

JEREMIAH'S JOURNAL

An Introduction to Jeremiah

**God writes to warn the wicked to turn from their evil ways
and experience His forgiveness - See Jeremiah 36:1-3**

I. A PROBLEM

A. THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE TEXT

1. Complex and bewildering - J. A. Thompson
2. Arranged haphazardly - Charles Dyer
3. A broken book which is difficult to arrange - Bruce Wilkinson

B. THE TIMELINE - See graph

II. THE PROPHET

A. CALLED (1:1-3)

B. COMMISSIONED

1. The "Weeping Prophet" (9:1, 13:17 and 14:17)
2. To a wandering people (25:3)

C. PERSECUTED (11:18-23)

D. IMPRISONED (37:11-16)

E. EXILED (43:5-7)

III. SOME PREDICTIONS

A. DISGUST (7:12-16)

- God will cast them out of His sight

B. DEATH (16:1-4)

- Dying of deadly diseases

C. WRATH (21:5-7)

- God Himself will war against them

- D. DESOLATION (25:8-11)
 - Capture and captivity in Babylon for 70 years
- E. HOPE (30:1-3; 33:8-9)
 - Restoration will eventually come
- F. JUDGMENT (Chapters 46-51)
 - God's plans for the demise of other nations

IV. SOME PEOPLE

- A. HOLY ONES (35:1-10, 18-19)
 - The righteous Rechabites
- B. HELPFUL ONES
 1. Ahikam (26:8-16, 24)
 - Arranged an acquittal for Jeremiah's death sentence
 2. Baruch (36:4, 8)
 - A faithful coworker in ministry
 3. Ebed-Melech (38:7-13)
 - A thoughtful rescuer
 4. Nebuzarden (40:1-5)
 - Gave Jeremiah his freedom
- C. HURTFUL ONES
 1. King Jehoiakim (36:20-24)
 - Burned God's Word in Jeremiah's scroll
 2. King Zedekiah
 - a. Disliked Jeremiah's prophecies (32:1-5)
 - b. Did not listen to God's Word (37:1-2)

CONCLUSION:

Jeremiah is "a heart-broken prophet with a heart-breaking message"

- David Wilkinson, "Talk Through the Bible," p. 200

He warns that their hostility toward God will result in captivity ... and it does

But after calamity, their hope and God's help will be restored - See 29:10-14