

INTRODUCING JEREMIAH

“The Weeping Prophet”

About Jeremiah — Jeremiah lived and ministered in Judah during the tumultuous years that led to the fall of Jerusalem to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in 587 B.C. He served as God’s prophet from the thirteenth year of King Josiah’s reign in 626 B.C. until some time after the fall of Jerusalem—a period of over 40 years. Throughout his ministry, Jeremiah never wavered in his love for his people. He is known as “the Weeping Prophet” because he often wept as he spoke and pleaded with his people to repent. Sadly, Jeremiah’s message largely went unheeded. Jerusalem was finally destroyed, Judah ceased to exist as a nation, and Jeremiah quietly slipped off the stage of history.

A Simple Outline

Jeremiah 1

Jeremiah’s Call

Jeremiah 2:1—45:5

Jeremiah’s Prophecies
Against Judah

Jeremiah 46:1—51:64

Jeremiah’s Prophecies
Against Foreign Nations

Jeremiah 52:1-34

The Fall of Jerusalem

Important Dates

627–605 BC

Judah threatened by
Assyrians & Egyptians.

605–586 BC

Jeremiah prophesied
while the Babylonians
besieged Judah.

586–580 BC

Jeremiah ministered in
Jerusalem and Egypt
after Judah’s downfall.

A Simple Overview

Jeremiah 1—33

Before the fall. Includes
condemnation of Judah
and conflicts and
messages of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 34—45

The fall of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 46—52

After the fall. Includes
prophecies against
foreign nations.

Pre-Exilic Prophets

To Israel

- Jonah
- Amos
- Hosea

To Judah

- Obadiah
- Joel
- Isaiah
- Micah

Before & During the Fall of Judah

- Nahum
- **Jeremiah**
- Zephaniah
- Habakkuk

A Simple Timeline — Create a simple timeline to introduce the book of Jeremiah. Add dates to the timeline throughout the course of your study of the book.

