

# Relation of the Prophets to the Priests

	<u>Prophet</u>	<u>Priest</u>
<u>Call</u>	Individual	Aaronic descendancy
<u>Office</u>	Represented God before the people  (Cities, countryside)	Represented the people before God  (Sanctuary)
<u>Special Work</u>	Spiritual righteousness and purification of the heart	Religious ritual and purification of outward symbols

*“Both functions were essential to Israel's covenant system, serving complementary roles.”\**

<u>Teaching Ministries</u>	Revival preachers  Reformers  Challenged the wills	Regular teachers  Informers  Instructed the minds
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*“Thus the prophets appeared when the Law had been neglected by the leaders and people, speaking with a strong sense of urgency.”\**

*\*(Stanley A. Ellisen, Knowing God's Word)*

## Jeremiah 6:1 to 8:17

Prepare for Disaster

6:1-15

Offers of Deliverance

6:16-30

(The Temple Message—chapters 7 to 10)

Trusting Lying Words

7:1-15

Provoking the LORD to anger

7:16-27

The Rejected Generation

7:28-8:3

The Backsliding Nation

8:4-17

Jeremiah 6:1-15      Prepare for Disaster

:1-3 Disaster from the North

:4-8 The enemy's eagerness to attack

--eagerness expressed

--Babylon commissioned by the LORD

:9-15    The LORD will not spare

## Jeremiah 6:1-30    Offers of Deliverance

:16            Offer of spiritual deliverance

Offer rejected:

*“We will not walk in it.”*

:17            Offer of physical deliverance

Offer rejected:

*“We will not listen.”*

:18-30        Consequences of rejection

Calamity is certain :18-20

Judgment approaches :21-30

--judgment announced

--anguish for the judged

--Judah fails the test—

rejected silver

## Jeremiah 7- -10

## The Temple Message

7:1-15

Trusting Lying Words

:1-4

Misplaced trust

:5-7

Proper trust and its results

:8-11

Hypocritical religion

:12-15

The example of Shiloh

7:16-20

Provoking the LORD to anger

7:21-27

The heart of the matter

*“Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.” 7:23*

7:28- -8:3

The Rejected Generation

- Note the cause/effect relationships
- Extreme abomination calls for severe judgment.
- Bodily desecration a judgment from the LORD.

8:4-17

The Backsliding Nation

Note some of the descriptions of backsliding:

- fall and not rise*
- rejected God's Word*
- turn away and not return*
- have no wisdom*
- slidden back*
- covetousness*
- hold fast to deceit*
- false dealings*
- refuse to return*
- superficial help*
- would not repent*
- no shame for sin*
- turned to his own way*
- did not know how to blush*
- false teaching*

Judah will be judged for these sins.

# JEREMIAH- -The Weeping Prophet

“Rivers of water run down from my eyes,  
because men do not keep Your law.”

Psalm 119:136

“Jeremiah bathes his harsh prophecies in  
tears of compassion.” (Nelson)

9:1 Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a  
fountain of tears, that I might weep day and  
night for the slain of the daughter of my people.

9:10 I will take up a weeping and wailing for the  
mountains, and for the dwelling places of the  
wilderness a lamentation.

14:17 Let my eyes flow with tears night and day,  
and let them not cease.

Lam. 3:48 My eyes overflow with rivers of water  
for the destruction of the daughter  
of my people.