

JEREMIAH

THE WEeping PROPHET

persevering Prophet



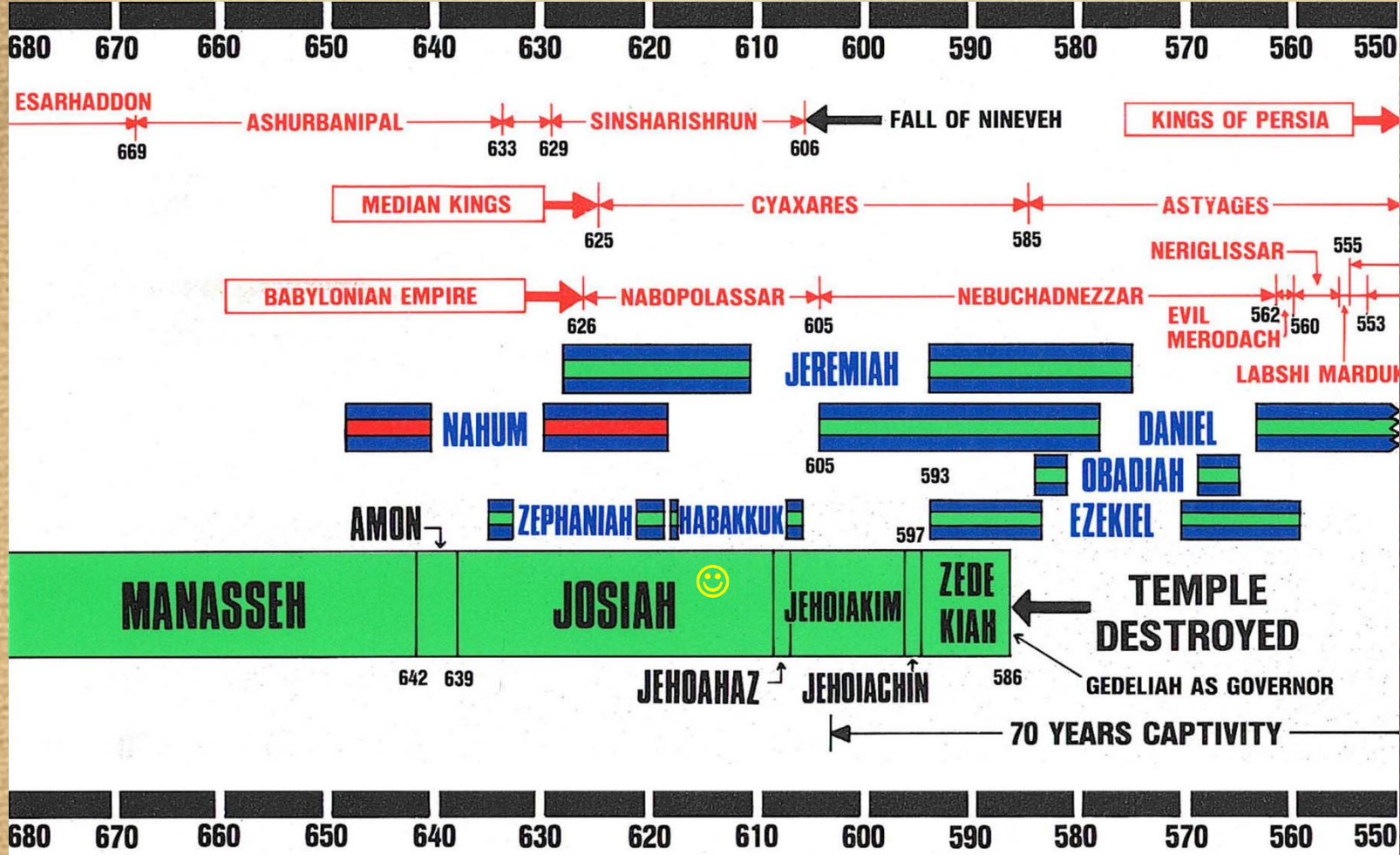
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Theme

***THE THEME OF
JEREMIAH IS GOD'S
JUDGMENT ON
UNREPENTANT JUDAH
FOR UNFAITHFULNESS
TO GOD AND HIS
COVENANT.***





JEREMIAH – “YAHWEH ESTABLISHES”

PROBABLE DATE FOR BOOK
AFTER ~560 B.C.



Audience: Judah

Historical Setting:

Jeremiah ministered in the kingdom of Judah during the reigns of the last five kings of Judah. Jeremiah would have witnessed such events as the revival under Josiah, the captivity of Daniel, the deportation of Jehoiachin and ten thousand Judeans, the siege of Jerusalem, and the burning of the temple. Prophets contemporary with Jeremiah include Zephaniah and Habakkuk in Judah, and Ezekiel and Daniel in Babylon.

Purpose

The book records the warnings, rebukes, and exhortations of Jeremiah to the unrepentant people of Judah. The book is intended to show the exiles the reasons for their captivity and to encourage them with promises of restoration.

Theology

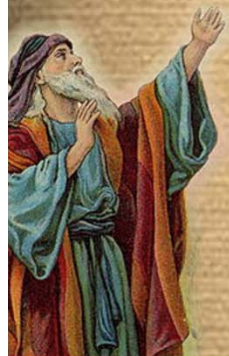
Jeremiah makes a distinctive contribution to OT theology with his promise of the New Covenant (Jer. 31:31-34). The New Covenant amplifies and confirms the blessing promises of the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12:1-3).

KEY PHRASES AND SYMBOLS

1. “Sword, famine and plague” 15x
14:12; 21:7,9; 24:10; 27:8,13;
2. A ruined and useless belt (13:1-11)
3. A smashed clay jar (19:1-12)
4. A yoke of straps and crossbars (Ch 27)
5. Large stones in brick pavement (43:8-13)
6. Do not marry and have children (16:1-4)
7. Do not enter / funeral meal / feasting (16:5-9)
8. Buy a field in Anathoth (32:6-15)
9. Potters clay (18:1-10)
10. Baskets of figs (Ch 24)



THE CHRONOLOGICAL LIFE LINE OF JEREMIAH ...



I. THE LIFE OF JEREMIAH		Jehoiakim's contempt for the Word of God Jeremiah's key messages during this period were:	
Dates	Events	References	
640-609 B.C.	THE REIGN OF JOSIAH		
627 B.C.	Jeremiah's call and commissioning		Jer. 36:9-13
627-609 B.C.	Most of the prophecies of chapter 2-20 were delivered during the reign of Josiah. Jeremiah saw Josiah's reforms as inadequate to prevent judgment. His key messages were:	2 Ki. 22:1-23:30	Jer. 23:9-40 Jer. 25:8-11 Jer. 7:1-8:3
	1. God's people have forsaken Him.	Jer. 1:4-19	Jer. 35:6-16
	2. The nation has been unresponsive to God's chastening.	Jer. 2:6; 8:4-20:18	2 Ki. 24:8-18
	3. Judah will be judged because of her apostasy.	Jer. 2:13	2 Ki. 24:17-25:21
	4. Judah, though judged, will not be forsaken by God.	Jer. 2:30	Jer. 24:1-10 Jer. 29:1-23
	5. The nation is unresponsive to God's call to repentance.	Jer. 4:6-7, 5:19 Jer. 5:10, 18	Jer. 27:1-12; 28:1-17
	6. Through the exile God will make Judah into a useful vessel.	Jer. 6:10, 18	Jer. 21:1-14
	7. Jerusalem faces death, desolation & cannibalism.	Jer. 18:4, 11	Jer. 34:8-22; 37:1-5 37:11-21
609 B.C.	During this period of Jeremiah's ministry he faced opposition and persecution.	Jer. 19:1-9	Jer. 32:1-15 Jer. 38:1-13 Jer. 38:14-28
609 B.C.	Jeremiah laments the death of Josiah.	Jer. 11:18-12:6; 20:1-2	Jer. 39:1-7; 52:5-11
609-597 B.C.	THE REIGN OF JEHOIAHAZ	2 Chr. 35:25	Jer. 39:14
609 B.C.	THE REIGN OF JEHOIAKIM Jehoiakim was deposed by Pharaoh Necho and Jehoiakim was placed on the throne as an Egyptian vassal. Egypt began its period of domination over Palestine (609-605)	2 Ki. 23:31-35	Jer. 39:8-10; 52:12-27 Jer. 40:7-12
605 B.C.	Jeremiah's "Temple Sermon"	2 Ki. 23:34-24:7	Jer. 40:13-41:3; 42:1-43:7
	Jeremiah's arrest, condemnation and acquittal	Jer. 7:1-8:3	Jer. 52:30; 40:7-41:18
	Egypt's defeat by Babylon at the Battle of Carchemish, and Jeremiah's prophecy of the 70 year Babylonian captivity.	Jer. 25:1-14	
	Jeremiah prepares a written record of his prophecies	Jer. 36:1-8	

OUTLINE OF JEREMIAH

LEVEL

I
A

A Prophecies of Judgment against Jerusalem (Chs 1-25)

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B Narratives holding out hope for the future (Chs 26-36)

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B* Narratives regarding the Fall of Jerusalem (Chs 37-45)

2C

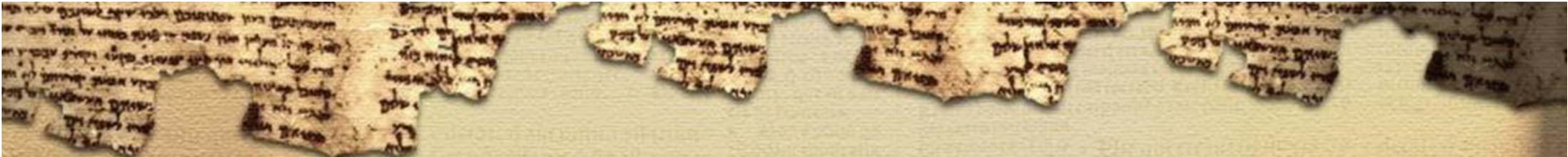
A* Prophecies of Judgment against the Nations (Chs 46-51)

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V. Epilogue (Chs 52)

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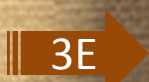





I. PROPHECIES OF JUDGMENT AGAINST JERUSALEM (CHS 1-25)

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- A. Introduction (1:1-19)  3A
- B. Oracles against Judah's Idolatry (2:1-6:30)  3B
- C. More Oracles against Idolatry (7:1-10:25)  3C
- D. The Broken Covenant (11:1-13:27)  3D
- E. Yahweh's Rejection of His People (14:1-17:27)  3E
- F. Symbols and Laments (18:1-20:18)  3F
- G. Judgment against Israel's Leaders (21:1-24:10)  3G
- H. Judgment against the Nations (25:1-38)  3H





I.A INTRODUCTION (1:1-19)

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3
A

1. Jeremiah's historical setting (1:1-3)
2. Jeremiah's call and message (1:4-16)
3. God's promised protection of Jeremiah (1:17-19)



J.B ORACLES AGAINST JUDAH'S IDOLATRY (2:1-6:30)

LEVEL

3

B

1. Israel has been a faithless spouse (2:1-3:5)
2. Israel can and should repent (3:6-4:4)
3. Disaster is coming (4:5-31)
4. Judah's unwillingness to repent and its consequences (5:1-31)
5. God has rejected his people (6:1-30)



TEL ARAD – SOUTHERN JUDAH

NEGEV

SEA OF GALILEE

ISRAEL

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

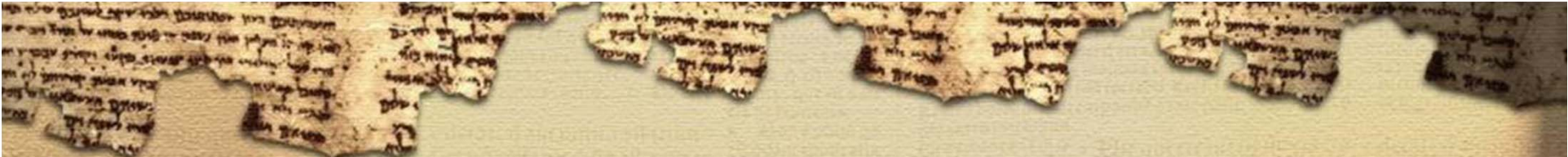
DEAD SEA

Beersheeba

Arad

Negev





TEL ARAD – MINI TEMPLE

This
Temple
had a full
court
yard with
an altar



TEL ARAD – HOLY OF HOLIES

Idolatry
within
the
Southern
temple



J.C MORE ORACLES AGAINST IDOLATRY (7:1-10:25)

LEVEL

3

C

1. Judah's improper reliance on the temple (7:1-8:3)
2. Judah rejects God's Torah (8:4-17)
3. Judah lives deceitfully (8:18-9:9)
4. Judah grieves Jeremiah (9:10-26)
5. Judah engages in idolatry (10:1-16)
6. Judah will go into exile (10:17-25)



1.D THE BROKEN COVENANT (11:1-13:27)

LEVEL

3

D

1. The First Oracle (11:1-17)
2. The People are Judged for their plot against Jeremiah (11:18-23)
3. Jeremiah's renewed complaint (12:1-4)
4. God's answer (12:5-17)
5. The Loincloth (13:1-14)
6. Jeremiah's appeal to the people (13:15-23)
7. Answer in terms of the unfaithful wife (13:24-27)



J.E YAHWEH'S REJECTION OF HIS PEOPLE (14:1-17:27)

LEVEL

3

E

1. Yahweh announces judgment and Jeremiah Prays (14:1-15:9,11-14)
2. Jeremiah laments and Yahweh responds (15:10-11,15-16:9)
3. Jeremiah commissioned to proclaim both judgment and hope (16:10-20)
4. Following another Oracle of Judgment Jeremiah Laments (16:21-17:18)
5. Oracle announcing judgment for breaking the Sabbath (17:19-27)





J.F SYMBOLS AND LAMENTS (18:1-20:18)

LEVEL

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1. Symbol of the potter (18:1-7)
2. Jeremiah Laments (18:18-23)
3. Symbol of Broken clay Pot (19:1-15)
4. Jeremiah is beaten (20:1-3)
5. Jeremiah laments, and announces judgment (20:4-18)



THE TURNING POINT

Jeremiah 18:6–8 (ESV) ⁶“O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

⁷If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it.



Jeremiah 19:3–4 (ESV)

³You shall say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing such disaster upon this place that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle.

⁴Because the people have forsaken me and have profaned this place by making offerings in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers nor the kings of Judah have known; and because they have filled this place with the blood of innocents,

Jeremiah 19:10–11 (ESV)

¹⁰“Then you shall break the flask in the sight of the men who go with you,

¹¹and shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: So will I break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter’s vessel, so that it can never be mended. Men shall bury in Topheth because there will be no place else to bury.





REFERENCE TO TOPHETH



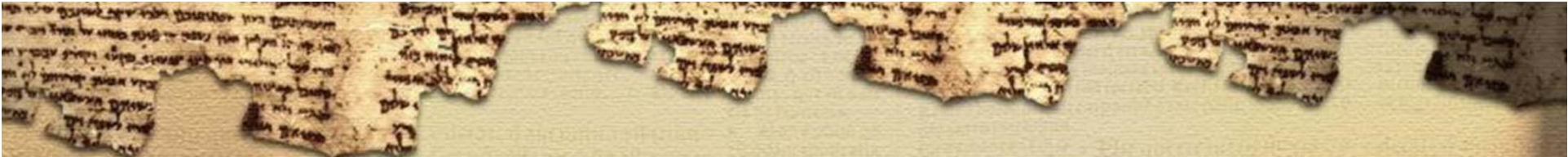
J.G JUDGMENT AGAINST ISRAEL'S LEADERS (21:1-24:10)

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1. Warning to the people (21:1-14)
2. Judgment of Sinful Kings (22:1-22:30)
3. Condemnation of False Prophets
(23:1-23:32)
4. The burden of the Lord (23:33-40)
5. The good and bad figs (42:1-24:10)





I.H JUDGMENT AGAINST THE NATIONS (25:1-38)

LEVEL

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H

1. 70 years in exile (25:1-14)
2. God's cup of wrath (25:15-29)
3. Judgment on the whole world (25:30-38)



II NARRATIVES HOLDING OUT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE (CHS 26-36)

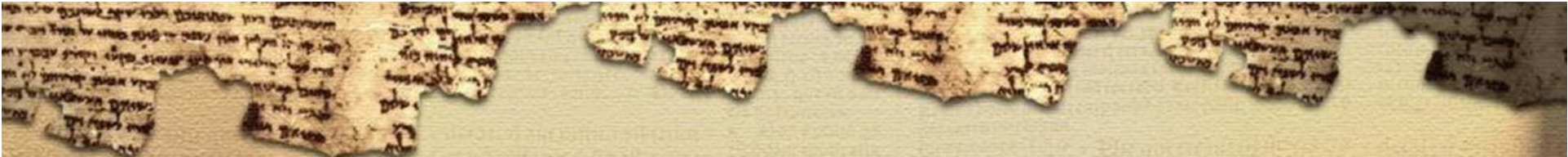
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- A. Reaction to Jeremiah's Temple Sermon (26:1-24) 3I
- B. Jeremiah and the False Prophets (27:1-29:32) 3J
- C. Promised Restoration and a New Covenant (30:1-33:26) 3K
- D. Zedekiah, Jehoiokim & Jeremiah's Scroll (34:1-36:32) 3L





II.A REACTION TO JEREMIAH'S TEMPLE SERMON (26:1-24)

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1. The Temple Sermon (26:1-6)
2. Jeremiah seized (26:7-9)
3. The Trial (26:10-15)
4. Jeremiah Released (26:16-19)
5. The prophet Uriah (26:20-26)



II.B JEREMIAH AND THE FALSE PROPHETS (27:1 – 29:32)

LEVEL

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J

1. The sign of the yoke to the nations (27:1-11)
2. The Sign to Judah's Leaders and People (27:12-22)
3. Hananiah's false prophecy (28:1-17)
4. Jeremiah's letter(s) (29:1-32)
 - a. To the Exiles – 70 years. (29:1-15)
 - b. To those in Jerusalem – to be handed over to Babylon (29:16-23)
 - c. To Shemaiah – God will punish (29:24-32)



II.C PROMISED RESTORATION AND A NEW COVENANT (30:1-33:26)

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K

1. God will restore the nation (30:1-26)
2. God's people will be brought home (31:1-30)
3. God will make a **new Covenant** with the people (31:31-40)
4. God will bring Israel back to the promised land (32:1-44)
5. God will honor the Davidic covenant (33:1-26)





THE NEW COVENANT

During the Passover meal on the night before His death, Jesus passed the cup and said, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood” (Lk. 22:20; 1Cor 11:25)

The Basis:

The New Covenant amplifies and confirms the promise of blessing made by God to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 (Ezek 16:60). God said, “And I will bless you ... and so you shall be a blessing ... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” This unconditional promise of God for Abraham and, through His descendants to the world, has its realization in the New Covenant.





THE INAUGURATION.

The major Old Testament text on the New Covenant, Jeremiah 31:31-34, is expounded on in Heb. 8:6-13. There the writer of Hebrews declares that the New Covenant “has been enacted” (perfect tense). It is in force and was inaugurated at Christ’s death (Heb. 9:16-18).

The Mosaic Covenant had been broken by Israel and would be replaced with a new and better one.





THE PROVISIONS

Ezek 36:25-28; Jer 31:31-34; Isa 55:3, 61:8-9;

- 1. Implanting God's law on minds and hearts 33a**
- 2. Renewed relationship with God 33b**
- 3. Universal knowledge of God 34a**
- 4. Final forgiveness of sin 34b**
- 5. Empowerment for godly living ezek. 36:27**





THE PARTICIPANTS

1. With Israel only

The NC is said to be made with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah” (Jer. 31:31) on this basis some have suggested that the NC is with the Jewish people only.

2. Two New Covenants

Others have suggested that there are two New Covenants – One for Israel and the other for the church.

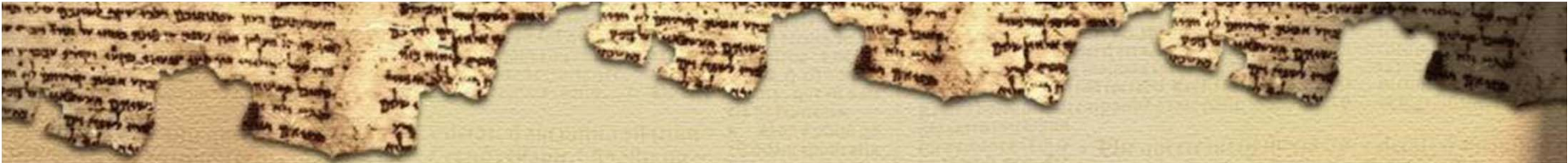
3. One Covenant with two applications

Yet others have implied that the NC is for Israel, but the blessings of the Covenant may be appropriated by the church.

4. One New Covenant for all people of God

The New Testament reveals that God has a future for ethnic Israel. The specificity of the promises in Gen 12:1-3, Deut 30:1-10 and 2 Sam 7:12-16 imply this. Yet in the body of Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile (Gal 3:28). Paul declares that believing Gentiles are heirs to the promises God made with Abraham (Gal. 3:14,29; Rom. 4:16)





Participation in the New Covenant by faith enables believing Gentiles to share in the rich spiritual heritage of the people of Israel (Gen. 12:3). Those who were once “separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” have been “brought near” by the blood of Christ (Eph 2:12-13). As a result, believing Gentiles are no longer strangers and aliens, but “fellow-citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household” (Eph 2:19). Together, believing Jews and Believing Gentiles are one people of God.



II.D ZEDEKIAH, JEHOIOKIM & JEREMIAH'S SCROLL (34:1-36:32)


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L

1. Judah's unfaithfulness (34:1-22)
2. The Rechabites faithfulness (35:1-19)
3. Jeremiah's Scroll
 - a. Scroll written and read at Temple (36:1-18)
 - b. Jehoiakim burns scroll (36:19-26)
 - c. Jeremiah dictates another scroll (36:27-32)





III. NARRATIVES REGARDING THE FALL OF JERUSALEM (CHS 37-45)

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C

A. Jeremiah and Court Politics
(37:1-38:28)

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B. Jeremiah and the Fall of Jerusalem
(39:1-41:18)

3N →

C. Jeremiah and the Flight to Egypt
(42:1-45:5)

3P →





III.A JEREMIAH AND COURT POLITICS (37:1-38:28)

LEVEL

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M

1. Jeremiah and King Zedekiah (37:1-21)
2. Jeremiah rescued by Ebed-melech (38:1-28)





III.B JEREMIAH AND THE FALL OF JERUSALEM (39:1-41:18)

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N

1. Jeremiah's fate at the fall of Jerusalem (39:1-18)
2. Post-fall Judah and Governor Gedaliah (40:1-41:18)





III.C JEREMIAH AND THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT (42:1-45:5)

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P

1. Jeremiah asked to go to Egypt (42:1-22)
2. Jeremiah's counsel and God's word rejected (43:1-44:30)
3. God's Word to the scribe Baruch (45:1-5)





IV. PROPHECIES OF JUDGMENT AGAINST THE NATIONS (CHS 46-51)

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D

- A. The Doom of Egypt (46:1-28)
- B. The Doom of Judah's Neighbors
(47:1-49:39)
- C. The Doom of Babylon (50:1-51:64)



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IV.B THE DOOM OF JUDAH'S NEIGHBORS (47:1-49:39)

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1. The Philistines [S] (47:1-7)
2. Moab [E] (48:1-47)
3. The Ammonites [E] (49:1-6)
4. Edom [E] (49:7-22)
5. Damascus [NE] (49:23-27)
6. Kedar and Hazor [NE] (49:28-33)
7. Elam [NE] (49:34-39)





V. EPILOGUE (CHS 52)

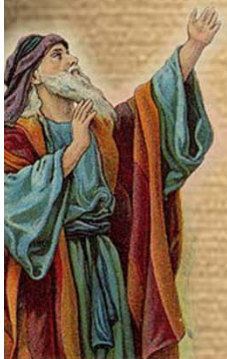
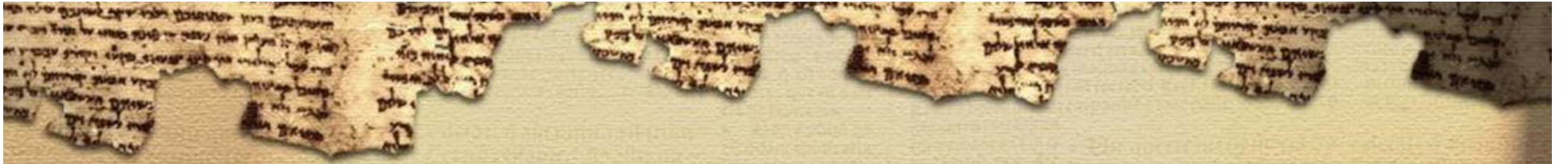
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E

- A. Jerusalem's fall and Zedekiah's blinding (52:1-11)
- B. The destruction of the temple (52:12-23)
- C. The exiling of the people (52:24-30)
- D. The continuation of the Davidic lineage (52:31-34)







MEMORABLE VERSES

Jeremiah 2:12–13 (ESV) ¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, ¹³for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 7:4 (ESV) ⁴Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’

Jeremiah 9:23–24 (ESV) ²³Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”



MEMORABLE VERSES (CONT)

Jeremiah 10:6–7 (ESV) ⁶There is none like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is great in might. ⁷Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.

Jeremiah 13:23 (ESV) ²³Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then also you can do good who are accustomed to do evil.

Jeremiah 20:13 (ESV) ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV) ¹³You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 30:7, 22 (ESV) ⁷Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it. ²²And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”



MEMORABLE VERSES (CONT)

Jeremiah 31:31–34 (ESV) ³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Jeremiah 33:3–4 (ESV) ³Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.



