

To Pluck Up & Tear Down, To Rebuild & To Plant

A Study of The Scroll of Jeremiah

Wednesdays in Room 7 at Castleberry church

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Many describe *Jeremiah* as chaotic & random. However, some now argue convincingly for a two part division of chapters 1-25 & 26-52. Each part has 5 smaller sections within it. We hope you'll be able to join us in our study of this incredible book. Please help our class by reading ahead of time & preparing answers to the questions. We won't be able to cover every verse or even every section but we'll all be better off for knowing the context of the details we do discuss. Thank you for being interested in what many have called, "The Weeping Prophet." May God help us to learn from his struggles so we are prepared for our own. We will study *Lamentations* in the middle to avoid it happening the week of Christmas.

Oct 7 1) Intro to Jeremiah

Ch 1

It would be helpful to read an introduction to this book before this class.

- 1) What do you know about Jeremiah: the man & the book?

- 2) Is the book organized chronologically or thematically? Why do you think this?

- 3) Describe the mission God gave Jeremiah.

- 4) How did Jeremiah respond to God's call? How did God address the issue?

- 5) What is the meaning of the sign of the boiling pot? 1:13-19

- 6) What would it look like for Jeremiah to be a part of our society today?

Oct 14 2) Judah's Apostasy Deserves Death

Ch 2-6

- 1) Summarize the opening speech of Jeremiah (2:1-3:5).

- 2) Was Judah able to confess her sins? What caused her sins?

- 3) What did God give Israel in 3:8? Why did He do this? Do we ever sin this way?

- 4) What does God invite Israel to do in 3:11-14, 22? What should Judah do in 4:3-4?

- 5) What practice is condemned in 5:1-3? Was it the poor or the rich who did this?

- 6) What would Judah ask about God in 5:19? Why would she ask this?

- 7) How did the prophets & priests address these issues? (5:30-31, 6:13-14)

- 8) What role would Jeremiah play, according to 6:27-30?

Oct 21 3) Dismantling Temple Pride

Ch 7-10

- 1) Summarize and/or outline Jeremiah's "Temple Gate" sermon in 7:1-20.

- 2) How did God try to correct His people? (7:21-26) What will happen next? (7:27-34)

- 3) How would Judah worship according to 8:1-7? What did the people think of themselves?

- 4) Summarize Jeremiah's lament in 8:17-22. What hymn references these verses?

- 5) Where did Jeremiah want to go & why? (9:2) What did he think of his culture? (9:3-9)

- 6) What does 9:23-24 say about boasting? How does Paul later use that AND 9:25-26?

- 7) What practice of the nations does Jeremiah address in 10:1-16?

- 8) Summarize Jeremiah's lament in 10:19-22. What does he ask of God in 10:23-25?

Oct 28 4) Dismantling Covenant Confidence

Ch 11-17

- 1) Summarize Jeremiah's speech about God's covenant (11:1-17).

- 2) What is plotted against Jeremiah & how will God respond? (11:18-23)

- 3) What does Jeremiah ask of God in 12:1-6? How does God answer in 12:7-17?

- 4) What does the sign of the waistband mean? 13:1-11

- 5) How will God respond to their prayers during the drought? (14:1-12, 13-18)

- 6) Summarize Jeremiah's prayer in 14:19-22. How does God answer? (15:1-6)

- 7) What was Jeremiah not to do? (16:1-9) What conversation would follow? (16:10-13)

- 8) What does God promise in 16:14-21? Summarize Jeremiah's "Heart Sermon." (17:1-18).

Nov 4 5) Dismantling Israel's Special Status

Ch 18-20

- 1) What does God teach by the visit to the potter? (18:1-12)

- 2) What do the people want to do to Jeremiah? (18:18) What is Jeremiah's response?

- 3) What did God teach with Jeremiah's broken jar? (19:1-15)

- 4) Where did he declare the conclusion of God's message of the broken jar? (19:14-15)

- 5) Who persecutes Jeremiah in chapter 20 & how? What does God say to him? (20:4-6)

- 6) 20:7-13: What is Jeremiah's complaint? What will happen if he is silent?
Where does he get confidence?

- 7) What surprising change happens in Jeremiah in 20:14-18? Why does he say this?

Nov 11 6) Dismantling the Monarchy Ch 21-25

1) Who came to get a word from the LORD? (21:1-2) What was the response? (21:3-10)

2) Would God keep a descendent of David on the throne forever? (Jer 22:5; cf. Psm 89)

3) What would the nations say about Jerusalem's fall? (22:8) Why? (22:9-12)

4) What does God rebuke the kings of Judah for in 22:12-23? What does He promise in 22:30?

5) What does He promise in 23:1-8? How is this promise used in the New Testament?

6) Summarize the rebuke of the false prophets in 23:9-40. How does 23:36 happen today?

7) What is the meaning of the basket of figs? (24:1-10) Who will God abandon? (24:8-10)

8) When does Ch 25 occur? How many years would pass until Babylon was punished? (25:12)

Nov 18 7) A Survey of Lamentations Ch 1-5

We aren't using chronological order because studying this book around Dec. 25 could be hard.

1) What do you know about Lamentations?

2) How is it outlined?

3) What attributes of God do we see in Lamentations?

4) How had God warned Israel that this day would come?

5) How does Jeremiah describe his feelings? (3:1-18) Where did he put his hope? (3:19-39)

6) Summarize the conclusion of the book (5:1-22).

7) Should we use laments in our life today? In our worship? What does that look like?

Nov 25 8) Conflicting Views of Israel's Hope Ch 26-29

1) When does God offer words of warning & hope? (26:1-6) Where is Jeremiah at this time?

2) Who opposes Jeremiah now? (26:7-15) Who saves Jeremiah & how? (26:16-24)

3) What nation does Jeremiah warn about in Ch 27? What does he tell the people to do?

4) Who is Hananiah in Ch 28? How does Jeremiah respond? What does God say? (28:12-17)

5) Summarize the letter Jeremiah writes in Ch 29. Who is it to? What did he ask them to do?

6) Why has Jeremiah 29:11 become so popular? What is the context & original meaning?

7) Who is Shemaiah? What did he do? (29:24-28)

How did God tell Jeremiah to respond? (29:29-32)

8) At this point in Jeremiah's life, would he be considered a "successful" prophet?

Dec 2 9) A New Covenant & New Community Ch 30-35

- 1) Finally, the tone changes in these chapters, but is this completely new for Jeremiah?

- 2) What did God tell Jeremiah to do in 30:2-3? How would God heal their wound? (30:12-17)

- 3) When would Israel understand this section? (30:24) Where is 31:15 quoted in the NT?

- 4) What does God promise in 31:31-37? Where is this passage quoted in the NT?

- 5) When does Ch 32 occur? What did God tell Jeremiah to do? (32:6-15)

- 6) Summarize Jeremiah's prayer in 32:16-25. How does God respond? (32:26-35)

- 7) What does God promise in 32:36-44? Summarize the promise (33:1-11).

- 8) What would God do for David? (33:14-26) Summarize the prophecy for Zedekiah (Ch 34).

- 9) Ch 35: Who were the Rechabites? What promise were they given?

Dec 9 10) Baruch & Warnings About Egypt Ch 36-45

- 1) What happens in Ch 36 & when does this occur? Why did Jeremiah need Baruch's help?

- 2) How did God respond to the king? (36:20-32) Who does Jeremiah warn about in 37:1-10?

- 3) What happens to Jeremiah in 37:11-38:28? What happens in Ch 39?

- 4) What choice did Jeremiah have to make in Ch 40? What does Ishmael do in 40:13-41:18?

- 5) What did God tell the people left behind? (42:1-22) How were they deceived? (42:20-22)

- 6) How do the people react in 43:1-7? What warning did God give them? (43:8-13)

- 7) What did Jeremiah predict in Ch 44? How did the people respond? (44:15-19)

- 8) What was God's message to Baruch in Ch 45?

Dec 16

11) God's Reign Over the Nations

Ch 46-51

- 1) Summarize the prophecy to Egypt (46:1-28). How did it end? (46:27-28)

- 2) Summarize the prophecy to Philistia (47:1-7). Summarize the word to Moab (48:1-47).

- 3) What nations were addressed in Ch 49? How can this chapter be summarized?

- 4) What nation is warned in Ch 50-51? How would God's people react? (50:4-6)

- 5) What did God say He would do for the remnant in 50:17-20? What about in 50:33-34?

- 6) Why, after using them, is God destroying Babylon? How would He destroy them?

- 7) How does the NT use the imagery of 51:6-10? What warning is given in 51:45-50?

- 8) How did the prophecy against Babylon end? (51:59-64)

Dec 23 12) Jerusalem Falls But The King Is Honored Ch 52

- 1) Why did God punish Judah this way? Had He warned of this? How bad did things get?

- 2) What did Babylon do to King Zedekiah? Who was left behind in Jerusalem? Why?

- 3) What items did the Babylonians take home with them? (52:17-23)

- 4) How were the leaders of Judah treated? (52:24-30)

- 5) How long had King Jehoiachin been in exile in 52:31? What happens to him? (52:32-34)

- 6) How would this impact God's people in exile?

- 7) How has Jeremiah fulfilled the original mission of 1:10?

Dec 30 Catch-Up & Review