



Walking the Ancient Path

Jeremiah
Part 1

History of Israel

God's
Covenant
With
Abraham

Israel

Israel

Assyria

Judah

Babylon

Exile

Return

Prophets of Israel

Amos
Hosea
Isaiah
Micah

Zephaniah
Jeremiah
Nahum
Habakkuk

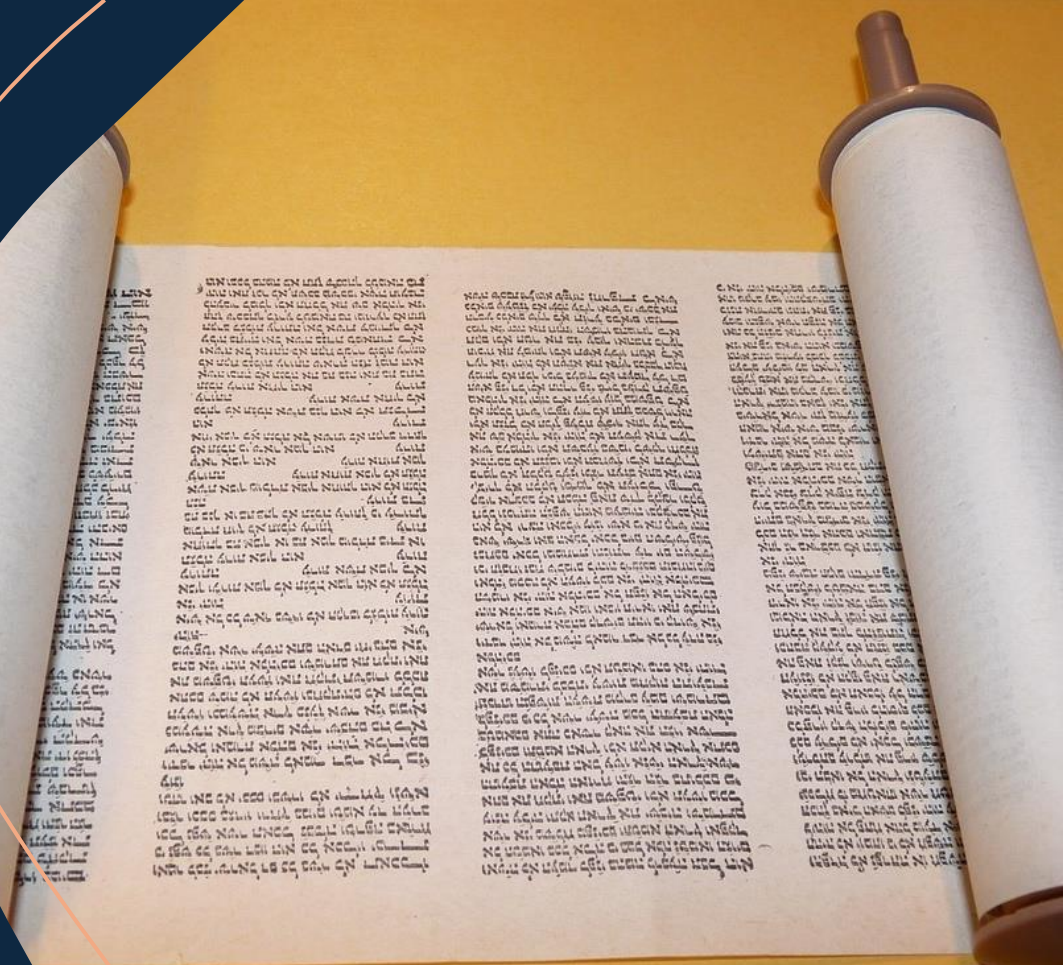
Obadiah
Ezekiel

Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Joel (?)
Jonah
(Ninevah)

About the Book

- Longest Book
- Not Chronological
- Written by Baruch
- Covers 40-50 years
- Most Tragic Book of the Bible





About the Man

- **Called as Teen**
- **Single**
- **Considered a Traitor/Outcast**
- **Relatable**
- **Died in Egypt**

Key Events of Jeremiah's Time

17

Born about
640 BC

Called as Teen

35 39

Josiah Dies

1st Deportation
(Daniel)

46

2nd Deportation
(Ezekiel)

3rd Deportation
(Jerusalem Falls)

Jeremiah to Egypt

57 58

Josiah
31 Years

Jehoahaz
3 mths

Jehoakim
11 Years

Jeconiah
3 mths

Zedekiah
11 Years



God Knows
Your Story

Jer. 1

⁴ The Lord gave me this message:

⁵ **“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”**



The
Intimate
God

⁸ And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken! Then the Lord reached out and touched my mouth and said, "Look, I have put my words in your mouth!"



**Protects
Purifies**

**10 Today I appoint you to
stand up against nations and
kingdoms.**

**Some you must uproot and
tear down,
destroy and overthrow.**

**Others you must build up
and plant.”**



Appoints



A Surprising Journey

Jer. 17:15-17

**People scoff at me and say,
“What is this ‘message from
the Lord’ you talk about?**

**Why don’t your
predictions come true?”**

**¹⁶ Lord, I have not
abandoned my job
as a shepherd for your**



Not Right

Jer. 17:15-17

**You have heard
everything I've said.**

¹⁷ Lord, don't terrorize me!

**You alone are my hope
in the day of disaster.**



**Felt
Abandoned**



An Unwanted Test

Jer. 20:7-9

**O Lord, you misled me,
and I allowed myself to
be misled. You are stronger
than I am, and you
overpowered me.**

**Now I am mocked every day;
everyone laughs at me.**



**Accuses
God**

⁸ When I speak, the words burst out. “Violence and destruction!” I shout. So these messages from the Lord have made me a household joke.

⁹ **But** . . .



Household
Joke

... If I say I'll never mention
the Lord or speak in his
name, his word burns in my
heart like a fire.

It's like a fire in my
bones! I am worn out trying
to hold it in!

I can't do it!



He cannot
not

The Goodness of God



**24 But those who wish to
boast should boast in this
alone:**

**that they truly know me
and understand that I am
the Lord**

**who demonstrates
unfailing love**



**Know Me
Understand Me**

Jer. 9:23-24

This is what the Lord says:

**“Don’t let the wise boast in
their wisdom,**

**or the powerful boast
in their power,**

**or the rich boast in
their riches.**



**An
alternative
view**

and who brings justice and
righteousness to the earth,
and that I delight in these
things.

I, the Lord, have
spoken!



Justice
Righteousness

Lam. 3:22-24

**The faithful love of
the Lord never ends!**

His mercies never cease.

**²³ Great is his faithfulness;
his mercies begin afresh
each morning.**



**Soul
Anchor**

**24 I say to myself, “The Lord is
my inheritance;
therefore, I will hope in
him!”**



**A Well
Founded
Hope**