

“I Am With You to Deliver You”

Jeremiah 1

BOOK OVERVIEW

- [Chapters 1-10: God's call of Jeremiah
- [Chapters 11-28: prophetic warning of the destruction to come
- [Chapters 29-38: prophecy about the New Covenant
- [Chapters 39-52: historical record of the fall of Jerusalem

HISTORICAL SETTING (v1-3)

- [Jeremiah began preaching in Judah in 626 BC (~70 years after Assyrian captivity of Israel)
- [from age of ~20 to ~60 (Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah)
- [King Josiah's life (*II Chronicles 34:1-8*)
 - o 8 years old : began to reign
 - o 16 years old : began to seek after God
 - o 20 years old : purged Judah and Jerusalem from the high places and idols
 - o 21 years old : Jeremiah began his prophecy
 - o 26 years old : restoration of the temple
 - o 39 years old : died
- [began 1 year after Josiah's revival, yet not even 1 righteous man in Jerusalem (*5:1*)
- ["weeping prophet", like Jesus (*Matthew 16:14*); last voice (900 years after Mt. Sinai) that God sent

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR JEREMIAH (v4-5)

- [knowing -> consecration -> appointment : begins even before birth

JEREMIAH'S EXCUSES (v6)

- ["I don't know how to preach"
- ["I'm too young / immature"

GOD REBUKES FEAR (v7-8)

- [don't despise your youth, and don't be afraid

GOD CONSECRATES JEREMIAH (v9)

- [importance of the mouth (*15:19*)

GOD EXPLAINS JEREMIAH'S MINISTRY TO HIM (v10)

- [6-fold ministry: (i) pluck up (ii) break down (iii) destroy (iv) overthrow (v) build (vi) plant (*Matthew 9:16*)

JEREMIAH'S FIRST VISION (v11-12)

- [almond tree = as sure as the budding of spring

JEREMIAH'S SECOND VISION (v13-14)

- [boiling pot tipped away from the north = enemies from north against Israel

WHOM GOD JUDGES (v15-16)

- [God will judge those who forsake Him, offer sacrifices to other gods, worship work of their own hands

GOD'S ENCOURAGEMENT TO JEREMIAH (v17-19)

- [God encourages Jeremiah by telling him that He has fortified him and made him stronger than them!