

# Jeremias / Jeremiah

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I want to welcome each one of you here this EVENING, I am so glad that you are here!!!

Well tonight we are continuing with our Old Testament Survey through THE PROPHETS!

And each Wednesday night, we are spending some time learning about the Prophets that are found at the end of the OLD TESTAMENT!

And all of the prophets had one thing in common???.

Every Prophet WAS OLD!!!!

Do any of you in here tonight FEEL OLD LIKE ME??? Raise up your hands???

Well that reminds me of the story of the REALLY OLD COUPLE!!!! (INTRO SLIDE #1)

This old couple went to their favorite restaurant IN ROSARITO that they had been visiting together for decades.

This sweet old man, addressed his wife with all sorts of wonderful names???

During the dinner he called her darling, and sweetheart, and treasure and love??? .

Well when this old lady excused herself to go to the ladies room??? the waiter came up to compliment this kind old man???

The waiter told him??? WOW, I can tell that you have an amazing relationship with your wife, because of all those lovely names you call her??????

The old man looked up and said??? ???To be honest, it???s a necessity, because I FORGOT HER NAME about 3 years ago.??? (SERMON SLIDE)

Well in our Bible study tonight, we are going too be studying a prophet and his book named JEREMIAH!

And if you are taking notes, you can see our sermon title up on the screens!

The title of our sermon is??? JEREMIAH, THE WEEPING PROPHET!

Tonight we are going to begin studying this great book of Jeremiah!

And we are going to learn about WHY JEREMIAH is known as THE WEEPING PROPHET!!! (INTRO SLIDE #2)

And at the end of our Bible study tonight, we are going to learn about??? 5 PROMISES FOR YOU, from the book of JEREMIAH!!!

And these 5 PROMISES FOR YOU from the book of JEREMIAH, are designed to ENCOURAGE YOU and BLESS YOU tonight!

So let???s get started, and would you please open up your Bibles with us to JEREMIAH CHAPTER 1! JEREMIAH 1, and we are going to begin by reading verses 1 to 3!

JEREMIAH Chapter 1, and please read verses 1 through 3 along with us!!! (SLIDE)

1-3-??The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who??were??in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,??2??to whom the word of the??Lord??came in the days of??Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah,??in the thirteenth year of his reign.??3??It came also in the days of??Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah,??until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah,??until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive??in the fifth month.

So here begins the great book of Jeremiah!

Jeremiah wasn't the most famous prophet!

Jeremiah wasn't the most successful prophet either!

But without a doubt, Jeremiah was the most COURAGEOUS prophet!

Jeremiah's enemies tied him up and threw him in a dungeon when they didn't like his message!

Jeremiah's own family and friends rejected him!

Other prophets and priests made fun of Jeremiah!

And yet for forty two long years, Jeremiah kept on proclaiming the message that God had laid on his heart!

For Forty two years, Jeremiah kept preaching, even though no one responded!

And many times Jeremiah, WEPT and CRIED for the people he was ministering too!

And that is why Jeremiah is known as THE WEeping PROPHEt!

Now church, when you think of crying, what kind of people pop you're your minds? (Media slides #10 to 16)

#10- For me, crying reminds me of BABIES!

Well that reminds me of the story of the little baby Daniel that was CRYING UP A STORM?

Baby Daniel was a cry baby and was always balling his eyes out?

Well one day his 3 year old big sister KEREN asked her mom. Mom, where did we get him? And her mother replied Baby Daniel came to us from heaven!

Well big sister Keren then answered Well I can SURE SEE WHY GOD THROUGH HIM OUT!!!

A lot of babies cry a lot???

Now there are DIFFERENT KINDS OF CRYERS out there in the world???

And have you noticed that people make DIFFERENT KINDS OF FACES when they cry???

#11- There are a few people, that LOOK CUTE when they cry, like that little girl!

But not everyone has a cute crying face!

#12- Some people (LIKE ME) make a face LIKE THAT when they cry???

Now I don't want to be gross here in church, so cover your eyes and ears if you are squeamish???

#13- But have any of you ever seen someone blow SNOT BUBBLES when they cry??? GROSS!!!!

Now I want to ask you a question about crying and weeping???

Did any of you mom's and dad's have BABIES that cried a lot???

#14- My daughter Grace didn't cry much, but my son Daniel??? YIKES???. He kept us up all night???

He was like that little guy that says??? "My plan is to start crying at 3am for no reason!?"

Now ladies in here, let me tell you a little secret!

The men in your life, have NO IDEA about what makes you cry!!!

#15- Ladies, look up at this "WHY WOMEN CRY" graph!!!

This graph shows men that 10% of the time you ladies cry for SADNESS and another 10% of the time you cry for GLADNESS!

But then 80% of the time when you cry, us men have NO CLUE!!!

#16- Now as a man, I do have to admit it??? Men are the WORST AT CRYING???

And there are some men that even cry at TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE TIMES!

Amen hermanas???

Well that reminds me of the story of the man that was crying???

His friend came up and asked why he was crying???. And this man answered??? ???My wife told me that she wouldn't talk to me for a month.???

His friend replied??? ???Oh no, that's horrible!???

But then the man answered sobbing??? ???But you don't understand, because TODAY that month is over!

Sorry ladies, most men just don't KNOW HOW TO CRY!!!  
(SLIDE OFF)

Jeremiah knew how to cry and he was known as ???THE WEEPING PROPHET!!!

And as we continue on, I want to begin by going over the BACKGROUND of this great Prophet with you!  
(MEDIA SLIDE)

So if you are taking notes, please write down this??? Background of JEREMIAH-part 1

Author: Jeremiah the Prophet

Name Means- ???Appointed by God??? or ???Exalted by the Lord???

Let's take a look at our next piece of BACKGROUND INFORMATION! (MEDIA SLIDE)

Background of JEREMIAH-part 2

Date Written: (between) 627-586 BC

Time period of the Divided Kingdom!

Jeremiah ministered through the 5 final kings of Judah up to them being Conquered by the Babylonians in 589 BC

Let's take a look at OUR THIRD piece of BACKGROUND INFORMATION! (MEDIA SLIDE)

Background of JEREMIAH- part 3

Audience: God's people (the Jews) living in Jerusalem and Judea!

Finally, I want you to know the TWO MAIN THEMES found in this book of JEREMIAH! (MEDIA SLIDE)

Background of Jeremiah-part 4 - 2 Main Themes:

#1- REPENTANCE! (mentioned over 100 times)

#2- THE NEW COVENANT! (replacing the Old {Mosaic} covenant and its Jewish cultural laws)

Now as we continue, I want to show you some pictures of the famous artwork that artists have created to depict JEREMIAH over the centuries!(Insert media slides #20 to #25, run through every 4 seconds! )

And as we are looking at these pictures, I want to share with you a couple more important facts about this book of JEREMIAH!

First off, during his ministry, the prophet Jeremiah wrote down his message, which is the BOOK OF JEREMIAH in your Bible today!

Jeremiah actually had a FAITHFUL SCRIBE that wrote his prophecies down for him.

Do any of you know the name of Jeremiah's faithful scribe?

Jeremiah's scribe was named BARUCH!!!

And Baruch did a lot of writing, because the book of Jeremiah contains MORE WORDS, than any other book of the Bible!

The book of Jeremiah has MORE HEBREW WORDS in it, than any other book!

Church history tells us that eventually Jeremiah had to flee for his life to EGYPT!

And later on, Jeremiah was martyred for his faith by stoning!

Well in the rest of our sermon this evening, we are going to take a look at 5 key bible verses found in the book of Jeremiah! (MEDIA SLIDE)

And as we do that, we are going to focus on 5 promises FOR YOU found in the book of JEREMIAH!

And I want to encourage you to take notes and write down these encouraging and uplifting Bible promises!

Well the first key Bible verse we are going to look at is found up in JEREMIAH CHAPTER 29! (MEDIA SLIDE)

So if you have a Bible, would you please turn in your Bibles with us to Jeremiah 29, and we will read?

#1- Jeremiah 29:11 (SLIDE)-

?????For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the??Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.???

What Jeremiah was saying here is that God has a GREAT PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE!

(STORY OF PASTOR JON COURSON,

dead wife, then daughter??? then book)

And if you are taking notes today, this brings up our first PROMISE FOR YOU from this book of Jeremiah! (SLIDE)

Promise for you??? #1- God has a Plan to prosper you and give you a future and a hope! (REPEAT)

What this means for you is God is always working in you and through you and behind the scenes!

Continuing on, please turn in your Bibles with us over to??? #2- Jeremiah 17:9 (SLIDE)\_

???The??heart??is??deceitful above all??things, And??desperately wicked; Who can know it?.???

Jeremiah is talking about OUR HEARTS HERE!

Now the Bible talks a lot about the heart!

Can you think of what else God has to say about our hearts?

Well Jesus said we need to love the Lord our God with all our HEART, soul strength, and mind!

The Bible tells us to??? PURIFY our hearts???

The Bible also says we need to??? GUARD our hearts!

But then here in Jeremiah we are told that our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked???

We are told here that our hearts can EVEN FOOL US!!!

Well this brings up our 2nd PROMISE FOR YOU from this book of Jeremiah! (SLIDE)

Promise for you??? #2- Our hearts can be wicked! (So don???t always follow your heart) (REPEAT)

You know it is really popular today to tell people.. JUST FOLLOW YOUR HEART!

How many of you have had someone tell you that??? JUST FOLLOW YOUR HEART???

Well according to the Bible, that???s usually NOT VERY GOOD ADVICE!!!!

And I can PROVE IT TO YOU!!! (MEDIA SLIDE #30 )

#30- Think about your FIRST HIGH SCHOOL CRUSH!

Now I know for some of you, that???s a LONG LONG LONG LONG time ago, but think of the first person that you loved!

Think about what YOUR HEART TOLD YOU!

Your heart told you???

Your heart told you???

Now flash forward all of these years to today???

How many of you in here are thankful that you DIDN???T FOLLOW YOUR HEART and MARRY THAT PERSON??? (SLIDE OFF)

Continuing on, please turn in your Bibles with us over to???

#3- Jeremiah 6:16 (SLIDE)

???Thus says the??Lord: ???Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the??old paths, where the good way??is, And walk in it; Then you will find??rest for your souls. But they said, ???We will not walk??in it.???

The people in Jeremiah???s day had not only rejected God, but they had REJECTED GOD???S WORD TOO!

And they were miserable, and wondering WHY ISN???T GOD BLESSING ME???

But as we read here, there is a GOOD WAY available for us!

There is REST AVAILABLE FOR OUR SOULS!!!



But where is that GOOD WAY, and that place of rest for our souls???

Well this brings up our third PROMISE FOR YOU from this book of Jeremiah! (SLIDE)

Promise for you??? #3- RETURNING to the ???ancient paths??? of the Scriptures, will bring you rest and peace! (REPEAT)

GETTING BACK TO THE BIBLE!

OBEYING and FOLLOWING THE SCRIPTURES!

Going back and refocusing on the BASICS of the Christian faith!

That is the good path that will bring you rest and peace in your life!

Continuing on, please turn in your Bibles with us over to???

#4- Jeremiah 29:13 (SLIDE)

?????And??you will seek Me and find??Me,??when you search for Me??with all your heart.???

WHERE IS GOD???

That???s a good question isn???t it??? Where is GOD!

(IF TIME ALLOWS JOKE???)

naughty boy??? PASTOR??? WHERE???S GOD?)

Well here Jeremiah tells us where any believer can find God!

And church, this brings up our FORTH PROMISE here in this book of Jeremiah! (SLIDE)

Promise for you??? #4- When we search for God with all

of our hearts, we will find Him! (REPEAT)

Jesus taught us on the Sermon on the mount that He who seeks find!

In Acts Chapter 17, Paul said that God is not far from any of us!

Christian, when you seek God with all your heart, you will find Him!

As we finish up here, please turn in your Bibles with us over to???

#5a- Jeremiah 31:31-33 (SLIDE)

???31????Behold, the??days are coming, says the??Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah????32??not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day??that??I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke,??though I was a husband to them, says the??Lord.??33??But this??is??the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the??Lord:??I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their??hearts;??and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.???

So here Jeremiah BRINGS UP THE NEW COVENANT OF CHRISTIANITY!

And I want to ask you a question about the New Covenant!

And I warn you, this is a TOUGH QUESTION!

Whose Perfect life, death, and resurrection, ushered in the NEW COVENANT???

Well Jeremiah, prophesied about JESUS TOO???

So let??s look at one more verse and turn too???#5b- Jeremiah 23:5 (SLIDE)-

?????Behold,??the??days are coming,??? says the??Lord,  
That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and??prosper, And execute??judgment and righteousness in the??earth.???

This is a famous prophecy about THE NEW COVENANT OF CHRISTIANITY!

And this brings up our fifth and final PROMISE from this book of Jeremiah! (SLIDE)

Promise for you??? #5- The Messiah of Israel Jesus, ushered in a NEW COVENANT of Christianity! ( REPEAT)

New Covenant is FAR SUPERIOR to the Old one!

Christian, Jesus LOVES YOU SO MUCH!!!

And church, that is our GOOD NEWS THIS EVENINGMORNING, about the??? ???JEREMIAH, The Weeping Prophet!??? Amen?