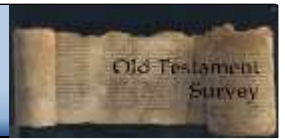




Jeremiah – Study Guide



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Study Guide for Jeremiah

Chapter 1

- What do the introductory verses tell us about the time frame of Jeremiah's ministry? Based on what you have learned from the Old Testament history, what was happening in this period? What was the general spiritual state of this time period? What does this tell us about Jeremiah's ministry?
- What did God tell Jeremiah about his call to the prophetic ministry? What difference does that make?
- What objection did Jeremiah make to his prophetic call? How did God respond and reassure him? What did God say is the reason He was putting His words into Jeremiah's mouth? What does this tell us about Jeremiah's ministry?
- What did God show Jeremiah? What message did He give through those visions? What does this predict for the nation of Judah at that time? Why do you think those things would happen?
- What did God tell Jeremiah about the way he should be a prophet? Why do you think Jeremiah needed to hear these things? What can we learn from this?

Chapter 2:1-30

- What did God say about the earlier history of His people? What does He say about how their relationship had changed? Why had it changed? What that a good thing? Why or why not?
- How did God respond to the change of His people? What charge did He bring against them? What evidence did He give? What difference does this make?
- What are the "two sins" that God's people committed? How does this summarize all the unfaithful things they had done? What does this tell us about the real nature of what they had done? What does this tell us about our own sin? How should we respond?
- What did God point out about the current state of His people? What conclusion did He draw from this? What should we learn from this? How does it apply?

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- What point does God make about the stupidity of what they had done? How does He address their denial of their wrongdoing? How does He describe their attitude? What does this teach us about the nature of sin and idolatry? Why is this significant?
- What does God say about the disgrace of His people? How is that connected to their idolatry? How does He describe their idolatry and its stupidity? What can we learn from this? How should we respond?
- How did God's people respond to correction? What lesson should we learn from this? How does it apply?

Chapter 5

- What did God challenge Jeremiah to find? What did He promise to do if he found it? What does this imply that Jeremiah would find? What is the significance of this? What does that demonstrate about the state of Judah at that time?
- How did Jeremiah respond to God in light of this challenge? What did He find? What distinction did he make between the poor and the leaders? What did Jeremiah conclude as the result of this? What difference does this make?
- How did God respond to the state of Jerusalem? Why? How did He describe them? What did He promise to do?
- What did the people think about the prophets and the threatened judgement, according to this chapter? Do you think they were correct and wise in this conclusion? Why or why not? What do you think will happen to them?
- What did God say to Jeremiah in response to the people's rejection of the prophetic word? What did He predict would happen? What can we learn from this?
- How did God promise to moderate his judgment? What does this demonstrate about God's character and plan? How should we respond?
- What reason(s) did God give for the coming punishment? What point did He make with the sand at the seashore? How does this apply?
- How did God describe the wickedness of His people? What examples of their wickedness did He give? What did God conclude from all this? What should we learn from this? How should we respond?

Chapter 17:5-18

- How does God define the man who is cursed? How does He describe the man who is blessed? What is the major difference between these two? What is the difference between their destinies? What can we learn from this? How should we respond?
- What does God say about the heart? Who is He speaking about in when He says this? What difference does this make?
- Whose throne is referred to as "a glorious throne"? What point is made using this expression? How does this fit into the larger message of Jeremiah? How should we respond?
- What does Jeremiah pray for in the latter verses of this section? Why did he need to pray for these things? How is this significant for the message of Jeremiah?

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Chapter 18:1-12

- Why did Jeremiah go to the potter's house? What did he see there? What message did God give based on what he saw? What does this teach us about God's character and ways?
- How did God apply that lesson to what He had planned for Judah and Jerusalem? What warning did He give as a result? What result did He predict?
- What does this tell us about the spiritual condition of God's people at that time? What does this tell us about How God dealt with His people at that time? Why is that significant?

Chapter 19

- What did Jeremiah say to the people of Jerusalem? What accusations did he bring against the people? What did he predict about the name of that valley? What was the meaning of this?
- What did Jeremiah predict would happen to the city? Why? How is this related to the accusations he had made against them?
- What did Jeremiah do with the clay pot? Why? How did he explain what he did with the pot? How does this illustrate what God was predicting for the city? What difference does this make?
- What did Jeremiah say in the temple? Why? How is this related to what he had predicted earlier in this chapter? How does this message fit with the general message of the book of Jeremiah? What should we learn from this?

Chapter 25:1-14

- What did Jeremiah say to the people of Judah? How long did he say he had been prophesying to them? How does it say they responded? What does this demonstrate about the spiritual condition of the people at that time?
- What message had God sent to the people through the prophets? How did they respond? How did God respond to that? Why is this significant?
- What did God proclaim He would do in response? How does this fit with what you have learned from the historical books? In what ways does our current culture exhibit the same kind of spiritual blindness and rebellion. Based on this passage what do you think God will do?
- What did God promise would happen after the Babylonian exile? When would that happen? What will happen to Babylon? What can we learn from this? How should we respond?

Chapter 29:1-23

- To whom did Jeremiah send this letter? What were they experiencing? How does that help us understand the contents of this letter?
- What did God command the people to do? Why? How were they to think and act toward the city of Babylon? Why?
- What had the false prophets been saying? How did Jeremiah counsel them to respond to this? What can we learn from this?
- What did God promise would happen after seventy years? How should God's people respond? What does this tell us about God's character and plan for His people? What difference does this make for us today?

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- What does this letter say about the people who had remained in Judah? What will happen to them?
- What does this letter say about the false prophets? Why? What lesson should we learn from this? How should we respond?

Chapter 31:15-37

- What was heard in Ramah? Why did this noise happen? What did God promise in response to that? How did the people respond?
- What did God say about Ephraim? What did He command people to do with road signs? Why? What does this foreshadow?
- What did God promise will happen to the people of Judah? How will they respond?
- What did God promise He would do with the house of Israel and the house of Judah? How does this compare with Jeremiah's commission in chapter 1? What is the significance of this for this passage?
- What will the people no longer say? What will they say instead? What is the point of these two sayings? What does this change signify about how God will deal with His people?
- Describe the various promises made in the promise of a New Covenant? How will it not be like the earlier covenant? Why was the old covenant inadequate? How will the new covenant be different?
- What will God do in the New Covenant? Why are these things necessary? How is this fulfilled? What difference does this make?
- What point does God make about the sun, moon, stars, and sea? What point does God make about the heavens and the foundations of the earth? What do these things tell us about the trustworthiness of the New Covenant promises? How should we respond?

Chapter 32:1-15

- When did this prophecy take place? What was happening at that time? How does that inform the significance of what Jeremiah said and did?
- What did Jeremiah prophesy about the city and king Zedekiah? How does this fit into the Old Testament history you have learned?
- What did Jeremiah's relative ask him to do? How did Jeremiah respond? How did God prepare Jeremiah for this? What did Jeremiah tell Baruch to do as a result? What is the significance of this in light of the historical period when it took place? What explanation did God give for this? What does this foreshadow?

Chapter 32:26-44

- How did God describe Himself in this section? What point did He make by saying this? Why is that important?
- What did God predict would happen to the city? What reasons did God give for what was about to happen? How is this related to the overall message of Jeremiah? What can we learn from this? How should we respond?
- How did God describe what He had done for His people? How did he describe what they had done to Him? How do these things compare? What do you expect is the outcome of this?

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- What was Jeremiah saying about the city? What did God add to that message at this time? What did He promise to do? What did He say about an “everlasting covenant”? Why? How did He describe what would happen after the exile? What does this demonstrate about God’s character and plans? How should we respond?

Chapter 33

- How did God describe Himself at the beginning of this section? What point did He make by saying this? Why is this significant for the situation Jeremiah was addressing? What did He invite Jeremiah to do as a result?
- What did God say about the city? Why would this happen?
- What did God promise would happen after the captivity? Why do you think God said this at that particular time in history? What does this demonstrate about God’s character and plan?
- How did God describe the city after He had restored it? How did He describe the surrounding country and towns? What is the significance of this?
- What is the point was making by promising a “branch” from David’s line? What does this symbolize? How is this connected with earlier promises God had made? How do you think it was fulfilled? What does this foreshadow? What difference does this make?
- What point did God make about the day and the night? What does this tell us about the trustworthiness of the God’s promises? What does this foreshadow about the future of His people? What should we expect as a result of this? How should we respond?

Chapter 52

- What does this chapter say about the reign of Zedekiah? What reason is given for this? How does this contribute to the message of Jeremiah?
- What happened to the city? What happened to Zedekiah? What happened to the temple? What happened to the walls around the city? What happened to the people? What happened to all the treasures of the temple? What happened to the priests?
- How many people went into exile?
- Why did all these things happen? How does this fit in the overall message of Jeremiah? What lessons should we learn from this? How do they apply to today?
- What happened to Jehoiachin? How does this give a glimpse of hope at the end of a fairly depressing book? How should we respond?

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Jeremiah’s Background

- What was Jeremiah’s connection to the priesthood? What does the textbook note about Jeremiah’s family life? What do these things tell us about his ministry?
- Describe what the textbook says about Jeremiah’s suffering? How did Jeremiah respond? What difference does this make?
- What was the history that was happening during Jeremiah’s lifetime? How did that influence his ministry?

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- What does the book of Jeremiah describe? How did Baruch contribute to this ministry? What can we learn from all this?

Pluralism and the Christian (sidebar)

- According to the textbook, how is our society similar to the situation of Judah during the time of Jeremiah? How does the textbook suggest we deal with this situation? Do you agree? Why or why not?
- What warning should we take from the history of Jeremiah's time and the message of his book? How should we apply this lesson in our own situation?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter

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Jeremiah's Message Continues

Jeremiah Challenges Rulers and Prophets

- How did Jeremiah respond to king Zedekiah's message? What options did God give the people of Jerusalem?
- What did Jeremiah say about the various kings of Judah at that time? What kind of leader did he promise God would eventually raise up? What difference does this make?
- What did Jeremiah have to do with other prophets and priests? Why did Jeremiah need to do these things? What can we learn from this? How does it apply today?
- What did Jeremiah say about Nebuchadnezzar? What did this have to do with the people Jeremiah was addressing? What did he predict for their future?
- What did Jeremiah say to the surrounding nations? Why?
- What was the point of the two baskets of figs? What did that say about the different groups of Israelites at that time? What does that foreshadow for their future?
- What did Jeremiah say to the people at the temple? What was the significance of Shiloh for that message?
- How did the people respond to Jeremiah's message? Why?
- Why did Jeremiah wear a yoke? What did this symbolize? What application did Jeremiah make? How does that apply?
- Who was Hananiah? How did his message compare with Jeremiah's? What was the outcome for him? What does that demonstrate about his ministry and message?
- What did Jeremiah write to the exiles? Why did he write this? How did he deal with the false prophets? What can we learn from this?

The Book of Comfort

- Why is this section called "the book of comfort"? What is the message of this section? How does this contribute to the book of Jeremiah? How does this message fit with the entire Old Testament? How should we respond?
- What did God predict and promise in this section? How would his people be rescued? What would he do with the other nations? What can we learn from this?

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- How is God's commitment to His covenant shown in this section? How would the promised New Covenant be different from the Old Covenant? What would happen under the New Covenant? How would the New Covenant ultimately be fulfilled? What is the significance of this?
- Why did Jeremiah purchase land? What did this demonstrate? What is the significance of this? What does this show about God's character and plan?
- What other promises were given through Jeremiah in this section? How were those promises fulfilled? What difference does this make?

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