



## Outline of Old Testament: Jeremiah by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### **Jeremiah = "Appointed by God [God Is Persuasive] "The Weeping Prophet" Blueprint for Redemption**

Covers **2 Kings 23-25; 2 Chronicles 36**. Begins in Josiah's 13<sup>th</sup> year (about 60 yrs. after Isaiah's death), and covers Jehoiakim and Zedekiah, Gedaliah, Pharaoh Necho with **Nahum, Zephaniah and Habakkuk** contemporaries. After Babylonian captivity, Jeremiah remained in the land with a "remnant" (**2 Kings 24:14**), until they went into Egypt, where he died. **Ezekiel and Daniel** prophesied in Jeremiah's later years.

#### **I. Call of Jeremiah to prophesy Jeremiah 1:1-19**

A. The Priestly Prophet of Benjamin **1:1, 4-12**

B. The "Touched" Prophet - The Word of the LORD came

1. First In Josiah's 13<sup>th</sup> year **1:2**

2. Second, From Jehoiakim till Zedekiah last year and captivity of Jerusalem **1:3, 13-19** (Jehoiakim's 14<sup>th</sup> year=Jeremiah's 23<sup>rd</sup> year **25:1-3**)

#### **II. Cry for Judah Jeremiah Jeremiah 2-33**

A. Jilting Jews **2:1-37**

1. Feckless **2:2-3**

2. Reckless **2:4-37**

a. None noticed their lack of authority ("Where *is* the LORD?") **2:4-8**

b. None noticed their "two evils" **2:9-13**

c. None noticed their judgment was their own! **2:14-19**

d. None noticed their lack of cleanliness **2:20-25**

e. None noticed their "gods" were strangely silent **2:26-32**

f. None noticed their "beauty" secrets weren't working **2:33-37**

B. Junk Jewry **3:1-5:9**

1. Judah refused to be ashamed **3:1-5**

2. Judah ignored "sister" Israel's "being grounded" for her sins **3:6-18**

3. Judah rejected God's open door to return **3:19-4:2**

4. Judah deaf to God's damnation from the north **4:3-31**
  5. Judah bereft of one good man **5:1-9**
- C. Jehovah's Jerks **5:10-17:27**
1. Preaching without Bible "as they like it" **5:10-6:30**
  2. Pray no more for such people **7:1-9:26**      **Jeremiah 7:11=**  
**Matthew 21:12-13**
  3. Practicing "Gentile" worship **10:1-25**
  4. Placing blame for broken covenant and threat against prophet  
**11:1-23**
  5. Jeremiah's questions - God's answer **12:1-13:14**
  6. Pronouncing drought on Judah and why **13:15-14:18**
  7. Pleas for mercy unheeded **14:19-15:21**
  8. Prohibitions for Jeremiah **16:1-17:18**
  9. Public proclamations **17:19-27**
- D. Jousting with Jews **18:1-23:40**
1. Potter and the clay, plan to attack the prophet **18:1-23**  
**Romans 9:21**
  2. Broken flask in Hinnon, Pashur's arrest of Jeremiah **19:1-21:10**
  3. God's "oath" against:
    - a. the house of the king of Judah **21:11-22:10**
    - b. Josiah's sons:
      - 1) Shallum **22:11-17//2 Kings 23:31-34**
      - 2) Jehoiakim **22:18-30//2 Kings 23:35-24:6**

**NO CHANCE OF AN EARTHLY "MILLENNIAL KINGDOM!"**

**Matthew 1:11-12; Romans 1:3; Acts 2:30-36; Hebrews 8:4**
  - c. False prophets **23:1-40**
- E. Judgment From Jerusalem **24:1-33:26**
1. Baskets of figs **24:1-10**
  2. Controlled Captivity (only 70 years) Jehoiakim's 4<sup>th</sup> year **25:1-38**
  2. Bad Beginning for Jehoiakim **26:1-24**
    - a. Jeremiah threatened **26:1-24**
    - b. Bonds and yokes for Edom, Moab, Ammonites, Tyre, Sidon,  
King Zedekiah **27:1-22**
  3. Zedekiah's 4<sup>th</sup> year, Hananiah prophesied and died **28:1-17**
  4. Jeremiah's letter to those "carried away" to Babylon **29:1-32**
  5. Jeremiah's "book" entries:
    - a. Promising Israel and Judah's return **30:1-31:14**
    - b. Future of Ephraim **31:15-22**      **Matthew 2:17,18**
    - c. Future of Judah **31:23-30**
    - d. New covenant [New Testament] **31:31-34**  
**"Hebrews 8:8-13"**
    - e. Seed of Israel cast off [by gospel] **31:35-40**  
**Romans 11:2-5,26-27**

6. Jeremiah prophesies during Nebuchadnezzar's seige while in:
  - a. Prison in Zedekiah's 10<sup>th</sup> year (18<sup>th</sup> of Nebuchadnezzar)  
Jeremiah buys a field **32:1-44//2 Kings 24:18; 25:1-2**
  - b. Again, while still in prison **33:1-26** **Luke 1:32**

### III. Cringe of Jeremiah **Jeremiah 34-45**

- A. Grave statements
  1. Describes Zedekiah's "end" to Zedekiah **34:1-22**
  2. Rechabites will always be before God, spoken in Jehoiakim's day  
**35:1-19**
  3. Jehoiakim's 4<sup>th</sup> year: Scripture written, destroyed, re-written  
**36:1-32**
- B. Jeremiah's "Jail"
  1. Zedekiah
    - a. Refuses Jeremiah's prophecy **37:1-4**
    - b. Chaldeans flee, but Egypt advances **37:5-10**
    - c. Jeremiah falsely arrested as defector to Chaldeans **37:11-21**
    - d. Pashur, *et.al.* place Jeremiah in dungeon, but he is saved  
by an Ethiopian and returned to prison **38:1-13** **Acts 8:26-40**
    - e. Jerusalem falls, Zedekiah ruined, Jeremiah freed  
**39:1-18** // **2 Kings 25:1-21**
  2. Out of prison, into Egyptian captivity
    - a. Jeremiah stays with Gedaliah till he dies
    - b. then is taken to Egypt **40:1-44:30//2 Kings 25:22-26**

### IV. Call to Gentiles Jeremiah **Jeremiah 45-51**

- A. Egypt
  1. Prophecy that Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon will conquer Egypt
  2. Israel spared **46:1-28**
- B. Prophecy against Philistines **47:1-7**
- C. Prophecy against Moab **48:1-47**
- D. Prophecy Nebuchadnezzar against Ammonites, Edom, Damascus,  
Nebuchadnezzar against Kedar and kingdoms of Hazor, Elam (beginning  
Zedekiah's reign) but captives brought back **49:1-39**
- E. Downfall and utter destruction of Nebuchadnezzar and Chaldeans  
**50:1-51:64**

### V. **Crushing of Jerusalem Reminder 52:1-34//2 Kings 24:17-25:30** "Wha-a-a Happened?"

## Jolts In Jeremiah

- Verbal inspiration vividly stated: **1:4, 7, 9, 11, 13** (2<sup>nd</sup>), **14, 15; 2:1,4,5,9; 3:1,6,14; 4:1; 6:9; 7:1; 8:1; 9:3; 10:1**, ETC. **45:1**-“The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the instruction of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying...”
- Known as “The Weeping Prophet” **4:19; 9:1**  
**Romans 9:1-6**
- **Plastic Points:**
  - 2:11** - “Has a nation changed *its* gods?”  
Separation of “church and state” is impossible.
  - 2:17** - “Have you not brought this on yourself?” You get what you ask for.
  - 2:19** - “Your own wickedness will correct you” It could *NOT* get any worse.
  - 2:23** - “How can you say, ‘I am not polluted?’” Read my lips, “I did NOT have a religious change by using strange gods.”
  - 2:26** - “As the thief is ashamed when he is found out”  
Anyone blushes when caught.
  - 2:27** - “For they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face.”  
How to shun even God.
  - 2:32** - “Can a virgin forget her ornaments, *Or* a bride her attire?”  
Marriage pictures last forever, but the ceremony may be forgotten.
  - 2:33** - “Why do you beautify your way to seek love?”  
Rips off the facial masking.
  - 2:36** - “Why do you gad about so much to change your way?”  
Trying to please everyone pleases no one, not even God.
  - 3:2** - “Where have you not lain *with* men?” Sex in the dirt is dirty sex.
  - 3:3** - “You refuse to be ashamed.” No blush is in their make-up kits.
  - 3:9** - “So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees.”  
“Sexual freedom” isn’t free, freeing, or freedom.
  - 4:5** - “Assemble yourselves”  
We need “to come together” to discuss our moral failures.
  - 9:20** - “Teach your daughters wailing” Women should learn *when* to cry.
  - 12:1** - “Why does the way of the wicked prosper? *Why* are those happy who deal so treacherously?” How do the “bad guys” finish first?
  - 12:11**-“No one takes *it* to heart.”  
The truth and its lessons are not internalized.
  - 17:9** - “The heart *is* deceitful above all” Subjective “truth” is not enough.
  - 18:20**-“Shall evil be repaid for good?”  
“Evolution” of truth breaks down instantly.
  - 23:10**-“Their course of life is evil.” One can’t make good time on a bad road.
  - 32:27**-God asks, “Is there anything too hard for Me?” Don’t ever underestimate God.