

## Jeremiah

“a heartbroken prophet with a heartbreaking message”

“Jeremiah bathes his harsh prophecies in tears of compassion”

Psalm 119:136 “Rivers of water . . .

Jer. 9:1, 18; 14:17 Lam. 3:48

Contemporaries: Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Daniel, Ezekiel (& Huldah)

Years of Ministry: ~627 B.C. to ~580 B.C.

627 to 605 Proclaimed God’s truth while Judah was threatened by Assyria and Egypt

605 to 586 Prophesied of God’s judgment, while the nation was threatened and conquered by Babylon

586 to 580 Ministered in Jerusalem and Egypt after Judah’s downfall

# Old Testament Prophets

Also called seers, watchmen, shepherds

## Functions:

Forthtellers, special spokesmen for God

“prophet” means to speak for, thus a  
messenger, preacher of righteousness

Foretellers, forecasters of future events

Inerrant information concerning Israel  
and the nations Deut. 18:21-22

Teachers of the law and righteousness

Usually teaching in a context of judgment  
in a time of priestly degeneracy

## Jeremiah 3:6- -5:31

Judah's failure to learn from God's Judgment  
of Israel (3:6--10)

The LORD's magnanimous GRACE and promise  
of future blessing for His chosen nation  
(3:11--4:2)

Declarations to Judah and Jerusalem (4:3--5:31)

Repent or be judged (4:3--4)

Judgment is coming (4:5--5:31)

## Jeremiah 3:6--10

### Judah's failure to learn from the LORD's judgment of Israel

- Backsliding of Israel (north) :6
- Forgiveness offered and refused :7
  - (*Observation by Judah*) :7
- Judgment of Israel :8
- Judah's treacherous malapertion in sinning :8-10
  - did not fear
  - played the harlot also
    - “casual harlotry”
  - pretense of repentance

## Jeremiah 3:11-4:2

### The LORD's magnanimous GRACE and promise of future blessings for Israel (north)

God's word to the north: "Return to Me."

*"You can escape judgment and receive manifold blessings by returning to Me."* To do this, Israel must acknowledge their sins—see v. 13.

Why return to the LORD?

"I am merciful." (:12)

"I am married to you. (:14)

"I will heal your backslidings. (:22)

Blessings promised:

--restored to the land	3:14	--God their Father	3:19
--spiritual nourishment	3:15	--national stability	4:1
--internat'l salvation	3:17	--deep with God	4:2
--reunited nation	3:18	--internat'l salvation	4:2

# Jeremiah 4:3- -5:31

## Declarations to Judah and Jerusalem

A. Repent or be judged 4:3-4

B. Judgment is coming 4:5- -5:31

1. Initial statement of judgment 4:5-9  
disaster from the north

*(Jeremiah's interjection :10)*

2. Theme of judgment continues 4:11-18  
v. 14 invitation to salvation

*(Jeremiah's interjection :19-21)*

3. Chosen people described 4:22

*(Interjection :23-26) God or Jeremiah?*

4. Judgment Motif continues 4:27-31

--Destruction of Judah/Jerusalem by Babylon

--Denial is ineffective

--Judgment will come

# Jeremiah 4:3- -5:31

## Declarations to Judah and Jerusalem

(continued)

### 5. The LORD's Judgment is Justified 5:1-31

--No righteous can be found 5:1-5

*Judgment comes because of their sin* 5:6

--Sins delineated 5:7-8

*Judgment comes because of God's Character*  
5:9-10

--Sins continue 5:11-13

*Judgment follows* 5:14-19  
Babylon is coming!

--Indictment upon indictment 5:20-31