep day and night, For the slain of the daughter of my people!
The Weeping Prophet - He saw the judgement of God coming!

Backsliding used 13 times, only 4 other times in the Old Testament. 1 in Proverbs, 3 in Hosea
Babylon occurs 164 times. More than the rest of the Bible combined.

- 1:1 Born a priest in Anathoth 3 miles North of Jerusalem The Tribe of Benjamin
Phil 3:5 The Apostle Paul was a Benjamite 100 years after Isaiah
- 1:2 Began his ministry in 627 BC, the 13th year of the reign of Josiah, the last good king
- 1:5 Formed and called before he was born

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 722 BC The Northern Kingdom (10 Tribes of Israel falls to Assyria)
- 640 BC 2 Kings 22:1,2 & 20 Josiah became King of Judah at 8 Years old Reigned 31 years
- 609 BC Josiah was killed in battle of Megiddo against Egypt
2 Kings 23:31 Jehoahaz becomes King at 23 years old and reigns 3 months
Pharaoh took him to Egypt and he died there 23:34
2 Kings 23:36 Pharaoh Necho makes Eliakim/Jehoiakim King 608 BC
25 years old and reigned 11 years Evil King
- 605 BC Nebuchadnezzar defeats Assyria and Egypt and becomes the world power
2 Kings 24:1 See Daniel 1:1-2 3rd year of Jehoiakim, God gave Jehoiakim ...
2 Kings 24:8 597 BC Jehoiachin 18 years old and reigns 3 months Evil King
2 Kings 24:12-14 8th year of Nebuchadnezzar 597 BC
Jehoiachin, educated people, upper class, etc taken in first deportation/exile
Probably Daniel was taken in this deportation
2 Kings 24:17 Nebuchadnezzar makes Jehoiachin's uncle Mattaniah the king. Evil King
He was 21 and his name was changed to Zedekiah. He reigned 11 years.
2 Kings 25:8 19th year of Nebuchadnezzar 605 BC minus 19th year 586 BC
- 586 BC 2 Kings 25:9-12 SOLOMON'S TEMPLE DESTROYED
WALLS OF JERUSALEM DESTROYED FINAL EXILE
Only some poor people were left**
Jeremiah was not taken to Babylon and tradition says he was stoned by the remnant.

“You and I are living at a time which is probably like the time of Jeremiah. Ours is a great nation today, and we have accomplished many things. We have gone to the moon, and we have produced atom bombs. Although we are a strong nation, within is the same corruption which will actually carry us down to dismemberment and disaster. It is coming, my friend. Revolution may be just around the corner. I know that what I am saying is not popular today. We don't hear anything like this through the media. Instead, we have panels of experts who discuss how we are going to improve society and how we can work out our problems. Today God is left out of the picture totally – absolutely left out. If the Bible is mentioned, it is mentioned with a curled lip by some unbeliever. The ones who are believers and have a message from God are pushed aside. I know that. That is why I say to you that I think we are in very much the same position that Jeremiah was in. For that reason I know this book is going to have a message for us today.” J Vernon McGee © 1982

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF JEREMIAH

- 2:13 God's charge against His people. They have forsaken living waters and built broken cisterns.
- 5:1 Search and see if there is any one faithful. Genesis 18 Sodom
- 9:1 Oh, that my head were waters, And my eyes a fountain of tears,
That I might weep day and night, For the slain of the daughter of my people!
- 11:10 The Sinai Covenant is broken Exodus 19
11:19 Like a lamb led to the slaughter.
- 18:2 The Potter's House Shaping and reshaping by the potter
Half the Psalms wouldn't have been written if God had not reshaped David
- 19 The Broken Flask 19:2, 9-11 Valley of Hinnom, idol worship, Greek: Gehenna
7:31 Child Sacrifice 2 Kings 23:10 Josiah made it into the city trash dump
- 20:9 His word is like fire in my bones
- 23:16-17, 32 Warning about false prophets with a prosperity message
"Don't worry about sin, God wants you to be happy." A preacher who will not address sin
- 24 2 baskets of figs. 1 good, and 1 beyond hope
- 25:11-12 70 years of Babylonian captivity
- 27 The Symbol of Yokes :2, 6 & 22 ...until I restore them.
- 28:15-17 Jeremiah delivers death message to false prophet Hananiah.
- 29 Message of Hope and Restoration
:13 You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.
The most evangelistic verse in the Bible
- 30 Tribulation and Restoration
- 31 I will restore Israel 31:3 I have loved you with an everlasting love. :8 I will gather them
:28 ...build and plant, says the Lord.
- 32 Jeremiah imprisoned :2 :17 :37
- 36: :2 Jeremiah's scroll :23 Jehoiakim burns the scroll
See Daniel 1:2 " God gave Jehoiakim into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar
- 37: Jeremiah imprisoned until 38:28, the Babylonian captivity
- 39 The Fall of Jerusalem King of Babylon kills Zedekiah's sons in front of him, and killed all the nobles, and
put out Zedekiah's eyes. :6 & 7
- 40:4 Jeremiah has the option of staying in Jerusalem or going to Babylon
- 43-51 Prophecies during Jeremiah's last days in Egypt
43:9 Prophecy of destruction of Egypt
Tradition says Jeremiah was stoned by the remnant in Egypt
- 51 The destruction of Babylon
- 52 Review of the fall of Jerusalem