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The following is a brief overview of the main topics.
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Introduction; Jeremiah, often called the “weeping prophet” because of his persistent message of God’s judgment, prophesied to the nation of Judah from the reign of King Josiah in 627 B.C. to the destruction of Jerusalem in 586. He dictated his prophecies to a scribe named Baruch (36:4, 32). Jeremiah’s task as a prophet was to declare the coming judgment of God. However, throughout the book we also see God’s concern for repentance and righteousness, in individuals as well as nations. This dual focus is seen in God’s instructions to Jeremiah: He was “to pluck up and to break down” but also “to build and to plant” (1:10). Jeremiah sees a future day when God will write his law on human hearts, and “they shall all know me,” and “I will remember their sin no more” (31:33-34).

The words of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 1:1-3 ----- ¹The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, ²to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

Jeremiah; means, Jehovah exalts he was one of the greatest Hebrew prophets he was born into a priestly family in a town 2½ miles from Jerusalem. He was called to prophesy after Assyria had invaded the city of Nineveh and taken the Ten Tribes of Israel in the land of Samaria captive. Jeremiah’s ministry was through the reign of king Josiah of Judah and continued almost 40 years through the reigns of five successive Judean kings. Jeremiah prophesied during the revival of the Babylonian empire, under the vigorous leadership of Nebuchadnezzar who sought to subdue the whole Fertile Crescent to himself. Near the end of Jeremiah’s ministry Babylon laid a siege of a 1½ years against Jerusalem and took its inhabitants captive.

Zedekiah was blinded and carried in chains to Babylon. The captors treated Jeremiah with kindness, and allowed him to remain in Judah with some of the common people who had been left, but was later forced to flee to Egypt where he died at a very old age.

Hilkiah; means the portion of Jehovah, a priest and father of Jeremiah.

Anathoth; means a goddess, a native place of Jeremiah.

Benjamin; means son of my right hand, land between Judah and Ephraim.

Josiah; means, Jehovah supports him (he was the son of Amon). Josiah’s religious leadership of 31 years ranks him as an outstanding religious ruler. He gradually destroyed all manner of idolatrous practices not only in Jerusalem and Judah but also in the cities of the Ten Tribes of Israel. The religious climate established by Josiah must have provided favourable conditions for Jeremiah’s ministry during the first 18 years, but Josiah was killed and religious hopes vanished with the funeral of this 39 year old king so that all Judah had reason to join Jeremiah in lamenting for Josiah. Josiah’s reign was the last religious revival before Assyria ended the Southern Kingdom (the Ten Tribes in the land of Samaria) and Babylon later destroyed Jerusalem (the Two Tribes at Jerusalem).

Amon; was the successor and son of King Manasseh and the father of the extremely distinguished and deservedly famous king Josiah.

Judah; Judah means Praised it is the name of the Hebrew tribe descended from the man Judah and King David was a member of the tribe of Judah. Both David and Solomon succeeded in unifying the Hebrew tribes, but when Solomon died, all of this came to an end. Ten tribes broke away from the Kingdom and became known as the Northern Kingdom called Israel while two tribes known as the Southern Kingdom called Judah remained at Jerusalem. It is difficult to isolate Judah and Israel because the accounts of Israel and Judah are intertwined with Israel (the Ten Tribes) predominating.

Jehoiakim; means, Jehovah sets up (the second son of Josiah King of Judah), he was an oppressive and thoroughly godless king of Judah, when he read the prophecies of doom that Jeremiah had written he burned the book so it had to be rewritten. Jehoiakim died in disgrace, he was, "buried with the burial of an ass" outside the city of Jerusalem.

Zedekiah; means, Jehovah is righteous. He was the son of Josiah he reigned 11 years and was the last king of Judah. Because of the wickedness of Judah, God finally brought on the predicted Babylonian captivity. King Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem, took Jehoiachin Judah's king, captive to Babylon and made Mattaniah, whose name he changed to Zedekiah, king in his place. Nebuchadnezzar having taken away the men of influence from Judah, felt the remaining Jews would be easily subdued, but foolishly Zedekiah, rebelled against the king of Babylon, and as a result, he was taken by Nebuchadnezzar and bound. Zedekiah's sons were killed before his eyes and his own eyes put out. He was then taken to Babylon where he died.

Jeremiah thinks he is too Young.

Jeremiah 1:4-8 ----- ⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth."
⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."

God is the eternal Alpha and Omega, He has no beginning and no end, so He knows us all before we are born. In His eternal time our decisions, choices and lives have been played out before His very eyes, He already knows what choices we are going to make and what we are going to do tomorrow. Jeremiah thought he was too young to speak for the LORD, but God told him not to think that way or be afraid because He would be with him.

God put's His words in Jeremiah's Mouth.

Jeremiah 1:9-10 ----- ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

God put's His words in Jeremiah's mouth; means God imparts to Jeremiah's mind the words he speaks.

God has set Jeremiah over nations to destroy or overthrow; means if the nations heed Jeremiah's words God will establish them, but if they ignore what he says they will be destroyed.

Jeremiah sees and Almond Branch.

Jeremiah 1:11-12 ----- ¹¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." ¹²Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it."

The almond branch; is a symbol of the LORD not only watching over the words he gives to Jeremiah to speak, but also carrying them out according to how the people respond.

A Boiling Pot facing away from the North.

Jeremiah 1:13-16 ----- ¹³The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north." ¹⁴Then the LORD said to me, "Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁵For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the LORD, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah. ¹⁶And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands.

The disaster out of the north; refers to the armies of Babylon.

The boiling pot, facing away from the north; refers to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the people in the land of Judah not being aware of the impending doom that is beginning to rise up against them in the north.

God is going to bring Babylon against Jerusalem and the land of Judah.

God Strengthens Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 1:17-19 ----- ¹⁷But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. ¹⁸And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. ¹⁹They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you."

God will make Jeremiah like a bronze wall against Judah; means Jeremiah's prophetic message of God's judgment, destruction and doom will certainly come to pass if they do not heed his call to repent and turn from their idols, pagan gods and gross sins because of the type of message Jeremiah is going to be speaking the people, God knows the kings, the officials, the priests, and the people of Judah are not going to like what they hear and even worse will turn against Jeremiah to do him harm, so God comforts Jeremiah by telling him He will be with him and deliver him.

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