

# **Jeremiah**

## **The “Weeping Prophet”**

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#### **Who was Jeremiah?**

Jeremiah was often characterized by anguish of spirit and has justly been called the “weeping prophet. But it is also true that the memory of his divine calling, and the Lord’s frequent reaffirmations of his commissioning as a prophet made Jeremiah fearless in the service of his God.

His prophetic ministry began in 626 B.C. and ended sometime after 586. His ministry was immediately preceded by Zephaniah. Habakkuk was a contemporary, and Obadiah may have been also. Since Ezekiel began his ministry in Babylon in 593 he too was a late contemporary of the great prophet in Jerusalem. How and when Jeremiah died is not known. Tradition asserts that while living in Egypt he was put to death by being stoned (Heb 11:37)

Jeremiah was a priest, a member of the household of Hilkiah. His hometown was Anathoth, four miles North east of Jerusalem, so he may have been a descendant of Abiathar, a priest during the days of King Solomon.

The Lord commanded Jeremiah not to marry and raise children because the impending divine judgment on Judah would sweep away the next generation (16:104). Primarily a prophet of doom, he attracted only a few friends, among whom were Ahikam, Gedaliah (Ahikam’s son), and Ebed-Melech (38:7-13)

Jeremiah’s closest companion was his faithful secretary, Baruch, who wrote down Jeremiah’s words as the prophet dictated them.

Jeremiah began prophesying in Judah halfway through the reign of Josiah (640-609 B.C.) and continued throughout the reigns of Jehoahaz (609), Jehoiakim (609-598), Jehoiachin (598-597) and Zedekiah (597-586). It was a period of war when the doom of entire nations – including Judah itself – was being sealed. The smaller states of western Asia were often pawns in the power play of such imperial giants as Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon, and the time of Jeremiah’s ministry was no exception.

Ashurbanipal, last of the great Assyrian rulers, died in 627. His successors were no match for Nabopolassar, the founder of the neo-Babylonian empire, who began his rule in 626 (the year of Jeremiah's call to prophesy). Soon after Assyria's capital city Nineveh fell under the onslaught of a coalition of Babylonians and Medes in 612, Egypt (no friend of Babylon) marched northward in an attempt to rescue Assyria, which was near destruction. King Josiah of Judah made the mistake of trying to stop the Egyptian advance, and his untimely death near Megiddo in 609 at the hands of Pharaoh Neco II was the sad result. Jeremiah, who had found a kindred spirit in the godly Josiah, lamented Josiah's death.

Josiah's son Jehoahaz, also known as Shallum, is mentioned only briefly in the book of Jeremiah, and then in an unfavorable way. Pharaoh Neco put Jehoahaz in chains and made Eliakim, another of Josiah's sons, king in his place, renaming him Jehoiakim. Jehoahaz had ruled for a scant three months, and his reign marks the turning point in the court's attitude toward Jeremiah. Once the king's friend and confidant, the prophet now entered a dreary round of persecution and imprisonment, alternating with only brief periods of freedom.

Jehoiakim was relentlessly hostile toward Jeremiah. On one occasion, when an early draft of the prophet's writings was being read to Jehoiakim, the king used a scribe's knife to cut the scroll apart, three or four columns at a time, and threw it piece by piece into the firepot in his winter apartment. At the Lord's command, however, Jeremiah simply dictated his prophecies to Baruch a second time, adding "many similar words" to them.

Just prior to this episode in Jeremiah's life, an event of extraordinary importance took place that changed the course of history: In 605 B.C., the Egyptians were crushed at Carchemish on the Euphrates by Nebuchadnezzar, the gifted general who succeeded his father Nabopolassar as ruler of Babylon that same year. Pharaoh Neco returned to Egypt with heavy losses, and Babylon was given a virtually free hand in western Asia for the next 70 years.

Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem in 605, humiliating Jehoiakim and carrying off Daniel and his three companions to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar attacked Jerusalem again, and the rebellious Jehoiakim was heard of no more. His son, Jehoiachin ruled Judah for only 3 months. Jeremiah foretold the captivity of Jehoiachin and his followers, a prediction that was later fulfilled.

Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, and a son of Josiah, was renamed Zedekiah and placed on Judah's throne by Nebuchadnezzar in 597 B. C. Zedekiah, a weak and vacillating ruler, sometimes befriended Jeremiah and sought his advice but at other times allowed the prophet's enemies to mistreat and imprison him. Near the end of Zedekiah's reign, Jeremiah entered into an agreement with him to

reveal God's will to him in exchange for his own personal safety. Even then the prophet was under virtual house arrest until Jerusalem was captured in 586 B.C.

While trying to flee the city, Zedekiah was overtaken by the pursuing Babylonians. In his presence, his sons were executed, after which he himself was blinded by Nebuchadnezzar.

### **Themes and Message of the book of Jeremiah**

Jeremiah was ever conscious of his call from the Lord to be a prophet. He had only contempt for false prophets like Hananiah and Shemiah

Jeremiah lashed out against the sins of his countrymen, chastising them severely for their idolatry -- which sometimes even involved sacrificing their children to foreign gods. But Jeremiah loved the people of Judah, in spite of their sins, and he prayed for them.

Judgment is one of the all-pervasive themes in Jeremiah's writings, though he was careful to point out that repentance, if sincere, would postpone the inevitable. His counsel of submission to Babylon and his message of "life as usual" for the exiles of the early deportations branded him as a traitor in the eyes of many. Actually, of course, his advice against rebellion marked him as a true patriot, a man who loved his countrymen too much to stand by silently and watch them destroy themselves. By warning them to submit and not rebel, Jeremiah was revealing God's will to them -- always the most sensible prospect under any circumstances.

For Jeremiah, God was ultimate. Jeremiah ascribed the most elevated attributes to the God whom he serves, viewing him as the Lord not only of Judah but also of the nations.

At the same time, God is very much concerned about individual people and their accountability to Him. Jeremiah's emphasis in this regard is similar to that of Ezekiel, and the two men have become known as the "prophets of individual responsibility." The undeniable relationship between sin and its consequences, so visible to Jeremiah as he watched his beloved Judah in her death throes, made him -- in the pursuit of his divine vocation -- a fiery preacher of righteousness, and his sermons have lost none of their power with the passing of the centuries.

Called to the unhappy task of announcing the destruction of the kingdom of Judah (thoroughly corrupted by the long and evil reign of Manasseh and only superficially affected by Josiah's efforts at reform), it was Jeremiah's commission to lodge God's indictment against His people and proclaim the end of an era. At

long last, the Lord was about to inflict on the remnant of His people the ultimate covenant curse. He would undo all that He had done for them since the day He brought them out of Egypt. It would then seem that the end had come, that Israel's stubborn and unconsecrated heart had sealed her final destiny, that God's people had been cast off, that all the ancient promises and covenants had come to nothing.

**God's promise that the Israelites would "Return to their Homeland" occurred 2500 years ago!!**

But the Israelites would be restored to their homeland in 70 years, the nations that crushed her would be crushed, and the covenants with Israel, David and the Levites would be honored. **THIS was the famous "return of the Israelites to their homeland."**

Thus, the promise by God that the "Israelites would return to their homeland" was fulfilled in 538 B.C. - **2500 years ago** - proving that the "return of the present-day Jews to the land of Palestine," beginning in 1948 is a Giant RUSE – for two reasons: 1) the present-day Jews have no ancestry from the Old Testament Israelites, 2) **the present-day Jews are actually Gentiles**. They are descendants of **Gentile** Barbarian Mongol Turks from the nation of Khazaria (in the area of Ukraine today) who converted to Judaism in the 8<sup>th</sup> Century A.D.

The present-day Jews are genociding the Palestinians because of their fraudulent claim that they have a "right to the land of Palestine"! In fact, the Jews' hatred of the Palestinians, many of whom are Christians, has become so severe that Israeli **Prime Minister Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu has now become a historical revisionist, admitting that Hitler had NO intention of killing ANY Jews, and agreeing that Hitler just wanted the Jews out of Germany!** Bibi Netanyahu is RIGHT about that. However, Bibi's present story is that it was the **Palestinian Mufti** who persuaded Hitler "to kill the 6 million Jews." (A Mufti is a Muslim legal expert who is empowered to give rulings on religious matters. And a Bibi Netanyahu is - - - a LIAR!)

**Jeremiah's Message during HIS time**

Jeremiah's message illumined the distant as well as the near horizon. It was false prophets who proclaimed peace to a rebellious nation, as though the God of Israel's peace was indifferent to her unfaithfulness. But the very God who compelled Jeremiah to denounce sin and pronounce judgment was the God who authorized Jeremiah to announce that the divine wrath had its bounds, its 70 years. Afterward forgiveness and cleansing would come – and a new day, in which the old expectations, aroused by God's past acts and His promises and

covenants, would yet be fulfilled in a manner transcending all God's mercies of old. Indeed, the Israelites DID return to their homeland 70 years later!

### **Jeremiah's Message for Today!**

Today, God's people – those who claim to be Christians – have wandered FAR from God, exactly the way the Old Testament Israelites did during the time of Jeremiah.

The Israelites were following pagan ways. And so are today's Christians!

The Israelites were even **sacrificing their children to pagan gods**. And so are today's Christians – when **“Christian” hospitals perform abortions**.

## **Doc at Catholic hospital: ‘I perform abortions because I’m a Christian’**

DURANGO, Colorado, July 22, 2011 ([LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com)) – After a Catholic hospital in Colorado refused to remove a Planned Parenthood abortionist from its ob/gyn staff, pro-life advocates have organized a protest, featuring Live Action President Lila Rose, on Aug. 4.



“The reason I perform abortions is because I’m a Christian,” Richard Grossman, a Quaker, told the Durango Herald after a similar protest outside Mercy Regional Medical Center last year. “Personally, I believe in the strength, intellect and fortitude of women. When a woman says a fetus is a person, I think it is one. I believe the woman empowers the fetus.”

Grossman is the longest-serving physician at the hospital, having served there 44 years, but he also commits abortions on Fridays at Planned Parenthood of Durango.

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**Obviously, Grossman is a Jew, masquerading as a Christian, just like many Jews who infiltrate the churches (marranos) while pretending to be Christians.**

## Adventist Hospitals Perform Abortions

“Since 1973, many Adventist hospitals perform elective abortions under any circumstance. Though some hospitals refrain from performing any abortions, the majority of those that do not perform elective abortions offer "therapeutic" abortions under "extreme circumstances". Since the Seventh-Day Adventist Church does not officially take a strong stance against abortions there is wide variety of opinions on this subject within the church.” Wikipedia

**Jeremiah was called by God to prophesy the demise of Judah because of the apostasy of the Israelites**

**We too are called today to prophesy the demise of organized Christianity and its churches – because of the apostasy of today’s Christians.**

### Gems from Jeremiah

#### Chapter 1

God knows every person, before he or she is born. He has designed every person to perform His will – since God’s in charge of everything. We must not be afraid to speak for Him.

“Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

“Before I formed thee in the womb, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I set thee apart, and I appointed thee a prophet unto the nations.

“Then said I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak; for I am a youth.

“But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a youth: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

**“Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.**

Then the Lord put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth.” Jer 1:4-9  
What God promises, He WILL do:

I watch over My Word to perform it.” Jer 1:12

We should not be afraid to speak the truth of the Word of God

(God speaks regarding the Israelites) “I will utter My judgments against them regarding their wickedness, who have forsaken Me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

Just as the Israelites worshipped idols – the works of their own hands – Christians today continually decide what work God needs done. They do God’s work – their OWN way. They “worship the works of their own hands” instead of learning to be “one with God” and allowing God to work “through” them.

It’s much easier to “work for God” than to be One with God.

“Thou therefore prepare thyself and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: Be not dismayed at their faces (don’t be afraid), lest I dismay thee before them.

Don’t back off from your duty to spread God’s Word, or God will dismay (shame) you before your enemies.

For, behold, I have made thee this day as fortified city, and iron pillar, and brazen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

And they shall fight against thee; but they shall NOT prevail against thee; **for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.**” Jer 1:16-19

God told Jeremiah he would receive fierce opposition from the people, but God would stand by him – to deliver him.

## **Chapter 2**

Just like Christians today, the Israelites of old soon forgot God’s great power, and turned to trusting “man” both in matters of spirituality (the church) and in matters of health (doctors).

“Neither said they, Where is the Lord that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?” Jer 2:6

We, today, must remember that even though there may be drought, famine, pestilence and war, the Lord CAN deliver us, just as He did the Israelites during the Exodus.

“And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.” Jer 2:7

Just as the churches in America are doing today:

“The priests did NOT say, “Where is the Lord? And they that handle the law (of God) knew Me not: the pastors also transgressed against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

“. . . thou has forsaken the Lord thy God, when He led thee by the way.”  
Jer 2:8,17

God told the Israelites, just as He tells us, “Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.” God has promised us trouble (tribulation) (John 16:33) in this world because it is **our own wickedness that corrects us**. And the Israelites had no “dread” of God, because they worshipped Him not as God – but as a “man.”

“**Thine own wickedness shall correct thee**, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou has forsaken the Lord thy God, and that the dread of Me is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts.” Jer 2:19

God is the kindest of fathers. He will never leave us or forsake us.

“Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord: for I am married unto you”:  
and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion

“Return ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. . .

“Truly in vain is salvation expected from the hills and from the multitude of mountains (pagan gods were worshiped on the high hills in the groves):  
truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.” Jer 3:14, 23

The era of the Israelites in Jeremiah's time was identical to our country and the world today. There is evil everywhere – even in the false doctrines of the churches.

“Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the open places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be by ANY that executeth justice, that seeketh the truth: and I will pardon it.

“And though they say, The Lord liveth: surely they swear falsely.

“O Lord, are not thine eyes upon the truth? Thou has stricken them, but they have not grieved: thou has consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return (to God).

“How shall I pardon thee for this? Thy children have forsaken Me, and sworn by them that are not gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

“They were as well-fed lusty stallions in the morning: everyone neighed after his neighbor's wife.

“Shall I not visit them for these things? Saith the Lord; and shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

“For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against Me, saith the Lord.

“They have lied about the Lord and said, It is not He: neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine.

“And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

“Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the Lord: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.

“And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat; they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fortified cities wherein thou trusted, with the sword. Jer 5:1-3; 7-8;11-13;15-17

This is exactly what is happening to the U.S. – and eventually to the whole world. We are being impoverished by an ancient “nation” whose language (Talmudism) Christians don’t understand. The elitists are taking everything of our substance that should be passed on to our children.

God reveals that He exists, and is the Creator of everything in the universe:

“Will you not fear Me? Saith the Lord: Will ye not tremble at My presence, which has placed the sand for the boundary of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss to and fro, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it.

“But this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart: they are revolted and departed.

“Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that gives rain, both the former and the latter, in His season: He reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

“Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.

“For among My people are found wicked men: they lie in wait, as he that setteth snares: they set a trap, they catch men.

“They have grown fat, they are sleek: yea, they surpass the deeds of the wicked: they plead not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper: and the right of the needy they do not defend.

“Shall I not visit them for these things? Saith the Lord: shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this.” Jer 5:22-29

You reap what you have sown.

“The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power: and My people love to have it so: and what will you do in the end thereof?”

It is the same today. Televangelists and preachers of Mega churches teach false doctrines, lead their members astray – and yet the members love what they hear.

It is hard to tell any difference between Jeremiah’s time – and our time right now. Jeremiah had the unpleasant task of trying to warn the Israelites of their coming destruction. We too, as we see the fast-approaching Global government and

One World Religion coming, must stand up for the Lord and warn all those who are willing to listen.