

Bible Study – Outline

JEREMIAH

A Man of Courage

The Last Prophet to Judah

Time Period

King	Story of his reign	Dates of his reign	Character	Jeremiah's message to the king
Josiah	2 Kings 22:1-23:30	640-609 BC	Mostly good	3:6-25
Jehoahaz	2 Kings 23:31-33	609 BC	Evil	22:11-17
Jehoiakim	2 Kings 23:34-24:7	609-598 BC	Evil	22:18-23; 25:1-38; 26:1-24; 27:1-11; 35:1-19; 36:1-32
Jehoiachin	2 Kings 24:8-17	598 -597BC	Evil	13:18-27; 22:24-30
Zedekiah	2 Kings 24:18-25:26	597-586 BC	Evil	21:1-14; 24:8-10; 27:12-22; 32:1-5; 34:1-22; 37:1-21; 38:1-28; 51:59-64

Setting Jerusalem

Major Theme(s)

- Repent and return to the Lord or He will judge. Key Verses: Jer. 2:19 and 3:22
- Judgment
- Sorrow
- The Public and Private life of Jeremiah
- “The Heart” and “My People”

Key People

- Jeremiah
- Hananiah Chap. 28 False Prophet
- The Rekabites Chap. 35 (what was their example?)
- Baruch Chap. 36
- Ebed-Melek Chap. 38 & 39
- King Nebuchadnezzar

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Key Scriptures

Jer. 1:5	Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
Jer. 1:19	"...I am with you and will rescue you.."
Jer. 2:13	My people have committed two sins
Jer. 2:19and have no awe of me..
Jer. 3:10	Judah pretends to turn heart back to God
Jer. 3:11	Faithless Israel is more righteous
Jer. 3:17	At that time they will call Jerusalem the Throne of the Lord,
Jer. 4:1	If,....
Jer. 4:19	Oh my anguish, my anguish
Jer. 5:1	It would take only one!
Jer. 5:5	* Leaders
Jer. 6:9	* Glean the remnant
Jer. 6:14, 8:11	Peace, peace when there is no peace (see also I Thess. 5:1-8)
Jer. 6:15	No shame
Jer. 7:3-7	God's offer to stay
Jer. 7:8	But,...
Jer. 7:21-23	Old covenant
Jer. 7:30	Judah's disobedience
Jer. 8:12	No shame
Jer. 9:5	Friend deceives friend - (* see Chart titled Old Testament Tests for False Prophets). Also Jer. 23:9-39, Jer. 28
Jer. 9:23 -24	True values in life
Jer. 10:23	The way of man....
Jer. 11:4	reminder of the Covenant
Jer. 12:15	But,....
Jer. 14:13-16	False Prophets
Jer. 15:1-2	The destiny of the people

Jer. 17-21 * If we repent.
 Jer. 17:9-10 Compare these verses to Ps.139:23-24
 Jer. 20:1-6 Prophecy of captivity to Babylon
 Jer. 21:8 "...the way of life and the way of death."
 Jer. 23:3-6 "The days are coming..."
 Jer. 23:24 "Who can hide in secret places...?"
 Jer. 25:3-11 70 yrs of captivity --- you did not listen to me
 Jer. 29:1-9 Letter to the exiles warning of false prophets
 Jer. 29:10-13 "... for I know the plans I have for you..."
 Jer. 30:5-7 Great tribulation (Ezek. 5:12-13)
 Jer. 31:3 "I have loved you with an everlasting love;"
 Jer. 31:33-34 A New Covenant
 Jer. 32:17 Nothing is too hard for the Lord
 Jer. 32:38-40 Everlasting Covenant
 Jer. 44:16-17 Why the people worshipped other gods
 Jer. 49:7-22 Prophecy similar to what is written in Obadiah
 Jer. 50:4-6 New Covenant
 Jer. 52:1-5 Jerusalem besieged by Nebuchadnezzar
 Jer. 52:27 King of Babylon carried away 3023 captives from Judah.

- see note for these scriptures in the Life Application Bible

Discussion Questions

1. What resources does God give His people to help them deal with their doubts in difficult circumstances? Jer. 1:8,19
2. What were the two sins committed by God's people in Jer. 2:13?
3. The ten symbols representing peoples sins
4. Why would God not listen to the people's prayers?
5. Why did God bring Babylon against Israel?
6. Who are the remnant in Jer. 6 and are they protected?
7. Where else do you find the scripture Jer. 6:14 and what/who does it relate to?
8. Who was Ebed-Melek and what was his role in Jeremiah's life?
9. Why was Jeremiah told not to marry?
10. How were the people misusing the Temple?
11. What positive messages did you obtain from reading Jeremiah?
12. What is the New Covenant in Jer. 31:33-34 and Jer. 50:20?
13. How does it differ from the covenant given in Gen. 17, Ex. 19, II Sam. 7
14. Ever feel like Jeremiah as in Jer. 20:14- 18?

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The Fall of Jerusalem

Following the siege of 597 BC, the Neo-Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar installed Zedekiah as tributary king of Judah, at the age of 21. However, Zedekiah revolted against Babylon, and entered into an alliance with Pharaoh **Hophra**, the king of Egypt. Nebuchadnezzar responded by invading Judah and began a siege of Jerusalem in December 589 BC. During this siege, the duration of which was either 18 or 30 months, "every worst woe befell the city, which drank the cup of God's fury to the dregs". In 586 BC, after completion of the eleventh year of Zedekiah's reign, Nebuchadnezzar broke through Jerusalem's walls, conquering the city. Zedekiah and his followers attempted to escape but were captured on the plains of Jericho and taken to **Riblah**. There, after seeing his sons killed, Zedekiah was blinded, bound, and taken captive to Babylon, where he remained a prisoner until his death.

After the fall of Jerusalem, The Babylonian general, Nebuzaraddan, was sent to complete its destruction. Jerusalem was plundered, and Solomon's Temple was destroyed. Most of the elite were taken into captivity in Babylon. The city was razed to the ground. Only a few people were permitted to remain to tend to the land.

Gedaliah was made governor of the remnant of Judah, the Yehud Province, with a Chaldean guard stationed at **Mizpah**. On hearing this news, the Jews who were in Moab, Ammon, Edom, and in other countries returned to Judah. Gedaliah was assassinated two months later, and the population that had remained and those who had returned then fled to Egypt for safety. In Egypt, they settled in **Migdol, Tahpanhes, Noph, and Pathros**.

Gedaliah – Jer. 39:14, Jer. 40:1-6

Jeremiah - THE HEART

Deut. 6:1-5: 10:12-22; 11:1,13,22

- Jeremiah 3:10 NIV
10 In spite of all this, her unfaithful sister Judah did not return to me with all her **heart**, but only in pretense,” declares the LORD.
- Jeremiah 3:15 NIV
15 Then I will give you shepherds after my own **heart**, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.
- Jeremiah 4:9 NIV
9 “In that day,” declares the LORD, “the king and the officials will lose **heart**, the priests will be horrified, and the prophets will be appalled.”
- Jeremiah 4:14 NIV
14 Jerusalem, wash the evil from your **heart** and be saved. How long will you harbor wicked thoughts?
- Jeremiah 4:18 NIV
18 “Your own conduct and actions have brought this on you. This is your punishment. How bitter it is! How it pierces to the **heart!**”
- Jeremiah 4:19 NIV
19 Oh, my anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain. Oh, the agony of my **heart!** My **heart** pounds within me, I cannot keep silent. For I have heard the sound of the trumpet; I have heard the battle cry.
- Jeremiah 8:18 NIV
18 You who are my Comforter in sorrow, my **heart** is faint within me.
- Jeremiah 9:26 NIV
26 Egypt, Judah, Edom, Ammon, Moab and all who live in the wilderness in distant places. For all these nations are really uncircumcised, and even the whole house of Israel is uncircumcised in **heart.**”
- Jeremiah 11:20 NIV
20 But you, LORD Almighty, who judge righteously and test the **heart** and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.
- Jeremiah 15:1 NIV
1 Then the LORD said to me: “Even if Moses and Samuel were to stand before me, my **heart** would not go out to this people. Send them away from my presence! Let them go!

- Jeremiah 15:16 NIV
16 When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my **heart**'s delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.
- Jeremiah 17:5 NIV
5 This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose **heart** turns away from the LORD.
- Jeremiah 17:9 NIV
9 The **heart** is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?
- Jeremiah 17:10 NIV
10 "I the LORD search the **heart** and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."
- Jeremiah 20:9 NIV
9 But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my **heart** like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.
- Jeremiah 20:12 NIV
12 LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the **heart** and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.
- Jeremiah 22:17 NIV
17 "But your eyes and your **heart** are set only on dishonest gain, on shedding innocent blood and on oppression and extortion."
- Jeremiah 23:9 NIV
9 Concerning the prophets: My **heart** is broken within me; all my bones tremble. I am like a drunken man, like a strong man overcome by wine, because of the LORD and his holy words.
- Jeremiah 23:20 NIV
20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his **heart**. In days to come you will understand it clearly.
- Jeremiah 24:7 NIV
7 I will give them a **heart** to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their **heart**.
- Jeremiah 29:13 NIV
13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your **heart**.

- Jeremiah 30:24 NIV
24 The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his **heart**. In days to come you will understand this.
- Jeremiah 31:20 NIV
20 Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore my **heart** yearns for him; I have great compassion for him,” declares the LORD.
- Jeremiah 32:39 NIV
39 I will give them singleness of **heart** and action, so that they will always fear me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them.
- Jeremiah 32:41 NIV
41 I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my **heart** and soul.
- Jeremiah 48:29 NIV
29 “We have heard of Moab’s pride— how great is her arrogance!— of her insolence, her pride, her conceit and the haughtiness of her **heart**.
- Jeremiah 48:36 NIV
36 “So my **heart** laments for Moab like the music of a pipe; it laments like a pipe for the people of Kir Hareseth. The wealth they acquired is gone.
- Jeremiah 48:41 NIV
41 Kerioth will be captured and the strongholds taken. In that day the **hearts** of Moab’s warriors will be like the **heart** of a woman in labor.
- Jeremiah 49:16 NIV
16 The terror you inspire and the pride of your **heart** have deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks, who occupy the heights of the hill. Though you build your nest as high as the eagle’s, from there I will bring you down,” declares the LORD.
- Jeremiah 49:22 NIV
22 Look! An eagle will soar and swoop down, spreading its wings over Bozrah. In that day the **hearts** of Edom’s warriors will be like the **heart** of a woman in labor.
- Jeremiah 51:46 NIV
46 Do not lose **heart** or be afraid when rumors are heard in the land; one rumor comes this year, another the next, rumors of violence in the land and of ruler against ruler.

Jeremiah - MY PEOPLE

Jeremiah 1:16 NIV

16 I will pronounce my judgments on **my people** because of their wickedness in forsaking me, in burning incense to other gods and in worshiping what their hands have made.

Jeremiah 2:11 NIV

11 Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But **my people** have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.

Jeremiah 2:13 NIV

13 "**My people** have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Jeremiah 2:31 NIV

31 "You of this generation, consider the word of the LORD: "Have I been a desert to Israel or a land of great darkness? Why do **my people** say, 'We are free to roam; we will come to you no more'?"

Jeremiah 2:32 NIV

32 Does a young woman forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet **my people** have forgotten me, days without number.

Jeremiah 4:11 NIV

11 At that time this people and Jerusalem will be told, "A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows toward **my people**, but not to winnow or cleanse;

Jeremiah 4:22 NIV

22 "**My people** are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good."

Jeremiah 5:26 NIV

26 "Among **my people** are the wicked who lie in wait like men who snare birds and like those who set traps to catch people.

Jeremiah 5:31 NIV

31 The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and **my people** love it this way. But what will you do in the end?

Jeremiah 6:14 NIV

14 They dress the wound of **my people** as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace.

Jeremiah 6:26 NIV

26 Put on sackcloth, **my people**, and roll in ashes; mourn with bitter wailing as for an only son, for suddenly the destroyer will come upon us.

Jeremiah 6:27 NIV

27 "I have made you a tester of metals and **my people** the ore, that you may observe and test their ways.

Jeremiah 7:12 NIV

12 "Go now to the place in Shiloh where I first made a dwelling for my Name, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of **my people** Israel.

Jeremiah 7:23 NIV

23 but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be **my people**. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.

Jeremiah 8:7 NIV

7 Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration. But **my people** do not know the requirements of the LORD.

Jeremiah 8:11 NIV

11 They dress the wound of **my people** as though it were not serious. "Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace.

Jeremiah 8:19 NIV

19 Listen to the cry of **my people** from a land far away: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King no longer there?" "Why have they aroused my anger with their images, with their worthless foreign idols?"

Jeremiah 8:21 NIV

21 Since **my people** are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me.

Jeremiah 8:22 NIV

22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of **my people**?

Jeremiah 9:1 NIV

1 Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of **my people**.

Jeremiah 9:2 NIV

2 Oh, that I had in the desert a lodging place for travelers, so that I might leave **my people** and go away from them; for they are all adulterers, a crowd of unfaithful people.

Jeremiah 9:7 NIV

7 Therefore this is what the LORD Almighty says: “See, I will refine and test them, for what else can I do because of the sin of **my people**?”

Jeremiah 11:4 NIV

4 the terms I commanded your ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt, out of the iron-smelting furnace.’ I said, ‘Obey me and do everything I command you, and you will be **my people**, and I will be your God.

Jeremiah 12:14 NIV

14 This is what the LORD says: “As for all my wicked neighbors who seize the inheritance I gave **my people** Israel, I will uproot them from their lands and I will uproot the people of Judah from among them.

Jeremiah 12:16 NIV

16 And if they learn well the ways of **my people** and swear by my name, saying, ‘As surely as the LORD lives’—even as they once taught **my people** to swear by Baal—then they will be established among **my people**.

Jeremiah 13:11 NIV

11 For as a belt is bound around the waist, so I bound all the people of Israel and all the people of Judah to me,’ declares the LORD, ‘to be **my people** for my renown and praise and honor. But they have not listened.’

Jeremiah 14:17 NIV

17 “Speak this word to them: “ ‘Let my eyes overflow with tears night and day without ceasing; for the Virgin Daughter, **my people**, has suffered a grievous wound, a crushing blow.

Jeremiah 15:7 NIV

7 I will winnow them with a winnowing fork at the city gates of the land. I will bring bereavement and destruction on **my people**, for they have not changed their ways.

Jeremiah 18:15 NIV

15 Yet **my people** have forgotten me; they burn incense to worthless idols, which made them stumble in their ways, in the ancient paths. They made them walk in byways, on roads not built up.

Jeremiah 23:2 NIV

2 Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend **my people**: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:13 NIV

13 “Among the prophets of Samaria I saw this repulsive thing: They prophesied by Baal and led **my people** Israel astray.

Jeremiah 23:22 NIV

22 But if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to **my people** and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds.

Jeremiah 23:27 NIV

27 They think the dreams they tell one another will make **my people** forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship.

Jeremiah 23:32 NIV

32 Indeed, I am against those who prophesy false dreams,” declares the LORD. “They tell them and lead **my people** astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them. They do not benefit these people in the least,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 24:7 NIV

7 I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be **my people**, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

Jeremiah 29:32 NIV

32 this is what the LORD says: I will surely punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his descendants. He will have no one left among this people, nor will he see the good things I will do for **my people**, declares the LORD, because he has preached rebellion against me.’”

Jeremiah 30:3 NIV

3 The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will bring **my people** Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their ancestors to possess,’ says the LORD.”

Jeremiah 30:22 NIV

22 “So you will be **my people**, and I will be your God.’”

Jeremiah 31:1 NIV

1 “At that time,” declares the LORD, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be **my people**.”

Jeremiah 31:14 NIV

14 I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and **my people** will be filled with my bounty,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:33 NIV

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be **my people**.”

Jeremiah 32:38 NIV

38 They will be **my people**, and I will be their God.

Jeremiah 33:6 NIV

6 “Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal **my people** and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.

Jeremiah 33:24 NIV

24 “Have you not noticed that these people are saying, ‘The LORD has rejected the two kingdoms he chose’? So they despise **my people** and no longer regard them as a nation.

Jeremiah 50:6 NIV

6 “**My people** have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains. They wandered over mountain and hill and forgot their own resting place.

Jeremiah 51:45 NIV

45 “Come out of her, **my people**! Run for your lives! Run from the fierce anger of the LORD.