



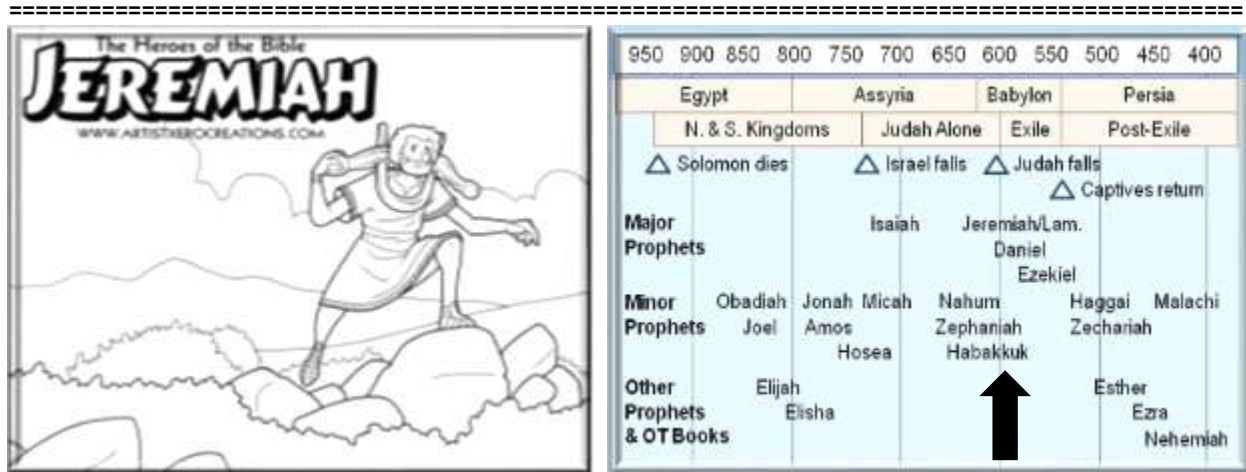
## Jeremiah

God sends a prophet to warn Israel about the Babylonian captivity, but the people reject the news. Key stories include, King Nebuchadnezzar, and the Rechabites.

**Author:** Jeremiah, he was one of the few prophets who lived to see his prophesy fulfilled.

### In Jeremiah – Jesus is the Righteous Branch

Jeremiah 29:11      "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"



#### TEACHER: 52 CHAPTERS

Our last lesson was the book of Isaiah. We will now fast forward approximately 100 years to Jeremiah, the next of the 4 Major Prophets in the Old Testament. Jeremiah also wrote the next book we will study. The Book of Lamentations. Somewhere around 640 years before Christ Jeremiah is born into the priesthood and called by God to the office of Prophet. He was called at a young age during King Josiah's 13<sup>th</sup> year of reign, and also served 4 more kings, after Josiah's passing. He is mentioned in several contemporary passages of scripture including 2nd Kings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles, and Ezra. He prophesied of Judah's impending destruction, the destruction of the Temple, 70 years of Babylonian captivity, and the return of Israel to its homeland. We know more about Jeremiah than any other Old Testament Prophet. He lived before the Babylonian captivity, was imprisoned for his prophesies in Jerusalem, was freed by the Babylonians, was treated well by the Babylonians, and was allowed to live in Mizpah a Benjamite city in Judah until he was persecuted again, and ultimately went into Egyptian exile. He was imprisoned, persecuted, and disgraced. He was mentored by Zephaniah, and worked with his cousin Huldah, a female prophet. According to Rabbinic literature, Jeremiah was the father of Ezekiel.

It is in Jeremiah we read of the coming "New Covenant." Jeremiah is quoted directly 40 times in this coming "New Covenant." More than once his prophetic words are messianic, and are described as such in the New Testament. When studying Jeremiah you will often find the name Baruch. Baruch was Jeremiah's constant companion and scribe. Let's start in Jeremiah with his call to the office of prophetic ministry.

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STUDENT:

CH. 1

The LORD spoke his word to me, saying:

<sup>5</sup> “Before I made you in your mother’s womb, I chose you. Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, “But Lord GOD, I don’t know how to speak. I am only a boy.”

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me, “Don’t say, ‘I am only a boy.’ You must go everywhere I send you, and you must say everything I tell you to say. <sup>8</sup> Don’t be afraid of anyone, because I am with you to protect you,” says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth. He said to me, “See, I am putting my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> Today I have put you in charge of nations and kingdoms. You will pull up and tear down, destroy and overthrow, build up and plant.” (NCV)

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TEACHER:

CH. 2

The next 2 chapters paint a familiar picture of Judah and Israel. That of an unfaithful wife.

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CH. 3

STUDENT:

When King Josiah was ruling Judah, the LORD said to me, “Did you see what unfaithful Israel did? She was like a prostitute with her idols on every hill and under every green tree. <sup>7</sup> I said to myself, ‘Israel will come back to me after she does this evil,’ but she didn’t come back. And Israel’s wicked sister Judah saw what she did. <sup>8</sup> Judah saw that I divorced unfaithful Israel because of her adultery, but that didn’t make Israel’s wicked sister Judah afraid. She also went out and acted like a prostitute! (NCV)

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TEACHER:

The accusation of being unfaithful is referring to the children of Israel worshipping idols.

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STUDENT:

And she didn’t care that she was acting like a prostitute. So she made her country unclean and was guilty of adultery, because she worshiped idols made of stone and wood. <sup>10</sup> Israel’s wicked sister didn’t even come back to me with her whole heart, but only pretended,” says the Lord. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

What are our idols today? In the days of Jeremiah they were easier to see. They were more obvious. What are our idols? Modern 21<sup>st</sup> century idols, Does anyone have a story regarding any of these, or a testimony? Drugs, sex, money, knowledge, the arts, fashion. We are all children of Adam. Lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. How do we protect ourselves from these cravings that are sewn into our very beings by our original parents? Israel repents.

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STUDENT:

“Yes, we will come to you, because you are the LORD our God. <sup>23</sup> It was foolish to worship idols on the hills and on the mountains. Surely the salvation of Israel comes from the LORD our God. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

CH. 4

The repentance is not sincere and God speaks judgement. Jeremiah appeals to God and God lays out a challenge to him.

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CH. 5

**STUDENT:**

The LORD says, “Walk up and down the streets of Jerusalem. Look around and discover these things. Search the public squares of the city. If you can find one person who does honest things, who searches for the truth, I will forgive this city. (NCV)

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**TEACHER:**

All it would take is one person. One honest person who is searching for the truth can spare millions from judgment. The person doesn’t have to know all truth, merely looking. Just one, but no such luck. In the subsequent judgement we find a quote Jesus used more than once.

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**STUDENT:**

Hear this message, you foolish people who have no sense.  
They have eyes, but they don’t really see. They have ears, but they don’t really listen. (NCV)

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**TEACHER:**

The sin has even crept into the priesthood. This next warning even stretches to our day and age.

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**STUDENT:**

“A terrible and shocking thing has happened in the land of Judah: <sup>31</sup>The prophets speak lies, and the priests take power into their own hands, and my people love it this way. But what will you do when the end comes? (NCV)

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**TEACHER:**

CH. 6

Notice in the next reading how God brings up Egypt again in this next passage. The same lesson, generation after generation. We are now 800 years after the miracles God did, that drove the Exodus, and we have the same narrative again. God expects them to get it. We should also expect the same of ourselves.

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CH. 7

**STUDENT:**

When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, I did not speak to them and give them commands only about burnt offerings and sacrifices. <sup>23</sup>I also gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Do all that I command so that good things will happen to you. <sup>24</sup>But your ancestors did not listen or pay attention to me. They were stubborn and did whatever their evil hearts wanted. They went backward, not forward. (NCV)

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**TEACHER:**

This is one of the lessons I believe God has given me regarding the repetition of admonition in the Exodus story. There are sins of omission, and sins of commission. The church often focuses on the things that hinder. Sins of commission. Getting drunk for example. Anger, lust, violence. You get the idea. These are all sins of commission. We get saved and clean up our lives and we are correct to do so. Then we spend the rest of our lives trying to clean up everybody else’s life. Saved and unsaved alike. This is not our role. We clean up the world by example. When we serve God with all our hearts, the miracles, and blessings of our God active in our lives, draw those God is calling out from the world. The love, peace and joy we have in Christ are the bait. We fail, in the sins of omission. Loving the unlovable, forgiveness, helping the poor, the widows, the orphans, the prisoners. God repeats over and over, “I did not only command sacrifices and fasts, but kindness and mercy.” How is this done? Chapter 9 of Jeremiah gives us a great place to start.

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CH. 8

CH. 9

STUDENT:

This is what the LORD says: "The wise must not brag about their wisdom. The strong must not brag about their strength. The rich must not brag about their money. <sup>24</sup> But if people want to brag, let them brag that they understand and know me. Let them brag that I am the LORD, and that I am kind and fair, and that I do things that are right on earth. This kind of bragging pleases me," says the LORD. (NCV)

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CH. 10

STUDENT:

<sup>2</sup> This is what the LORD says: "Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the heavens, though the nations are terrified by them. <sup>3</sup> For the practices of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel. <sup>4</sup> They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter. <sup>5</sup> Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field, their idols cannot speak; they must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do no harm nor can they do any good."  
<sup>6</sup> No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. (NIV)

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CH. 11

TEACHER:

You have to love that description of false idols, "like a scarecrow in a cucumber field...."

CH 11- This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> "Listen to the terms of this covenant and tell them to the people of Judah and to those who live in Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Tell them that this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Cursed is the one who does not obey the terms of this covenant..... 'Obey me and do everything I command you, and you will be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>5</sup> Then I will fulfill the oath I swore to your ancestors, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey'—the land you possess today." <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to me, "There is a conspiracy among the people of Judah and those who live in Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> They have returned to the sins of their ancestors, who refused to listen to my words. They have followed other gods to serve them. Both Israel and Judah have broken the covenant I made with their ancestors. <sup>11</sup> Therefore this is what the LORD says: 'I will bring on them a disaster they cannot escape. (NIV)

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CH. 12

STUDENT:

<sup>14</sup> This is what the LORD says: "As for all my wicked neighbors who seize the inheritance I gave my people Israel, I will uproot them from their lands and I will uproot the people of Judah from among them. <sup>15</sup> But after I uproot them, I will again have compassion and will bring each of them back to their own inheritance and their own country. <sup>16</sup> And if they learn well the ways of my people and swear by my name, saying, 'As surely as the LORD lives'—even as they once taught my people to swear by Baal—then they will be established among my people. <sup>17</sup> But if any nation does not listen, I will completely uproot and destroy it," declares the LORD. (NIV)

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CH. 13  
CH. 14

TEACHER:

Heavy words. "I will completely uproot and destroy it declares the Lord." In chapter's 13 and 14 much of the same thing.

CH.13 <sup>22</sup> And if you ask yourself, "Why has this happened to me?" it is because of your many sins that your skirts have been torn off and your body mistreated.

<sup>23</sup> Can an Ethiopian change his skin or a leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil. <sup>24</sup> "I will scatter you like chaff driven by the desert wind. (NIV)

In CH.14 <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD said to me, "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds. (NIV)

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TEACHER:

Moving to chapter 15 a beautiful scripture revealing the Lord's willingness to forgive and use people who have changed their hearts and returned to Him.

CH. 15

STUDENT:

<sup>19</sup> So this is what the LORD says: "If you change your heart and return to me, I will take you back. Then you may serve me. And if you speak things that have worth, not useless words, then you may speak for me. (NCV)

TEACHER:

Most scholars believe the following is an end time prophesy of 'the end of the age return from the diaspora' that began with the state of Israel in 1948, however it was partially fulfilled at the time of Christ.

CH. 16

STUDENT:

<sup>14</sup> "People say, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the people of Israel out of Egypt. . . ' But the time is coming," says the LORD, "when people will not say this anymore. <sup>15</sup> They will say instead, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites from the northern land and from all the countries where he had sent them. . . ' And I will bring them back to the land I gave to their ancestors. (NCV)

TEACHER:

The contrast between those who trust in man, as opposed to those who trust in God.

CH. 17

STUDENT:

"A curse is placed on those who trust other people, who depend on humans for strength, who have stopped trusting the LORD...." "But the person who trusts in the LORD will be blessed. The LORD will show him that he can be trusted. <sup>8</sup> He will be strong, like a tree planted near water that sends its roots by a stream. It is not afraid when the days are hot; its leaves are always green." (NCV)

TEACHER:

CH. 18

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup> But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me. <sup>6</sup> He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. (NIV)

God proclaims judgement, and then tells Jeremiah to go back to the potters house, get another clay jar and call the leaders again.

CH. 19

<sup>10</sup> "Then break the jar while those who go with you are watching, <sup>11</sup> and say to them, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I will smash this nation and this city just as this potter's jar is smashed and cannot be repaired. They will bury the dead in Topheth until there is no more room. <sup>12</sup> This is what I will do to this place and to those who live here, declares the LORD. (NIV)

Jeremiah is imprisoned for the prophesy the Lord gave him. Some 600 years before Christ is born, the "fact checkers" begin their evil work!

CH. 20

STUDENT:

Pashhur son of Immer was a priest and the highest officer in the Temple of the LORD. When he heard Jeremiah prophesying in the Temple courtyard, <sup>2</sup> he had Jeremiah the prophet beaten. And he locked Jeremiah's hands and feet between large blocks of wood at the Upper Gate of Benjamin of the LORD's Temple. <sup>3</sup> The next day when Pashhur took Jeremiah out of the blocks of wood, Jeremiah said to him, "The LORD's name for you is not Pashhur. Now his name for you is Terror on Every Side. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

The king of Judah (Zedekiah) requests Jeremiah to ask the LORD's blessing as Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon is breathing down his neck.

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STUDENT:

This is the word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah. It came when Zedekiah king of Judah sent Pashhur son of Malkijah and the priest Zephaniah son of Maaseiah to Jeremiah. <sup>2</sup> They said, "Ask the LORD for us what will happen, because Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is attacking us. Maybe the LORD will do miracles for us as he did in the past so Nebuchadnezzar will stop attacking us and leave." (NCV)

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TEACHER:

God says no.

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STUDENT:

But Jeremiah answered them, "Tell King Zedekiah this: <sup>4</sup> 'Here is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: You have weapons of war in your hands to defend yourselves against the king of Babylon and the Babylonians, who are all around the city wall. But I will make those weapons useless. Soon I will bring them into the center of this city. <sup>5</sup> In my anger, my very great anger, I myself will fight against you with my great power and strength. <sup>6</sup> I will kill everything living in Jerusalem—both people and animals. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

God grants them a "loop hole." A way of escape from the coming judgement.

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STUDENT:

"Also tell this to the people of Jerusalem: 'This is what the LORD says: I will let you choose to live or die. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who stays in Jerusalem will die in war or from hunger or from a terrible disease. But anyone who goes out of Jerusalem and surrenders to the Babylonians who are attacking you will live. Anyone who leaves the city will save his life as if it were a prize won in war. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

Even still in CH.22 God pleads "This is what the LORD says: "Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and prophesy this message there: <sup>2</sup> 'Hear the word of the LORD, king of Judah, who rules from David's throne. You and your officers, and your people who come through these gates, listen! <sup>3</sup> This is what the LORD says: Do what is fair and right. Save the one who has been robbed from the power of his attacker. Don't mistreat or hurt the foreigners, orphans, or widows. Don't kill innocent people here. <sup>4</sup> If you carefully obey these commands, kings who sit on David's throne will come through the gates of this palace with their officers and people, riding in chariots and on horses. The messianic prophecy of "The Branch." also found in Zechariah, and Isaiah.

CH. 22



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STUDENT:

CH. 23

<sup>5</sup> “The days are coming,” says the LORD, “when I will raise up a good branch in David’s family.

He will be a king who will rule in a wise way; he will do what is fair and right in the land.

<sup>6</sup> In his time Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.

This will be his name: The LORD Does What Is Right. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

Listen carefully to this next thought. The branch found here in Jeremiah is clearly Christ. Correct? Also in Isaiah and Zechariah, correct? Let that settle in your hearts for a moment. In John 15 Jesus says something very special. He says “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit:”

CH. 24

In CH.24 Nebuchadnezzar begins his conquest capturing the King of Judah.

In chapter 25 Jeremiah has held the office of prophet for 23 years. He has spoken faithfully the word of the Lord, not adding anything, or taking anything away. God is ready to judge. Judah is captured and the royals and skilled people taken into the Babylonian captivity. Jeremiah is left behind in an empty city.

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CH. 25

STUDENT:

‘This is what the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says: Drink this cup of my anger. Get drunk from it and vomit. Fall down and don’t get up because of the war I am sending among you!’ (NCV)

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TEACHER:

God, who so loves His people, sends Jeremiah to the Temple, looking for a way to forgive them. This beautiful view of God’s desire to forgive His children, helps me keep in context His patience with myself.

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*“When God doesn’t punish us right away, that isn’t a lack of attention to detail, or a lowering of God’s standards. That is love. “Love is patient and kind...” DH*

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CH. 26

STUDENT:

This is what the LORD said: “Jeremiah, stand in the courtyard of the Temple of the LORD. Give this message to all the people of the towns of Judah who are coming to worship at the Temple of the LORD. Tell them everything I tell you to say; don’t leave out a word. <sup>3</sup> Maybe they will listen and stop their evil ways. If they will, I will change my mind about bringing on them the disaster that I am planning because of the evil they have done. <sup>4</sup> Say to them: ‘This is what the LORD says: You must obey me and follow my teachings that I gave you. <sup>5</sup> You must listen to what my servants the prophets say to you. I have sent them to you again and again, but you did not listen. <sup>6</sup> If you don’t obey me, I will destroy my Temple in Jerusalem as I destroyed my Holy Tent at Shiloh. When I do, people all over the world will curse Jerusalem.’” (NCV)

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TEACHER:

CH. 27

CH. 28

The people present wanted him dead. Jeremiah was protected by some Godly people there, as Nebuchadnezzar is made King in Babylon. Jeremiah says that God will give Nebuchadnezzar all the great kingdoms of the world, to him, his son and grandson. Then God will destroy Babylon. In chapter 28 we are now in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Babylonian captivity. Jeremiah sends them a word from God. A letter of hope.

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CH. 29

STUDENT:

This is what the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says to all those people I sent away from Jerusalem as captives to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> “Build houses and settle in the land. Plant gardens and eat the food they grow. <sup>6</sup> Get married and have sons and daughters. Find wives for your sons, and let your daughters be married so they also may have sons and daughters. Have many children in Babylon; don’t become fewer in number. <sup>7</sup> Also do good things for the city where I sent you as captives. Pray to the LORD for the city where you are living, because if good things happen in the city, good things will happen to you also.” (NCV)

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TEACHER:

CH. 30

In chapter 30 the Lord instructs Jeremiah to record all the words God has spoken to him. God knew He would return Israel to their homeland and wanted the next generation to know why God punished them. Continuing his letter, one of the most shared Bible verses on the internet.

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CH. 31

STUDENT:

“Babylon will be powerful for seventy years. After that time I will come to you, and I will keep my promise to bring you back to Jerusalem. <sup>11</sup> I say this because I know what I am planning for you,” says the LORD. “I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will search for me. And when you search for me with all your heart, you will find me! <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me,” says the LORD. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

In the beginning of God’s judgement, as He is still carrying out His plan, God is already planning the restoration and path of return. What a wonderful God we serve. Jeremiah reveals from the heart of God a New Covenant.

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STUDENT:

“Look, the time is coming,” says the LORD, “When I will make a new agreement with the people of Israel and the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the agreement I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of Egypt.

I was a husband to them, but they broke that agreement,” says the LORD.

<sup>33</sup> “This is the agreement I will make with the people of Israel at that time,” says the LORD:

“I will put my teachings in their minds and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> People will no longer have to teach their neighbors and relatives to know the LORD, because all people will know me, from the least to the most important,” says the LORD.

“I will forgive them for the wicked things they did, and I will not remember their sins anymore.” (NCV)

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TEACHER:

Chapter 32 contains a beautiful word from the Lord, especially if you are going through things you do not understand. Understand that Jeremiah is back in prison when he delivers this message from God.

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CH. 32

STUDENT:

“I am the LORD, the God of every person on the earth. Nothing is impossible for me. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

In chapter 33 a repeat of "The Branch" prophecy concerning Jesus.

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CH. 33

STUDENT:

In those days and at that time, I will make a good branch sprout from David's family. He will do what is fair and right in the land. <sup>16</sup> At that time Judah will be saved, and the people of Jerusalem will live in safety. The branch will be named: The LORD Does What Is Right." <sup>17</sup> This is what the LORD says: "Someone from David's family will always sit on the throne of the family of Israel. <sup>18</sup> And there will always be priests from the family of Levi. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

In Chapter 34 God instructs Zedekiah the current king of Judah to surrender and accept captivity from King Nebuchadnezzar. If he does so he will die in peace. He obeys.

Chapter 35 contains the story of one of the greatest families in the Bible. The Recabites. Children of the man Jonadab the son of Recab. Jeremiah is to test them. Jeremiah, who is the preeminent prophet in Jerusalem, and everyone knows he is a man of God, and that he speaks for God, call the clans leaders to his home and offers them bowls of wine.

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CH. 35

STUDENT:

But the Recabite men answered, "We never drink wine. Our ancestor Jonadab son of Recab gave us this command: 'You and your descendants must never drink wine. <sup>7</sup> Also you must never build houses, plant seeds, or plant vineyards, or do any of those things. You must live only in tents. Then you will live a long time in the land where you are wanderers.' <sup>8</sup> So we Recabites have obeyed everything Jonadab our ancestor commanded us. Neither we nor our wives, sons, or daughters ever drink wine. <sup>9</sup> We never build houses in which to live, or own fields or vineyards, or plant crops. <sup>10</sup> We have lived in tents and have obeyed everything our ancestor Jonadab commanded us. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

These Recabites were Kenites, related to Moses father-in-law. And they were faithful to the word of their father. The result of their faithfulness?

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STUDENT:

"This is what the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says:.....

Jeremiah, go and tell the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem: 'You should learn a lesson and obey my message,' says the LORD. <sup>14</sup> 'Jonadab son of Recab ordered his descendants not to drink wine, and that command has been obeyed. Until today they have obeyed their ancestor's command; they do not drink wine. But I, the LORD, have given you messages again and again, but you did not obey me. <sup>15</sup> I sent all my servants the prophets to you again and again, saying, "Each of you must stop doing evil....

Then Jeremiah said to the Recabites, "This is what the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says: 'You have obeyed the commands of your ancestor Jonadab and have followed all of his teachings; you have done everything he commanded.' <sup>19</sup> So this is what the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says: 'There will always be a descendant of Jonadab son of Recab to serve me.'" (NCV)

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TEACHER:

That is one of the most wonderful, and powerful promises in scripture.

By chapter 39 Jeremiah now has been in prison, in the Temple Courtyard for quite some time. Nebuchadnezzar orders his men to take care of him when they burn Jerusalem down. In chapter 40 Jeremiah is freed and allowed free reign to go anywhere he desires. The remainder of Jeremiah contains the final prophesies of destruction of all the people groups surrounding Israel, all the way to, and including, Egypt, culminating with Babylon's fall. The following is the last paragraph of The Book of Jeremiah.

CH. 52

STUDENT:

Jehoiachin king of Judah was in prison in Babylon for thirty-seven years. The year Evil-Merodach became king of Babylon he let Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison. He set Jehoiachin free on the twenty-fifth day of the twelfth month. <sup>32</sup> Evil-Merodach spoke kindly to Jehoiachin and gave him a seat of honor above the seats of the other kings who were with him in Babylon. <sup>33</sup> So Jehoiachin put away his prison clothes, and for the rest of his life, he ate at the king's table. <sup>34</sup> Every day the king of Babylon gave Jehoiachin an allowance. This lasted as long as he lived, until the day Jehoiachin died. (NCV)

TEACHER:

Interesting note. In the apocryphal Book of Maccabees, it is said that Jeremiah was the person who hid the Ark of the Covenant from the Babylonians, when the Temple was destroyed. No one knows, but it does follow the correct time-line.

NEXT LESSON LAMENTATIONS

*Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in Him."*

Jeremiah. 17:7



Discovered by archaeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar, the clay seals, called *bullae*, were found only a few yards apart. According to their inscriptions, the seals belong to two princes mentioned in Jeremiah 38:1, a chapter that describes the attempt by the princes to kill the prophet Jeremiah.

“These tiny artifacts validate Jeremiah’s account and provide overwhelming proof of the accuracy of the biblical record,” said college president Stephen Flurry.

