

## BIBLE READING FOR 2023

**WEEK #38**

**JEREMIAH 1-19**

**09-17-23**

Monday - Jeremiah 1-3

Wednesday - Jeremiah 7-10

Friday - Jeremiah 15-19

Tuesday - Jeremiah 4-6

Thursday - Jeremiah 11-14

**Jeremiah** is the second book of prophecy written by those men we refer to as the major prophets. It gives us insight into the life of Jeremiah as well as the nation of Judah before and after the Babylonian captivity. In addition to Judah, Jeremiah also prophesies to numerous nations among the Gentiles.

**The author** is accepted to be Jeremiah as stated in Jeremiah 1:1. He was born to a priest named Hilkiyah and lived in Anathoth, a small town two to three miles northeast of Jerusalem. His ministry lasted over forty years from about 626 to 586 B.C., and spanned the reigns of five kings of Judah: Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah. The prophets Daniel, Ezekiel, Habakkuk, Zephaniah and possibly Nahum were contemporaries of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah was called in his youth by the Lord to serve as a spokesman for Him. He was told by God of the great work that God was going to accomplish and in which Jeremiah would play a part. The Lord also told him not to be dismayed and that God would give him the strength and the courage he would need to proclaim His word and endure the challenges he would face. To help deal with future suffering Jeremiah was told not to marry because of the destruction that was coming upon Judah, and the loss many would experience at the death of loved ones. Jeremiah was called the weeping prophet because of his mournful warnings to his nation and his message of doom if people failed to repent. He was not only unpopular but was also imprisoned, beaten and mistreated in a variety of ways because he righteously and powerfully conveyed God's will to man. Of course, in the end, his message was proven to be true and he proved to be a faithful servant of God in spite of his life of agony and tribulation.

Jeremiah was assisted by a faithful scribe named Baruch, to whom he dictated his book in its final form sometime after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

**The theme** of the book is primarily God's pleas to Judah to repent before she is destroyed because of her idolatry and vain religion. She had seen what the fate of her sister nation Israel had been and yet she was pursuing the same course. However, Jeremiah's message does include hope. He tells Judah that after her 70 years of captivity they will be able to return and rebuild Jerusalem once more. Most importantly he lets them know of God's promise to make a new covenant with his people that will result in their salvation through the Messiah, Jesus the Christ.

**An outline** for Jeremiah: 1.) The call of Jeremiah 1  
2.) Prophecies to Judah 2-45  
3.) Prophecies to the Gentiles 46-51  
4.) The fall of Jerusalem 52

**Questions** for Jeremiah 1-19:

- 1.) Who was king of Judah when Jeremiah began receiving the word of the Lord and who was the last king of Judah during the time that Jeremiah prophesied as recorded in 1:1-3?
- 2.) What kind of circumcision did God tell the men of Judah they needed to partake of in 4:4?
- 3.) In 5:6, why would a lion, a wolf and a leopard tear God's people in pieces?
- 4.) What is the tongue of those unfaithful in Judah said to be in 9:8?
- 5.) The Lord revealed that He was going to punish what particular group of people in 11:21-23?

**Answers** to questions for Week #37 – 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus:

- 1.) For sounding forth the word of the Lord and making their faith known.
- 2.) Those that do not know God and do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 3.) That he was foremost among sinners.
- 4.) Youthful lusts.
- 5.) Spend the winter there.