A Prophet unto the Nations

- The Old Testament is a book about Israel
  The great nation
  The fall of Jerusalem
- The Old Testament is a book about salvation
  Progressive revelation
- The New Testament reveals Christ clearly
  Emphasis upon salvation for the nations
A Prophet unto the Nations

- A message for Judah and Israel
  Pending disaster for Jerusalem
  Restoration by a New Covenant

- A message for the nations
  Restoration of Israel essential for the nations
Jeremiah’s Message (1:11-19)

- The almond branch – God is watching over His word to perform it
- The boiling pot – disaster is coming on Judah
Outline of Jeremiah

1. The call to be a prophet to the nations (1)
2. Messages to Judah (2-20)
3. Messages in historical context (21-29)
4. Message on the New Covenant (30-33)
5. Message in historical context (34-45)
6. Message to 9 nations (46-51)
7. The fall of Jerusalem (52)
Messages to Judah (2-20)

- A blessed nation which has rejected the blessing
- A nation under wrath
- A nation that is hostile to the Word of the LORD
- A nation that refused to learn from history
- A nation deceived by false prophets
Messages to Judah (2-20)

- A nation that embraced idols (of the nations)
- A nation that broke the Covenant with the God of Israel
- A nation with its sin written on the heart with an iron pen and diamond point
- The message of hope – a call (3:12-14); a promise (16:14-21)
- Jeremiah and his message
The Potter and the Broken Pot (18-20)

- The potter and the clay (18)
- The broken flask (19)
- Jeremiah and Pashhur (20)
Observations at the Potter’s House

- Clay
- Vessel spoiled in the potter’s hand
- Reworked into another vessel
- Isaiah 29:16 – Do you equate the potter and the clay?
- Isaiah 45:9 – Clay not challenge the right of the potter
- God under no obligation to Israel
The Word of the LORD (18:5-11)

- The Divine Potter speaks to the house of clay
- Wrath avoided by repentance
- Wrath restored by rebellion
- A call: “Return . . amend your ways and deeds.”
The Response of Judah (18:12)

- God’s Word is vain
- We will follow our own plans
- We will act according to the stubbornness of our evil heart
A Warning from the Potter (18:13-17)

- No warning is due
- The virgin of Israel
- A horrible thing (3:12-13; 18:15)
- Forsake the LORD for false gods
- Warning: a day of calamity (18:17)
Plots against Jeremiah (18:18-23)

- John 15:18-21 – Against Christ & against His servants
- His word was a problem for them
- Conflicted with their own understanding
- Priest, wise, prophet – Isaiah 48:1-2
- Slander and ignore
An Imprecatory Prayer (18:19-23)

- A good message was opposed
- Deliver them to wrath
- Their sin: dug a pit to take me and laid snares
- Genesis 12:3 and Matthew 25:31-46
- Deal with them in the time of your anger
The Broken Pot/Flask (19)

- Valley of the Son of Hinnom – Topheth
- Sin of Judah
  - Forsaken Me
  - Profaned the land by their offerings to other gods
  - Murder of innocents
  - Built altars to Baal
- Valley of Slaughter (7:30-34; 19:3-9)
The Broken Pot/Flask (19:10-15)

- Never mended
- Topheth will become a mass grave
- Jerusalem defiled – like Topheth
- Final word from LORD of hosts, the God of Israel
  - Bringing disaster
  - Stiffened neck – refused to hear My Words
A Plot against Jeremiah (20:1-6)

- Pashhur the priest
- Beating and stocks
- A new name – Terror on every side
Jeremiah’s Despair (20:7-18)

- LORD deceived me
- LORD is with me
- Better not to be born
The Potter and the Broken Pot

- Jeremiah perplexed by God’s ways
- Nation determined to do their own will
- God is sovereign
  Works by His Word
  Destroys
  Builds up