

Jeremiah – 52 Chapters

Title:

Jeremiah- Named after its Author, Jeremiah son of Hilkiah.

Author:

Jeremiah is the author of this book. Jeremiah was from a priestly family who lived within walking distance of Jerusalem. He probably wrote down part of the book after publicly preaching the same message. At least part of this book was probably written down by Baruch, Jeremiah's scribe, after it had been publicly spoken.

Occasion and Purpose:

Jeremiah speaks in the time of the Babylonian conquest of Judah. He speaks warning and lament of the impending tragedy. When the invasion comes, he counsels submission to Babylon as submission to God's righteous punishment (for which he was persecuted as a traitor). After the conquest, he speaks a message of hope, restoration, and new covenant.

Themes:

1. Sovereign God
2. Judgment for Idolatry
3. False Prophets
4. New Covenant Hope

Summary:

Jeremiah was a prophet who spoke before and during the time that God brought judgment on Judah for their sins. The main thrust of his message was that judgment was coming unless people repented and returned to God with their whole hearts. He is called the weeping prophet because he mourned over the coming judgment. Even in the midst of this horrible time, Jeremiah shines forth the great hope of the new covenant and faithfulness of God.

Organization:

Call	Jeremiah's call and commission Two visions Jeremiah to stand against opposition	Ch. 1
Judgment	Indictment against Judah Idolatry is worthless Wrestling with God Rebuke to the king and false prophets	Chs. 2-25
Interlude	Jeremiah threatened with death Strives against false prophets Strives against false prophecies	Chs. 26-29
Consolation	Letter to the exiles New Covenant Jeremiah invests in real estate Promise of restoration	Chs. 29-33
Interlude	Jeremiah warns the king Jeremiah rejected and imprisoned Fall of Jerusalem Rebellion and flight to Egypt	Chs. 34-45
Nations	To Egypt, Philistia, Moab, Ammon, Edom, Damascus (Aram), Kedar and Hazor, and Elam To Babylon	Chs. 46-51
Fall of Jerusalem	The Fall of Jerusalem Jehoiachin released	Ch. 52

Key Verses:

1:4,7,10,17-19; 2:1-5,9,11-13; 6:13-16; 7:3-15; 9:23-24; 18:11-12;
20:7-9; 23:5-8; 25:8-9, 11-12; 29:10-14; 30:18-22; 31:1-2, 27-34;
32:40-41; 33:14-16; 52:3