

Jeremiah

(Name means: Jehovah throws or Jehovah establishes, appoints, or sends)

Summary:

One of the longest books in the Bible, spans the reign of 4 kings over a period of about 40 years. Jeremiah saw the downfall of Judah and the exile of God's people. This caused him so much sorrow that he was referred to as the weeping prophet. Judah sinned greatly against God and Jeremiah was called to announce the rightness of that judgment. He brought the message of rejection to God's people but also issued a call of repentance so that there situation could be reversed. Jeremiah dictated his prophecies to a scribe named Baruch. Although Jeremiah's life was threatened and he was in prison because of what he was saying, he refused to recant his messages or back away from the claim that he was speaking on behalf of God. The book is not in chronological order.

Author and Date: Jeremiah. 627-580 b.c.

Audience/Setting: Judah (the southern kingdom) and its capital city, Jerusalem). During the period of the last 5 kings of Judah (Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah. 626-586 BC

Purpose: Urge God's people to turn from their sins and back to God.

Key People: Jeremiah, Judah's 5 Kings (listed above)

References

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