The book of [Jeremiah](https://www.esv.org/Jeremiah%2B1%3A1%E2%80%9352%3A34/) is set during the politically tumultuous times following the fall of the Assyrians and the rise of the Babylonians.

**The Book of Jeremiah**, also called **The Prophecy Of Jeremias**, one of the major prophetical writings of the [Old Testament](https://www.britannica.com/topic/Old-Testament). [Jeremiah](https://www.britannica.com/biography/Jeremiah-Hebrew-prophet), a Judaean prophet whose activity spanned four of the most [tumultuous](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/tumultuous) decades in his country’s history, appears to have received his call to be a prophet in the 13th year of the reign of King [Josiah](https://www.britannica.com/biography/Josiah) (627/626 BC) and continued his ministry until after the siege and capture of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 BC. Many of his oracles concerned the turbulent events of his times.

* Prophecies against Judah and Jerusalem (chapters 1–25),
* Narratives about Jeremiah (chapters 26–45)
* Prophecies against foreign nations (chapters 46–51)
* Historical appendix (chapter 52)

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The prophecies in the first part of the book derive mostly from Jeremiah himself.

Jeremiah witnessed the fall of the Assyrian Empire and the death of King Josiah.

Theme 1: God and humanity. God alone is a living God. God alone made the world. All other so-called gods are mere idols ([10:1–16](https://www.esv.org/Jeremiah%2B10%3A1%E2%80%9316/)).

The human heart is sick, and no one except God can cure it ([17:9–10](https://www.esv.org/Jeremiah%2B17%3A9%E2%80%9310/))

God rules both the present and the future ([1:4–16; 29:1–10](https://www.esv.org/Jeremiah%2B1%3A4%E2%80%9316%2C%2B29%3A1%E2%80%9310/)), protects his chosen ones ([1:17–19; 29:11–14; 39:15–18; 45:1–5](https://www.esv.org/Jeremiah%2B1%3A17%E2%80%9319%2C%2B29%3A11%E2%80%9314%2C%2B39%3A15%E2%80%9318%2C%2B45%3A1%E2%80%935/)), and saves those who turn to him ([12:14–17](https://www.esv.org/Jeremiah%2B12%3A14%E2%80%9317/)).

Old covenant, Messiah, and new covenant. God made a covenant with Israel, based on his promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ([Genesis 12–50](https://www.esv.org/Genesis%2B12%3A1%E2%80%9350%3A26/)). As time passed, God’s covenant with Israel included his promise to David of an eternal kingdom ([2 Samuel 7](https://www.esv.org/2%2BSamuel%2B7%3A1%E2%80%9329/); [1 Chronicles 17](https://www.esv.org/1%2BChronicles%2B17%3A1%E2%80%9327/)). God used Jeremiah to deliver the good news that, sometime in the future, God would “make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah” ([Jer. 31:31](https://www.esv.org/Jeremiah%2B31%3A31/)). This covenant would be different in one major way. The new covenant partners will not break the covenant, as most of the old partners did even though God was completely faithful ([31:32](https://www.esv.org/Jeremiah%2B31%3A32/)). Instead, the new covenant partners will have the word of God so ingrained in their hearts through God’s power that they will know and follow God all their lives ([31:33–34](https://www.esv.org/Jeremiah%2B31%3A33%E2%80%9334/)).

**OUTLINE:**

*(Difficult to outline because there is no logical or chronological order)*

[**I. Call of prophet during reign of Josiah,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#call_1) [Chapter 1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/1/1-19/s_746001)

[**II. Prophecies to Judah and Jerusalem prior to Zedekiah’s reign,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#prophecies_2) [Chapters 2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/2/1-37/s_747001)—[20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/20/1-18/s_765001)

[**A. Twofold condemnation of Judah,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap2) [Chapters 2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/2/1-37/s_747001)—[3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/1-5/s_748001)

**1.** Rejected Jehovah

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[**B. Charge of backsliding during reign of Josiah,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap3) [Chapters 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/6-25/s_748006)—[6:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/6/1-30/s_751001)

[**C. Warning delivered in the gate of the Lord’s house,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap7) [Chapters 7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/7/1-34/s_752001)—[10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/10/1-25/s_755001)

[**D. Israel disobeyed God’s covenant made in wilderness,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap11) [Chapters 11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/11/1-23/s_756001), [12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/12/1-17/s_757001)

[**E. Parable in action — the linen girdle,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap13) [Chapter 13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/13/1-27/s_758001)

[**F. Backsliding nation judged by drought and famine,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap14) [Chapters 14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/14/1-22/s_759001), [15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/15/1-21/s_760001)

[**G. Jeremiah forbidden to marry,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap16) [Chapters 16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/16/1-21/s_761001)—[17:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/17/1-18/s_762001)

[**H. Message to king in the gate,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap17) [Chapter 17:19-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/17/19-27/s_762019)

[**I. Sign at the potter’s house,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap18) [Chapters 18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/18/1-23/s_763001), [19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/19/1-15/s_764001)

[**J. Jeremiah’s persecution,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap20) [Chapter 20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/20/1-18/s_765001)

[**III. Prophecies during reign of Zedekiah,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#prophecies_3) [Chapters 21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/21/1-14/s_766001)—[29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/29/1-32/s_774001)

*(Leads to destruction of Jerusalem)*

[**A. Answer to Zedekiah re: Nebuchadnezzar,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap21) [Chapters 21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/21/1-14/s_766001), [22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/22/1-30/s_767001)

[**B. A bright light in a very dark day,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap23) [Chapter 23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/23/1-40/s_768001)

[**C. Parable of two baskets of figs,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap24) [Chapter 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/24/1-10/s_769001)

[**D. God spells out 70-year captivity,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap25) [Chapter 25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/25/1-38/s_770001)

[**E. Message in temple court during reign of Jehoiakim,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap26) [Chapter 26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/26/1-24/s_771001)

[**F. Parable of the yokes,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap27) [Chapters 27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/27/1-22/s_772001), [28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/28/1-17/s_773001)

[**G. Message of hope to first delegation of captives,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap29) [Chapter 29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/29/1-32/s_774001)

[**IV. Prophecies re: future of 12 tribes and Judah’s near captivity,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#prophecies_4) [Chapters 30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/30/1-24/s_775001)—[39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/39/1-18/s_784001)

[**A. Coming of Great Tribulation,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap30) [Chapter 30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/30/1-24/s_775001)

[**B. The “I will” chapter,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap31) [Chapter 31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/31/1-40/s_776001)

[**C. Jeremiah imprisoned, buys real estate,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap32) [Chapter 32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/32/1-44/s_777001)

[**D. Coming kingdom as promised to David,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap33) [Chapter 33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/33/1-26/s_778001)

[**E. Zedekiah’s captivity foretold,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap34) [Chapter 34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/34/1-22/s_779001)

[**F. Rechabites obey God,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap35) [Chapter 35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/35/1-19/s_780001)

[**G. Jehoiakim destroys Word of God with knife and fire,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap36) [Chapter 36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/36/1-32/s_781001)

[**H. Jeremiah imprisoned again,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap37) [Chapters 37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/37/1-21/s_782001), [38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/38/1-28/s_783001)

[**I. Judah goes into captivity; Jeremiah released from prison,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap39) [Chapter 39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/39/1-18/s_784001)

[**V. Prophecies to remnant left in land after destruction of Jerusalem,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#prophecies_5) [Chapters 40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/40/1-16/s_785001)—[42](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/42/1-22/s_787001)

[**VI. Prophecies during Jeremiah’s last days in Egypt,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#prophecies_6) [Chapters 43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/43/1-13/s_788001)—[51](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/51/1-64/s_796001)

[**A. To remnant in Egypt,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap43) [Chapters 43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/43/1-13/s_788001), [44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/44/1-30/s_789001)

[**B. To Baruch,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap45) [Chapter 45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/45/1-5/s_790001)

[**C. To Egypt,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap46) [Chapter 46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/46/1-28/s_791001)

[**D. To Philistia,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap47) [Chapter 47](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/47/1-7/s_792001)

[**E. To Moab,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap48) [Chapter 48](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/48/1-47/s_793001)

[**F. To Ammon, Edom, Damascus, Kedar, Hazor and Elam,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap49) [Chapter 49](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/49/1-39/s_794001)

[**G. To Babylon,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#chap50) [Chapters 50](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/50/1-46/s_795001), [51](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/51/1-64/s_796001)

[**VII. Fulfillment of prophesied destruction of Jerusalem,**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mcgee_j_vernon/notes-outlines/jeremiah/jeremiah-outline.cfm#fulfillment_7) [Chapter 52](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/52/1-34/s_797001)

**A. Twofold condemnation of Judah,** [Chapters 2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/2/1-37/s_747001)—[3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/1-5/s_748001)

**1.** Rejected Jehovah

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[**Chapter 2**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/2/1-37/s_747001)

[**vv. 1-7**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/2/1-7/s_747001) — God asks His people to remember the springtime of their relationship to Him. They loved and served Him. God blessed them and gave them a good land. Then they turned from Him.

[**v. 8**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/2/8/s_747008) — The reason: the priests no longer knew God and turned to Baal.

[**v. 9**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/2/9/s_747009) — The Lord would not give them up.

[**v. 13**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/2/13/s_747013) — They reared up their own gods and followed their own devices. People may reject God, but they cannot get rid of their need for Him — they must substitute something.

[**Chapter 3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/1-25/s_748001)

[**v. 1**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/1/s_748001) — Judah played the harlot, yet God asks her to return to Him.

[**v. 3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/3/s_748003) — God judges her by withholding rainfall.

**B. Charge of backsliding during reign of Josiah,** [Chapters 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/6-25/s_748006)—[6:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/6/1-30/s_751001)

Backsliding is mentioned 7 times in chapter 3 (more than half the number in the entire book).

[**v. 6**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/6/s_748006) — Pagan gods and heathen altars are placed on the mountaintops and under trees in groves. Israel had turned from the living God to these.

[**v. 14**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/14/s_748014) — Israel belongs to Jehovah by the right of redemption out of Egypt. She is the wife of Jehovah in a spiritual relationship. Jehovah looks to the future — “I will bring you to Zion.”

[**vv. 15-18**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/15-18/s_748015) — “In those days” is a reference to the millennial kingdom. This is the first of a long list of prophecies filled with glorious prospects for the future.

[**v. 19**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/19/s_748019) — In that day the nation Israel will call Jehovah their Father — that which they have never done before.

[**v. 23**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/jeremiah/3/23/s_748023) — See [Psalm 121:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/psalms/121/1/s_599001).

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| **Jeremiah chapter 2** |
| [Jer 2:1-13](https://av1611.com/verseclick/gobible.php?p=Jer_2.1-13). | God having shewed his former kindness, expostulates with the Jews on their causeless and unexampled revolt. |
| [Jer 2:14-17](https://av1611.com/verseclick/gobible.php?p=Jer_2.14-17). | They are the causes of their own calamities. |
| [Jer 2:18-34](https://av1611.com/verseclick/gobible.php?p=Jer_2.18-34). | The sins and idolatries of Judah. |
| [Jer 2:35-37](https://av1611.com/verseclick/gobible.php?p=Jer_2.35-37). | Her confidence is rejected. |
| **Jeremiah chapter 3** |
| [Jer 3:1-5](https://av1611.com/verseclick/gobible.php?p=Jer_3.1-5). | God's great mercy in Judah's vile whoredom. |
| [Jer 3:6-11](https://av1611.com/verseclick/gobible.php?p=Jer_3.6-11). | Judah is worse than Israel. |
| [Jer 3:12-19](https://av1611.com/verseclick/gobible.php?p=Jer_3.12-19). | The promises of the gospel to the penitent. |
| [Jer 3:20-25](https://av1611.com/verseclick/gobible.php?p=Jer_3.20-25). | Israel reproved, and called by God, makes a solemn confession of their sins. |

According to the Bible, King David reigned over a large territory and his son Solomon over an even larger one. After the death of King Solomon, the kingdom was divided in two. The [southern kingdom](https://www.bibleodyssey.org/tools/map-gallery/i/map-israel-and-judah) consisted only of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and thus became the kingdom of Judah, with Jerusalem as its capital. The [northern kingdom](https://www.bibleodyssey.org/tools/map-gallery/i/map-israel-and-judah)consisted of the remaining tribes and was called Israel. After the establishment of two short-lived capitals at Shechem and Tirzah, King Omri established his capital at Samaria, where it would remain for the duration of the northern kingdom’s existence. The kingdom of Israel was larger in size and controlled more significant trade routes than did Judah. Territorial boundaries expanded and contracted over time as Israel and Judah engaged in conflict with one another and their neighbors. Evidence from outside the Bible suggests that Israel was more powerful than Judah. However, Israel was the more ephemeral kingdom of the two. Israel was destroyed by the [Assyrians](https://www.bibleodyssey.org/tools/map-gallery/i/map-israel-and-judah) in 722 B.C.E., whereas Judah, though severely damaged, narrowly escaped the dreadful onslaught of the Assyrian war machine. But Judah's escape from imperial domination would be brief. Jerusalem eventually fell to the [Babylonian](https://www.bibleodyssey.org/tools/map-gallery/i/map-israel-and-judah) [Empire](https://www.bibleodyssey.org/tools/map-gallery/i/map-israel-and-judah) and was destroyed in 586 B.C.E. Produced by RiddleMaps.com.