

## JEREMIAH: THE PROPHECY OF THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

**A. Author:** Jeremiah

**B. Title:** Named after the Prophet; means “Yahweh hurls.”

**C. Theme:** God’s people will pay a price for their unfaithfulness, but God will eventually restore them through the mercy and grace of God.

**D. History:**

Began to prophesy in the latter years of King Josiah (627 B.C.)

Continued to preach until after the fall of Jerusalem in 587 B.C.

**E. Outline:**

### 1. THE CALL OF JEREMIAH (1)

- a. God’s Call(1:4-10)
- b. Vision of the Almond Tree (1:11-12)
- c. Vision of the Boiling Pot (1:13-16)

### 2. WARNINGS OF JUDGMENT (2-6)

- a. The Problem (2:11-13)
- b. They Did not Heed Israel’s Example (3:6-7)
- c. Calls to Repentance (3:22; 4:3-4)
- d. Return to their Former Ways (6:15-16)

### 3. JEREMIAH’S SERMONS (7-10)

- a. The Temple Sermon (7:3-4,9-11)
- b. The People’s Refusal to Repent (8:5,20)
- c. The Weeping Prophet (9:1)
- d. The Promise of Exile (10:18-19)

### 4. THE BROKEN COVENANT (11-15)

- a. The Problem of the Broken Covenant (11:3-4)
- b. The Threat on Jeremiah’s Life (11:19; 12:5)
- c. Parables of the Ruined Sash & Wine Bottles (13)
- d. Promise to Protect Jeremiah (15:16,21)

### 5. WARNINGS, ENCOURAGEMENT & DESPAIR (16-20)

- a. Do not marry or have children (16:2)
- b. Do not trust in the flesh (17:5-8)
- c. The Potter & the Clay (18:2-6)
- d. The Parable of the Broken Flask (19:1,10)

### 6. MESSAGES TO JUDAH AND THE NATIONS (21-25)

- a. Message of a Savior (23:5-6)
- b. Message of the Two Fig Baskets (24:7)
- c. Message of a 70-year Captivity (24:11)

### 7. JEREMIAH VS. THE FALSE PROPHETS (26-29)

- a. Jehoiakim Kills Urijah (26:23-34)
- b. Jeremiah Gets Bolder (27:2-3)
- c. God Kills Hananiah (28:17)
- d. Jeremiah Writes to the Captives (29:5-6,11)

### 8. MESSAGES OF HOPE FOR RESTORATION (30-33)

- a. God’s Love Is Unchanged (31:3)
- b. A New Covenant Is Coming (31:31-34)
- c. Jeremiah Buys a Field (32:7)

### 9. MESSAGES FROM 605 B.C. TO THE FALL (34-39)

- a. Jeremiah Preaches Against Zedekiah’s Slaves (34)
- b. The Rechabite Remnant (35)
- c. The Destruction and Rewriting of Jeremiah’s Scroll (36)
- d. Jeremiah Imprisoned & Zedekiah Conquered (37-39)

### 10. EVENTS AFTER THE FALL OF JERUSALEM (40-45)

- a. Jeremiah Was Set Free (40)
- b. The Remnant Went to Egypt (43)

### 11. MESSAGES TO THE NATIONS (46-51)

Egypt, Philistia, Moab, Ammon, Damascus, Kedar, Hazor, Elam, Babylon,

### 12. EVENTS FROM 597 TO 561 B.C. (52)

Review of the Fall of Jerusalem

### 13. LAMENTATIONS (1-5)

Lament & Prayer for Restoration (1:1; 3:22-23; 5:21-22)

### F. Real Life Lessons from Jeremiah & Lamentations

1. God will judge the national sins of His people.
2. Though many turn away from God, He always has a remnant.
3. Even in God’s judgment, we have the hope of renewal.
4. The New Covenant rectifies the problem of the unfaithful.