

Getting Acquainted with Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1: 1, 2

I. FIRST WE SEE JESUS IN THE BOOK

1. Jesus Pictured as the Fountain of Living Waters ([2:13](#))
2. Jesus as the Great Physician ([8:22](#))
3. Jesus the Good Shepherd ([31:10](#); [23:4](#))
4. Jesus the Righteous Branch ([23:5](#))
5. Jesus – David the King ([30:9](#))
6. Jesus the Redeemer ([50:34](#))
7. Jesus our Righteousness ([23:6](#))

II. WE SEE SOME SYMBOLS USED BY HIM

1. The Almond Rod – [Chapter 1](#)
2. The Boiling Caldron – [Chapter 1](#)
3. The Marred Girdle – [Chapter 13](#)
4. The Full Bottle – [Chapter 13](#)
5. The Drought – [Chapter 13](#)
6. The Potter's Vessel – [Chapter 18](#)
7. The Broken Bottle – [Chapter 19](#)
8. Two Baskets of Figs – [Chapter 24](#)
9. Bonds and Bars – [Chapter 27](#)
10. Buying a Field – [Chapter 32](#)
11. The Hidden Stones – [Chapter 43](#)
12. Book Sunk in the Euphrates – [Chapter 51](#)

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III. CHALLENGES AS A YOUNG MAN

1. He was reluctant to accept responsibility (perhaps age 20).
2. Israel's Apostasy was at an all-time high likened to an espoused wife who had forsaken her husband for promiscuous association with men, making herself a common profligate.
3. Judah being worse as described in Chapter 2 – Israel had split off 300 years before from Judah and some 100 years before had been carried away captive by the Assyrians and Judah, being blind to the significance of Israel's fall, did not repent and under the wicked reign of Manasseh had sunk lower and lower into depravity.
4. Manasseh's reign was for 55 years, King of Judah (697 – 642 B.C.); and it was during this time Jeremiah was born. The next King was Amon (641 – 640 B.C.) reigning for 2 years, the son of Manasseh. Then Josiah came on the scene as King of Judah from (639 – 608 B.C.) 31 years as a good king. It was the 13th year of Josiah's reign that Jeremiah began his ministry. There seemed to be a reformation but in reality it was only outward because at heart the people were still idolaters. Other contemporary kings followed:
 - Jehoahaz (608 B.C.) 3 months
 - Jehoiakim (608 – 597 B.C.) 11 years
 - A man defiant of God, openly for Idols and a bitter enemy of Jeremiah.
 - Jehoiachin (597 B.C.) 3 months – Was carried to Babylon.
 - Zedekiah (597 – 586 B.C.) 11 years – He was a weak king, but rather friendly to Jeremiah.

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IV. CHRONOLOGY IN JEREMIAH'S TIME

1. 627 B.C. – Reformation time under King Josiah – See [II Chronicles 34](#).
2. 626 B.C. – God's call to Jeremiah
3. 626 B.C. – Scythian Invasion ([Chapter 4](#)) Swarms of Barbarians from the North struck terror to the nations of Southwest Asia, a terrific blow to the tottering Assyrian power.
4. 621 B.C. – Book found – Josiah's Great Reformation ([II Kings 22, 23](#))
5. 608 B.C. – Josiah slain at Megiddo, by Pharaoh.
6. 607 B.C. – Nineveh destroyed by Babylon (some say 612 B.C.?)
7. 606 B.C. – Judah subdued by Babylon. First Captivity.
8. 605 B.C. – Babylon crushed Egypt. Battle of Carchemish.
9. 597 B.C. – Jehoiachin's Captivity.
10. 593 B.C. – Zedekiah's Visit to Babylon.
11. 586 B.C. – Jerusalem Burned. Temporary End of David's Kingdom.
12. Notice above that Jeremiah was called to the prophetic office in 626 B.C. and Jerusalem was partly destroyed in 606 B.C. with further devastation in 597 and finally burned and desolated in 586. Jeremiah lived through 40 terrible years, a pathetic and lonely figure. A weeping prophet in the midst of people who would not repent, hopelessly and fanatically attached to Idols (Note here some points from the [Doctrine of Idolatry](#)).

V. JEREMIAH – A BROKEN HEARTED MAN WITH A MESSAGE OF REPENTANCE

1. Jeremiah was instructed to “stand in the gate of the Lord's house” ([7:2](#))
2. “Amend your ways and your deeds” ([7:3](#))
3. “Do not trust deceptive words” ([7:4](#))
4. His crushed heart – ([9:1-15](#)) *READ!*