

# *Jeremiah 1-25*

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**FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
11:00 PASTOR'S CLASS  
FALL, 2019**

## **Introduction**

This class will study the prophecy of Jeremiah, as he proclaims God's message in the context of Israel's slide into idolatry. We will see the covenant broken by repeated sin and the consequent awful judgment. Yet beyond judgment there is hope for a glorious future restoration both for Israel and for the nations.

Our hope and prayer is that this class will provide you with a better knowledge of the Bible and a deeper love for Christ and his people. Please attempt to answer the week's questions before the class. Being prepared will allow you and others to participate more effectively in the discussions, bringing everyone to a greater level of understanding of God's Word and a deepened fellowship.

## **Commentary**

The commentary we will be using is *The Message of Jeremiah: Against Wind and Tide (Bible Speaks Today)*. A limited supply will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis. It is suggested that you purchase your commentary, which is available from a variety of online vendors.

## **Recommendations for Table Discussion**

There will be some who are more eager to share around the table than others. Please be respectful and kind as the discussion unfolds, recognizing there are varying levels of Biblical proficiency and levels of comfort in sharing. Your table hosts are wonderful brothers and sisters who are there to love and support you, and will do their best to foster a safe, welcoming environment that is profitable and edifying for everyone present.

## **Thank you**

Thank you for spending the time to take this class, and for contributing to the fellowship and mutual learning around your table. Our hope is that the effort you put into this class will be rewarded many times over in your daily Christian walk and in the years to come.

***Schedule—11:00 Pastor's Class***  
***Jeremiah 1-25—Fall, 2019***

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
1	8-Sep	Jeremiah 1
2	15-Sep	Jeremiah 2:1—3:5
3	22-Sep	Jeremiah 3:6—4:31
4	29-Sep	Jeremiah 5 & 6
5	6-Oct	Jeremiah 7:1—8:3
6	13-Oct	Jeremiah 8:4—9:22
7	20-Oct	Jeremiah 9:23—10:25
8	27-Oct	Jeremiah 11 & 12
9	3-Nov	Jeremiah 13
10	10-Nov	Jeremiah 14 & 15
11	17-Nov	Jeremiah 16:1—17:18
12	24-Nov	Jeremiah 17:19—18:23
13	1-Dec	Jeremiah 19 & 20
14	8-Dec	Jeremiah 21:1—23:8
15	15-Dec	Jeremiah 23:9—25:38

**September 8—Week 1 ..... Jeremiah 1**

1. What did God require from Jeremiah and what did he promise him? How does this apply to us?
2. What does verse 5 have to say to the abortion issue of our day?
3. What is the divine interpretation of the two visions which Jeremiah saw?
4. What aspects of God's character and activity are brought before us in this chapter?



**September 22—Week 3.....Jeremiah 3:6—4:31**

1. What is the offense of the nation in the eyes of God?
2. What does God offer to the offending people and on what conditions?
3. What is meant by “break up your fallow ground,” and how does this speak to the process of restoration?
4. A vivid picture is drawn of an approaching invader in 4:5-31. What place does the invader have in the purposes of God?

**September 29—Week 4..... Jeremiah 5 & 6**

1. For what sins has God brought the approaching judgment upon his people?
2. How is Judah's response to God's word and his messengers similar to that of our society?
3. If the Lord is always willing to pardon, why does judgment appear inevitable?
4. What do the events outlined in this passage teach concerning the kindness and severity of God?



**October 13—Week 6.....Jeremiah 8:4—9:22**

1. What specific charges does God level against his people in these chapters, and how present are these today?
2. In 8:20 we probably have a proverbial saying expressing the thought that it is too late. In what ways do we understand this to provoke Jeremiah's pain?
3. What are the effects of sin manifest in the nation's morale and prosperity?
4. Contrast the false peace offered by prophets and priests to Jeremiah's anguish. What leads Jeremiah to continue pleading?

**October 20—Week 7.....Jeremiah 9:23—10:25**

1. In what ways does 9:23-24 provide a contrast between the motivations of the world with those of believers?
2. What does this passage list as the characteristics of the idols of the heathen?
3. What does this passage teach about the character of the living God?
4. What do the closing verses of chapter 10 challenge the believer to think about?

**October 27—Week 8..... Jeremiah 11 & 12**

*These chapters fall into three sections: 11:1-17—outlines Judah's stubborn idolatry and breaking of the covenant; 11:18-12:6—a complaint of the prophet because of plots against his life; 12:7-17—God's answer to his questionings, which seems to refer to the attacks of surrounding peoples.*

1. What are the elements of 'this covenant' (11:2)? What was God's part, and what was the people's part?
2. What did Jeremiah do with his perplexities and what answer did he receive? What does this answer of God imply?
3. In what sense can Jeremiah be described as Christ-like?
4. What remarkable promise is made to the nations by the Lord, and on what conditions?

**November 3—Week 9 ..... Jeremiah 13**

1. What is the purpose of the incident of the waistcloth?
2. How can the images used to describe the coming judgment speak to our generation?
3. What is the national sin that produces such anguish in the prophet?
4. Why, in the face of such severe judgment, is there a lack of serious repentance?





**November 24—Week 12 ..... Jeremiah 17:19—18:23**

1. The opening verses of this passage outline the issue between God and his people. How was the question of obedience set before the nation? (17:19-27)
2. How does the illustration of the potter help explain what appears to be the failure of God's purposes in light of the inevitable destruction of the kingdom?
3. What can explain the refusal of the people to believe that the present order of things would be destroyed?
4. What is the course for faithfulness as a spokesman for the Lord (18:13-23)?
5. What elements of faithfulness qualify Jeremiah as a spokesman for the Lord (18:13-23)?

**December 1—Week 13 ..... Jeremiah 19 & 20**

1. What reward comes to Jeremiah as a consequence of his faithfulness?
2. How do we explain Jeremiah's bitter lament, while at the same time his confidence in the assurance of God's protection?
3. How do we account for the prophet's ability to sing the praise of God while experiencing the depth of sorrow that is recorded here?
4. Why does God allow Jeremiah to experience loneliness, hardship and suffering as he speaks God's word?

**December 8 -Week 14 ..... Jeremiah 21:1—23:8**

*These chapters refer in turn to the last five Kings of Judah: Josiah—(22-5-16); Jehoahaz or Shallum—(22:10-12); Jehoiakim—(22:13-19), Jehoiachin or Coniah—(22:24-30); and Zedekiah (chapter 21).*

1. Zedekiah's hope was that God would work a miracle as he had done in the days of Hezekiah. What was Jeremiah's answer?
2. How does Jeremiah's answer help us to understand the nature of unanswered prayer?
3. Why did Jeremiah condemn injustice and outrage?
4. In response to the situation created by the failure of Judah's rulers, what does God say he will do?

**December 15—Week 15.....Jeremiah 23:9—25:38**

1. What does Jeremiah say concerning the conduct, moral character, religious life, worship and ministry of the prophets of his day? How does this inform our qualification for those who are called to speak in the name of the Lord?
2. Who are the good prophets and who are the bad, and what are their respective destinies?
3. What responsibilities are accorded to those with this special privilege?
4. The supreme factor in history for the Hebrew is the activity of the eternal God. How is that illustrated in these verses?