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Lesson 1 June 2, 2026

**JEREMIAH, THE WEEPING
PROPHET**

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Background Reading:

- ❖ 2 Chronicles 20:20
- ❖ Psalm 30:5; 119:136
- ❖ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- ❖ Jeremiah 16:1-4, 19-21
- ❖ Ephesians 4:11
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 14:32

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Jeremiah 1:4-10

Guided Questions

1. Who was the Prophet Jeremiah?
2. Why was he known as the “weeping prophet”?
3. Why was God so angry with Judah?
4. Why did King Jehoiakim hate Jeremiah so much?
5. What did he do to the scrolls?
6. Who did Jeremiah react to the King’s actions?

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Background Reading

2 Chronicles 20:20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

Psalm 30:5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Psalm 119:136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- 1** To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
- 2** A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
- 3** A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- 4** A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- 5** A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- 6** A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- 7** A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- 8** A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

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Background Reading

Jeremiah 16:1-4

- 1** The word of the Lord came also unto me, saying,
- 2** Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.
- 3** For thus saith the Lord concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land;
- 4** They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

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Background Reading

Jeremiah 16:19-21

19 O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?

21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The Lord.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

1 Corinthians 14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

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Devotional Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

4 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

7 But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.

9 Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

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Central Verse

Jeremiah 13:17 (KJV)

“But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the Lord’s flock is carried away captive.”

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INTRODUCTION

There are five major prophets, including Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and Lamentations. They are called major prophets because their written books are longer than the twelve minor prophets that follow them in the Old Testament.

The main message of the major prophets is that the Messiah is coming to establish His rule.

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INTRODUCTION

They emphasize that Israel and the nations must repent for failing to meet God's righteous standards. If they repent, they will be able to receive God's salvation and avoid His judgment on that fateful day.

God ordained the ministry of the prophets to help the Church. They must be tuned into God, so that they can hear from God. None of the prophets had easy lives, but Jeremiah had an especially tough time.

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DISCUSSION

Jeremiah, a priest, was born and raised in the priestly village of Anathoth, four miles northeast of Jerusalem, during the reign of the wicked King Manasseh. Jeremiah was a young lad when he began his prophetic ministry during the thirteenth year of the reign of the young King Josiah. He supported Josiah's reforms but found that the people were not responding favorably with a change of heart. His prophetic ministry was directed to the Southern Kingdom of Judah during the last 40 years of its history (626-586 B.C). He lived to witness the Babylonian invasions of Judah that resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. He was the one who prophesied to God's people and told them that they would be under captivity for 70 years, but many did not believe him.

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DISCUSSION

God sends prophets to let His people know about the things that are to come upon them. He does not want His children to be unaware of the times that they are living in. The Book of Jeremiah is filled with much gloom and foreboding because Jeremiah prophesied about God's inescapable judgment for an unrepentant Judah.

The Lord had told His people in the Book of Chronicles if they believe in the Lord their God, that they would be established and if they believed what the prophets say, then they would prosper. It is the will of God for His children to prosper in every area of their lives, but their prosperity is based on their trust and obedience.

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DISCUSSION

Jeremiah prophesied mostly to Judah, but he did include nine other nations where he focused on judgment and, for some, restoration. Jeremiah was an unusual man who obeyed God's instruction because certain restrictions were put on his life. God told him not to marry and have children, illustrating that in the coming affliction, many families would die. The second restriction was not to mourn or show sympathy at a funeral meal, revealing that God had withdrawn His blessing, love, and compassion from the people. The third was not to take part in the festive occasions, showing that God would bring an end to all joy and gladness in Judah.

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DISCUSSION

Jeremiah was often called the weeping prophet, because even though he had a harsh message, he had a sensitive and broken heart. He had a heart like Jesus, the Son of God who was yet the Son of Man, whose heart was sensitive and tender to the hurts of others. For when Jesus's friend Lazarus died, and his sisters Mary and Martha were so broken and sad, Jesus wept also.

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DISCUSSION

Jeremiah's tender spirit made his suffering more intense as the people he prophesied to spurned God's prophetic Word. It can be very difficult to minister negative messages to people you know and love, and they reject them. Jeremiah knew the danger that the people were in, and he wanted them to hear, receive, and do what God had commanded. But instead, they were like so many today, who see the signs of destruction, who hear the words of warning, but ignore them. Jeremiah preached to deaf ears and reaped hate in return, but he was faithful to God and his assignment.

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After preaching and prophesying to God's people for twenty years, God instructed him to put his messages in written form. He obeyed God and dictated his messages to his faithful secretary Baruch. Because of the manner of his prophecies, Jeremiah was banned from appearing before the King, so he sent Baruch to read the prophecies in the temple. Later they were read by Jehudi to King Jehoiakim, who showed much contempt for Jeremiah and God's Word by cutting the scroll in pieces and throwing it into the fire.

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DISCUSSION

But fire cannot destroy the Word of God. It may hinder God's move, but it cannot stop what God plans to do. When God's anger is turned toward a people, the King's disdain cannot move God. Repentance and obedience are what move God.

Because of Jeremiah's steadfastness to God's assignment to him, he would not allow the King's action to stop him. He dictated again to his secretary, Baruch, but this time he added more than what was on the first scroll.

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CONCLUSION

The Book of Jeremiah was written for three reasons: 1) to provide an enduring record of Jeremiah's prophetic ministry and his message, 2) to reveal God's plan of judgment for His people when they broke the covenant and continued to rebel against His Word, and 3) to demonstrate the authenticity and authority of the prophetic Word.

Jeremiah lived to see many of his prophecies fulfilled during his lifetime. Some were fulfilled later, and many are yet to be fulfilled. Some of his prophecies seem to be timeless because they are relevant in this season.

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**God loves His children so much that He
sends warnings before destruction.**

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Isaiah's Prophecy to God's People