

Jeremiah

1. Titles:

- A. Jeremiah = exalted of Jehovah, or appointed of Jehovah
- B. The Book To The Backslider

2. Author:

Written by Jeremiah, the prophet of Judgment, who prophesied to the House of Judah. He also wrote Lamentations.

3. Date:

- A. Jeremiah's ministry covered a period of about 66 years (620 - 560 B.C.), beginning in the reign of Josiah, continuing through the reigns of Jehohaz, Jehoiakim, Jeconiah, and ending after the reign of Zedekiah, Judah's last king.
- B. Written between 620 and 560 B.C.

4. Key Words:

- A. Judah - 181
- B. Babylon - 160
- C. Jerusalem - 108
- D. Evil (s) - 100
- E. Return (ed), Turn (ed) - 95
- F. Captive (s, ity) - 64
- G. Heart (s) - 62
- H. Sin (s, ned), Iniquity (ies) - 52
- I. Judge (d, st, ment) - 27
- J. Forsake (n) - 24
- K. Backsliding (s) - 13

Key Phrases:

- A. "the Word of the Lord (came)" - 70
- B. "the Lord of the hosts, the God of Israel" - 35
- C. "carried away" - 25

5. Key Verses: 2:19; 3:22; 13:19

6. Purpose:

- A. Historically: To give the history of the last five kings of the House of Judah, the destruction of the temple, desolation of the city, and the captivity of the nation to Babylon.
- B. Spiritually: To show God's grace and mercy in calling a backslidden nation to return to the Lord.
- C. Prophetically: To predict the destiny of the chosen nation and the Gentile nations.

7. Message:

- A. The Word of the Lord calls backsliders to forsake their iniquity and return to the Lord.
- B. All evil is certain to be judged by captivity.
- C. After calling them to repentance, God will forsake those who forsake Him.

8. Outline:

- I. Jeremiah's Call and Commission Ch. 1
- II. Prophecies Before the Captivity Ch. 2-38
- III. The Captivity of Judah Ch. 39, 52
- IV. Prophecies After the Captivity Ch. 40-51

9. Summary:

Jeremiah was commissioned to bring the last appeal from Jehovah to Judah before destruction came (7:2-7). He was to announce the inevitable doom that was coming upon Judah, Jerusalem, and the

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Temple under the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon (21:1-10). Jeremiah alone set the duration of the Babylonian Captivity at 70 years (25:11; 29:10). He also had a message of judgment on the Gentile nations (46-51) and foretold the coming of the glorious New Covenant (31:31-34).

10. Christ Seen:

Christ is seen as the Appointed Prophet to Jerusalem, suffering with, for, and at the hands of his own nation. He is the Righteous Branch, the King, the Lord our Righteousness, and the Maker of the New Covenant (Ch. 23, 31).