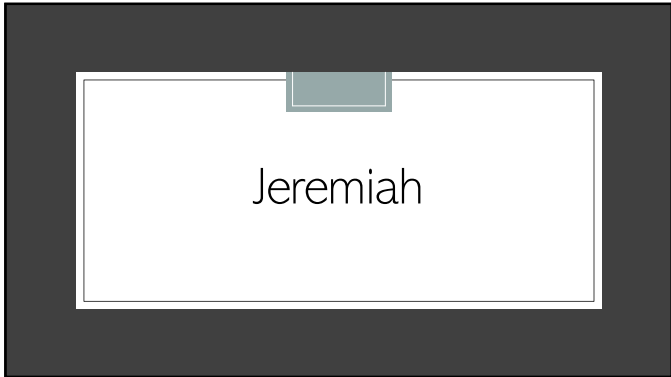


1



2



3

Introduction to Jeremiah

Title

- ✓ Hebrew = *Yirmiyahu* (ירמיהו); “Yahweh will throw down” or “Yahweh will exalt”; 1:10; 31:28
- ✓ Greek = *Ieremias* (ΙΕΡΕΜΙΑΣ; “Jeremiah”)

4

Introduction to Jeremiah

WHO—Authorship

- ✓ Jeremiah (1:1; 51:60, 64), the son of Hilkiyah (the one who found Deuteronomy; hence Jeremiah’s emphasis on Jeremiah)
- ✓ Through Baruch, his scribe (36:1–4; 45:1–5)

WHO—Audience

- ✓ Judah and all those who are being exiled by Babylon

5

Introduction to Jeremiah

WHEN

- ✓ At the close of Jeremiah’s ministry in 586 BC
- ✓ Dates of the Events: 627 BC to 586 BC
- ✓ Spans most of the lifetime of Jeremiah (20 to 61 years old)

6

Introduction to Jeremiah

WHERE

- ✓ Perhaps Anathoth, Jerusalem, and Egypt
- ✓ Jeremiah witnesses the exile
- ✓ Weeping Prophet
- ✓ God Is Faithful **because** of the Exile, not in Spite of It

7

Introduction to Jeremiah

WHY

To call Judah to submit their hearts to the unyielding hand of God who is planning to uproot, tear down, destroy, and overthrow them at the hands of Babylon because of their countless violations of the Law of God. They must repent of their rebellion and trust that God has a plan in exile to one day bring them back to rebuild and replant them in the land under a New Covenant with a new heart.

8

Introduction to Jeremiah

HOW—Themes

- ✓ Sovereignty of Yahweh
- ✓ Sin and Judgement
- ✓ False Prophets
- ✓ Persecution and Complaints of Jeremiah

9

Comparisons between Jeremiah and Jesus

- ✓ Similar Historical Settings
- ✓ Jerusalem about to Fall
- ✓ Temple soon to be Destroyed
- ✓ Formalism in Worship
- ✓ Both Had a Message for a People They Loved
- ✓ Both Wept over Jerusalem (Jer 9:1; Luke 19:41)
- ✓ Both Condemned the Commercialism of Temple Worship (Jer 7:11; Matt 21:13)

10

Comparisons between Jeremiah and Jesus

- ✓ Both Accused of Political Treason
- ✓ Both Were Tried, Persecuted, and Imprisoned
- ✓ Both Foretold the Temple's Destruction (Jer 7:14; Mark 13:2)
- ✓ Both Were Rejected by their People (Jer 12:6; John 1:11)
- ✓ Both Were Tenderhearted
- ✓ Both Knew Loneliness
- ✓ Both Enjoyed Unusual Fellowship with God

Jesus plays a Jeremiah-like role to warn Israel of a repeating of exile coming under Rome if they don't repent

11

Introduction to Jeremiah

HOW—Themes

- ✓ Sovereignty of Yahweh
- ✓ Sin and Judgement
- ✓ False Prophets
- ✓ Persecution and Complaints of Jeremiah
- ✓ Future Restoration of Judah/Israel
- ✓ Future Restoration of the Nations
- ✓ Priestly Covenant
- ✓ The New Covenant

12

Introduction to Jeremiah

HOW—Terminology

- ✓ Turn Away, Turn Back, Repent (3:1, 6, 7 (2x), 8, 10, 11, 12 (2x), 14 (2x), 19, 22 (3x); 4:1 (2x), 8, 28; 5:3, 6, 9; 8:4 (2x), 5 (3x), 6; 12:15 (2x); 14:3, 7; etc.)
- ✓ Heart (3:10, 16, 17; 4:4, 9 (2x), 14, 18, 19; 5:21, 23, 24; 7:31; 9:14; 11:8; 12:11; 13:10, 22; 14:14; 17:1, 5, 9, 10; etc.)
- ✓ Covenant (3:16; 11:2, 3, 6, 8, 10; 14:21; 22:9; 31:31, 32 (2x), 33; 32:40; 33:20 (2x), 21, 25; 34:8, 10, 13, 15, 18; 50:5)

13

Introduction to Jeremiah

HOW—Terminology

- ✓ Uproot (1:10; 12:14 (2x), 15, 17 (2x); 18:7, 14; 24:6; 31:28, 40; 42:10; 45:4)
- ✓ Tear Down (1:10; 4:26; 18:7; 31:28; 33:4; 39:8; 52:14)
- ✓ Destroy (1:10; 4:9; 6:21; 7:28; 9:12; 10:15; 12:17; 15:7; 18:7, 18; 23:1; 25:10; 25:35; 27:10, 15; 31:28; 40:15; 46:8; 48:8, 36, 46; 49:7, 38; 50:6; 51:18; 51:55)
- ✓ Overthrow (1:10; 24:6; 31:28; 31:40; 42:10; 45:4; 50:15)
- ✓ Build, Rebuild (1:10; 7:31; 12:16; 18:9; 19:5; 22:13, 14; 24:6; 29:5; 30:18; 31:4 (2x), 28, 38; 32:31, 35; 33:7; 35:7, 9; 42:10; 45:4; 52:4)
- ✓ Plant, Replant (1:10; 2:21; 11:17; 12:2; 18:9; 24:6; 29:5, 28; 31:5, 28; 32:41; 35:7; 42:10; 45:4)

14

Introduction to Jeremiah

HOW—Literary Structure

- ✓ Introduction: Exile Promised (1:1–10)
- ✓ Images of Judah's **Uprooting** and **Tearing Down** (1:11 – 20:18)
- ✓ Instrument of **Destruction** and **Overthrowing**:
Nebuchadnezzar (21:1 – 29:32)
- ✓ **Rebuilding** and **Replanting** (30:1 – 33:26)
- ✓ **Destruction** and **Overthrowing** Executed (34:1 – 44:30)
- ✓ Global **Uprooting** and **Tearing Down** (45:1 – 51:64)
- ✓ Conclusion: Exile Actualized (52:1–34)

These sections are centered around the book's thematic verse in 1:10, "to *uproot* and to *tear down* and to *destroy* and to *overthrow*, to *rebuild* and to *replant*." Each section contains a central verse or set of verses alluding to these terms (1:10; 12:2, 14–17; 24:6; 31:28; 42:10; 45:4; 52:4, 14).

15



16
