About Jeremiah — Jeremiah lived and ministered in Judah during the tumultuous years that led to the fall of Jerusalem to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in 587 B.C. He served as God’s prophet from the thirteenth year of King Josiah’s reign in 626 B.C. until some time after the fall of Jerusalem—a period of over 40 years. Throughout his ministry, Jeremiah never wavered in his love for his people. He is known as “the Weeping Prophet” because he often wept as he spoke and pleaded with his people to repent. Sadly, Jeremiah’s message largely went unheeded. Jerusalem was finally destroyed, Judah ceased to exist as a nation, and Jeremiah quietly slipped off the stage of history.

A Simple Timeline — Create a simple timeline to introduce the book of Jeremiah. Add dates to the timeline throughout the course of your study of the book.

1000 BC 931 BC 722 BC 640 BC 605 BC 587 BC 500 BC
David Divided Kingdom Assyrian Captivity Josiah Babylonian Captivity Fall of Jerusalem Ezra

A Simple Overview
Jeremiah 1—33
Before the fall. Includes condemnation of Judah and conflicts and messages of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 34—45
The fall of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 46—52
After the fall. Includes prophecies against foreign nations.

A Simple Outline
Jeremiah 1
Jeremiah’s Call

Jeremiah 2:1—45:5
Jeremiah’s Prophecies Against Judah

Jeremiah 46:1—51:64
Jeremiah’s Prophecies Against Foreign Nations

Jeremiah 52:1-34
The Fall of Jerusalem

Important Dates
627–605 BC
Judah threatened by Assyrians & Egyptians.

605–586 BC
Jeremiah prophesied while the Babylonians besieged Judah.

586–580 BC
Jeremiah ministered in Jerusalem and Egypt after Judah’s downfall.

Pre-Exilic Prophets
To Israel
• Jonah
• Amos
• Hosea

To Judah
• Obadiah
• Joel
• Isaiah
• Micah

Before & During the Fall of Judah
• Nahum
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