

**Series "Fixed On 66"**  
**"Jeremiah"**  
**Book-24**

**Key Passage: Jeremiah 7:23-24; 8:11-12**

**Jeremiah is called "The Weeping Prophet." The book is actually a collection of sermons the prophet preached over a 40-year span,**

The name "**Jeremiah**" means "*whom Jehovah appoints.*"

**Judah had reached the depths of moral and spiritual decay, so Jeremiah was given the unpopular ministry of declaring the certain judgment of God.**

**The Author:** Jeremiah is the author of the book.

**Jeremiah** – a priest called to be a prophet. **Jeremiah 1:1**

**His "personal spiritual diary"**

**Jeremiah 20:7 I have become a laughingstock all day long; Everyone mocks me.**

**The Bible contains more information about his life and times than any other prophet.**

Our last glimpse of Jeremiah in Scripture is when he was forcibly taken by a band of Jewish rebels who left Judah to live in Egypt around 585—582 BC (**Jeremiah 43—45**).

**When Written:** Just before Judah was taken captive, the last 40 years of their history. He was contemporary with four of the prophets, **Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Ezekiel, and Daniel.**

**Where it was Written:** Israel.

**Purpose:** During the reigns of the five kings of Judah: **Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah.** Jeremiah's unpopular mission was to call Judah to submit to foreign domination as a discipline from the Lord.

**Isaiah** - attempted to save Judah from Assyria, and he succeeded, **Jeremiah** - attempted to save Judah from Babylon but failed.

**Theme:** "*Final Offer of Salvation*"

**Key Words:** **Swords – 88 times, Destroy – 55 times, Build – 16 times, Plant – 14 times, Tear Down – 9 times, Uproot – 8 times.**

**Key Chapter: Jeremiah 31** Even though Judah has broken the Covenants of the great King, God would make a new Covenant with Israel in that the Law would be written in their hearts and minds. **Jeremiah 31:33**

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### **1. Jeremiah 1 The Prophet's Call: Jeremiah 1:4-5**

**Jeremiah is often called the weeping prophet.** He was called by God to suffer with a people destined for judgment who persistently rejected the prophet and his message.

**Jeremiah 1:6-10**

### **2. Jeremiah 2-33 National—Messages to Judah**

**Jeremiah 2:1–37** Judah had forsaken God in favor of pagan idols:

**Jeremiah 3-4** Spiritually unfaithful Judah was urged to return before judgment came from the north:

**Jeremiah 4:19**

**Jeremiah 5-6** Josiah's religious reformation had not touched Judah's heart: The enemy was commissioned to punish the Holy City  
**Jeremiah 6:1–16.** Everyone listening to Jeremiah stood at a crossroads: the way he or she chose would determine his destiny **Jeremiah 6:17–30**

**Jeremiah 6:16-17**

**Jeremiah 7-10** Death Has Climbed In:

**Jeremiah 7:1–19** Jeremiah's "Temple Sermon" Jeremiah condemned Judah's superficial religion:

**Jeremiah 7:1-4**

**Just because a nation has a superficial form of religion, its people have no guarantee of peace or prosperity.**

## **Jeremiah 7:16**

There comes a time when it is too late for a people to avoid judgment.

**“Religiosity without holiness is completely worthless. The only thing such religion guarantees a people is divine judgment!”**

**Jeremiah 7:20–8:4 Warned of Coming Slaughter: Jeremiah 7:23-24**  
In a powerful image, Jeremiah warned his nation that **death had “climbed in through our windows.”**

**Jeremiah 7:31 “topheth”—a “sacred precinct”**

**One of Satan’s favorite strategies is to give abominations deceptive names.** In Jeremiah’s time, the place where innocents were slaughtered was called a **“topheth”—a “sacred precinct.”**

**Jeremiah 8:5–9:26 Divine Punishment was Fixed and Certain:**

**Jeremiah 8:18 My sorrow is beyond healing, My heart is faint within me!**

**Jeremiah 10:1–22 Scorning Judah’s Idolatry: Jeremiah 10:3-17**

**Jeremiah 10:23-25 Prayed That The Suffering Would Correct, Not Destroy: Jeremiah 10:23-25**

**Jeremiah 14:1-16 The People Love To Wonder: Jeremiah 14:14-15**

**Jeremiah 16-29 The Potter: Jeremiah 16:1-2** We should see God’s refusal to let Jeremiah marry as a grace gift to His prophet.

**The popular saying is, “Every cloud has a silver lining.” A more accurate expression is, “Every burden God asks us to bear carries a hidden blessing.”**

**Jeremiah 18-19 At The Potters House: Jeremiah 18:1-6**

**Yes, God is sovereign. But this truth is intended to bring hope!**

**Jeremiah 21-29 Judgment Day Has Come:** The scene now shifts to the final years of Judah’s existence. Jeremiah’s predictions were coming true: the land was under siege. These chapters report a series of incidents.

**Jeremiah 21:3-6**

Jeremiah did offer one hope. Those who left the city of Jerusalem and surrendered to Nebuchadnezzar would survive. Those who stayed in the city to resist him would die.

**Jeremiah 23:1-8 Raise Up A Righteous King: Jeremiah 23:5** The Messiah, who we realize today is Jesus Christ, truly stands in contrast with Judah's flawed kings.

**Jeremiah 25:3 You Just Won't Listen: Jeremiah 25:3**

**Twenty-three years!**

**Jeremiah 25:8-11 Judah's Given 70 Years For the Land to Rest: Jeremiah 25:8-11**

**2 Chronicles 36:21 All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete. (Jeremiah 25:8-11; 29:10).** This suggests that for nearly 500 years, the Jews had disobeyed God's law concerning the Sabbath Year. **Exodus 23:10-11**

**Jeremiah 29 Good News Taken As Bad News: Jeremiah 29:11-14**

**Jeremiah 30-33 New Covenant Promises: Jeremiah 31:33-34**

### **3. Jeremiah 34-45 Personal—Jeremiah's Sufferings:**

**Jeremiah 36 Jehoiakim Attempt To Destroy The Word: Jeremiah 36:23** And what did this attempt to blot out Scripture gain Jehoiakim? Complete rejection by God. He and his family would be set aside, and David's royal line would be traced through a brother, not the apostate king.

**Jeremiah 38 Jeremiah's Placed In A Muddy Cistern:**

**Jeremiah 39 Jerusalem Captured:** Jeremiah's words fulfilled, King Zedekiah's family was executed, then he was made blind. City broken and destroyed; Jeremiah spared.

**Jeremiah 40:1-3 The Enemy Acknowledges God's Discipline on Judah: Jeremiah 40:1-3** Wow, the pagans can see, but God's people can't!

**Jeremiah 43:1-13 "They Entered Egypt in Disobedience" Jeremiah 43:1-2** The people of Jeremiah's time had decided beforehand what they wanted God to say. When Jeremiah's message disagreed with their expectations, they accused Jeremiah of lying!

### **4. Jeremiah 46-51 International—Messages to The Nations:**

**“Concerning” others Jeremiah 49:1–39.** Several hostile peoples are dealt with in this chapter. Again, the focus is on the contemporary historical setting rather than the “last days.” Babylon, the agent God will use to discipline His people, will also strike the Jews’ enemies. In one act, God will both discipline His own people and punish those historically hostile to them.

**The message of these chapters must have been encouraging to the exiles once they were in Babylon.**

## **5. Jeremiah 52 The Prophet’s Captivity and Release:**

**Jeremiah 52:1–34 “All this happened to Jerusalem and Judah”** Jeremiah had written in the most passionate language about Judah’s sins and about impending judgment. **But now, in a brief appendix, there is only a blunt, straightforward account of Jerusalem’s fall.**

In Babylon, the remnant of the people of Judah would be given a fresh start.

### **Application:**

1. Judgment Is Never Pleasant. But The Historical Accounts Of Scripture Remind Us That Judgment Is Sure.
2. The Rewards Of Commitment Far Exceed Any Cost.
3. When You Hurt, Seek God’s Ear. When Others Hurt, Be God’s Ear For Them.