

# Correspondence Bible Study

## Lesson #24 Jeremiah

### PRAYER:

Lord, we live in a world that is constantly changing. Help me to see that You are with me through all that happens to me, both good and bad. As I study Jeremiah's words, let me see that the warnings You give in the Bible are for my good, both spiritually and physically. I pray in the powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Notes on Jeremiah:

Jeremiah's ministry began in 626 B.C. and ended sometime after 586 B.C., the time of the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians. He would prophecy during the last years of the Southern Kingdom. King Josiah, who reigned from 640-609 B.C., was an ally of Jeremiah. But the Kings after Josiah would be of no help to Jeremiah.

It seems that most of the book has Jeremiah pronouncing judgments against the people of Judah. He cites their idolatry and refusal to live according to God's Word as the reason for the Lord sending judgement against them in the form of Babylon. Note that the Northern Kingdom had been destroyed by Assyria in 722 B.C.

One of the great hallmarks of Jeremiah is his explanation of the New Covenant to take the place of the old Abrahamic Covenant, which God's people had broken. The New Covenant, instituted with the death and resurrection of Jesus, is one based on grace found in the Lord and Savior.

### Questions:

1. Chapter 1:5 - God's fore-knowledge of you is the same. How does this make you feel?
2. Chapter 1:5 – What does this say about the idea of abortion?
3. Chapter 1:6-8 – What was Jeremiah's excuse?

What was God's answer? See also 1 Timothy 4:12

4. Chapters 3:6-10 – What should have the Southern Kingdom (Judah) learned from the history of the Northern Kingdom (Israel)?

5. Chapter 4:1-4 – Does God give His people more than one chance? How about us?
  
6. Chapter 7:1-11 – Where were the people placing their trust?
  
7. Chapters 10:1-16 – Make a comparison between God and idols. Give a list of their differences.
  
8. Chapter 12:1 – Sometimes Jeremiah's complaints hit close to home. What is he saying in this verse?
  
9. Chapters 21– God's people knew their history. They had heard how the Lord many times rescued His people What was different this time?
  
10. Chapter 23:5-6 – is repeated in 33:14-16. How is it speaking of Jesus?
  
11. Chapter 25:8-14 – The 70 years are marked either from 605-538 B.C., the beginning of exile, when the first were taken captive and the first were released; or from 586-516 B.C., the time between the destruction of Solomon's temple and the completion of Zerubbabel's temple.

12. Chapter 31:31-34 – How is the New Covenant (in Christ) different from the Old Covenant (given to Moses)?

13. Chapter 46-51 – Prophecies of doom for the enemies of God's people. Do you think it was right for Jeremiah to wish harm for these enemies?

14. Chapter 52 – Is history paralleled in 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles?

Your questions on Jeremiah...