

# Jeremiah



**Declaring God's Truth In an  
Age of Apostasy**

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## Introduction:

### Observation:

Reading the Book of Jeremiah in order to gain information.

### Interpretation:

Determining the context in which the Book of Jeremiah was written in order to correctly interpret what is being recorded.

### Application:

- Book of Jeremiah has many applications. We will be examining the Book of Jeremiah concerning the preaching of God's Word in our age of apostasy.
- Jeremiah is quoted or referred to about forty times in the New Testament.
- The purpose of this material is to make applications concerning the end-time apostasy we are experiencing today.

***“The LORD said unto me...thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.”***

(Jeremiah1:7)



# “Words”

Jeremiah 1:1-5,

1 **The words of Jeremiah** ...”

- **“Word”** - 98x - Jeremiah.
- **“Words”** - 83x - Jeremiah.
- **“Speak”** - 36x - Jeremiah.
- **Phrase, “the words of”** - 174x - Bible.

# “Words of Jeremiah”

Jeremiah 1:1-5,

1 **The words of Jeremiah** the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

**Choose Carefully**

**Who We Listen To!**

- \* **“False Prophets”** - 21x - Bible
- \* **“Deceive”** - 4x Matthew 24

**What We Say!**

- **Matthew 12:37,**  
“For by **thy words** thou shalt be justified, and by **thy words** thou shalt be condemned.”

# “Word of The Lord”

2 **To whom the word of the LORD came** in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

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.

**Phrase “the word of the Lord”**  
- 52x in the Book of Jeremiah  
**Jeremiah 1:7,**  
*“...whatsoever I command thee thou shalt **speak**”*

- **Publicly Communicate.**
  - Silence isn’t always golden sometimes it is just plain yellow!
  - Silence gives consent.
  - **“Contend** for the faith.”
  - **NOT** contentious!

**Ephesians 4:1,** **“Saints** at Ephesus.”

*“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that **ye** walk worthy of the **vocation** (calling 10x) wherewith **ye** are **called,**”*

Called - Our age of apostasy

## What Jeremiah Said:

### Jeremiah 1:6-8,

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

### Jeremiah 4:19,

- "I cannot hold my peace."
- "**Speak**" 36x - Jeremiah

## What The Lord Said:

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**.

Phrase, "**the LORD said**" - 219x - Bible.

- \* **Send Me?**
- \* **Speak** - "Whatsoever" - God commands?

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

- \* **Translated:**
  - \* "**Presence**" - 76x
  - \* "**Person**" - 21x
- \* **Strong's Concordance:**
  - \* "Used in a great variety of applications including **anger**."

\* **Opposition:** →

### Jeremiah 10:19,

*"Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous; but I said, Truly this is a grief, and **I must bear it.**"*

### Jeremiah 17:23,

*"They obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but **made their neck stiff**, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction."*

### Jeremiah 11:19,

*"... **let us cut him off from the land** of the living, that his name may be no more remembered."*

### Jeremiah 12:6,

*"...For **even thy brethren**, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee."*

## Jeremiah's Persecution:

- “Smite Him With The Tongue” ————— **Jeremiah 18:18,**  
*“Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices **against Jeremiah**;...Come, and **let us smite him with the tongue**, and **let us not give heed to any of his words.**”*
- “Put Him In The Stocks” ————— **Jeremiah 20:2,**  
*“Then Pashur **smote Jeremiah** the prophet, and **put him in the stocks.**”*
- “Thou Shalt Surely Die” ————— **Jeremiah 26:8,**  
*“Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that **the priests** and **the prophets** and all **the people** took him, saying, **Thou shalt surely die.**”*
- “Put Him In Prison” ————— **Jeremiah 37:15,**  
*“Wherefore **the princes were wroth with Jeremiah**, and **smote him**, and **put him in prison** in the house of Jonathan the scribe:”*
- “Let This Man Be Put To Death” ——— **Jeremiah 38:4,**  
*“Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, **let this man be put to death**...for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.”*
- “Jeremiah Sunk In The Mire” ————— **Jeremiah 38:6,**  
*“Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon...and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: **so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.**”*

**Jeremiah 1:9,**

“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.**”

**\* Deuteronomy 18:18,**

\* “I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and **will put my words in his mouth;** and he shall speak unto them **all** that I shall command him.”

**\* Acts 20:27,**

\* “I have not shunned to declare unto you **all** the counsel of God.”

**Paul** →

**Jeremiah 1:10,**

“See, I have this day **set thee** over the nations and over the kingdoms, to **root out**, and to **pull down**, and *charge some that they teach no other doctrine,* to **destroy**, and to **throw down**, to **build**, and to **plant.**”

**\* Jeremiah 1:10,**

\* “**Set thee** over the nations and over the kingdoms,”

**\* Jeremiah 6:27,**

\* “I have **set thee** for a tower and a fortress **among my people,** that thou mayest know and try their way.”

**\* Don't Leave The Tap Running!**



**\* John 2:15,**

\* “He “...poured out the changers' money.”

**\* Jesus** →

**\* Not a program to increase attendance!**

**\* Pastor** →

**\* First Timothy 1:3,**

\* “...charge some that they teach no other doctrine,”

## Coming Judgment Revealed To Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 1:11-16, ←

### “Therefore”

Jeremiah 1:17-19,

“17 Thou **therefore** gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them **all that I command thee**: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

### “Against”

18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls **against** the whole land, **against** the kings of Judah, **against** the princes thereof, **against** the priests thereof, and **against** the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight **against** thee; but they shall not prevail **against** thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

→ **“Against”** - 181x - Jeremiah.  
**“Against”** - 1,667 - Bible.

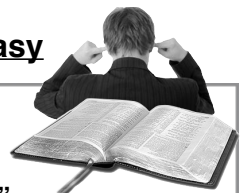
### “In The Ears of...”

Jeremiah 2:1-2,

1 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 **Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem**, saying, **Thus saith the LORD; I remember** thee, the **kindness** of thy youth, the **love** of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

**Apostasy**



→ **“The ears of”** - 42x - Bible

- **Genesis 50:4**, - “Pharaoh.”
- **Exodus 11:2**, - “The people.”
- **Exodus 17:14**, - “Joshua”
- **Deuteronomy 31:30**, - “the congregation”
- **First Samuel 3:11**, - “Every one.”
- **Second Samuel 3:19**, - “David.”
- **Proverbs 23:9**, - “A fool.”
- **Jeremiah 2:2**, - **“Jerusalem.”**

## “Israel Was...”

**Changed**

**Jeremiah 2:3-4,**

3 **Israel was holiness** unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

4 **Hear ye the word of the LORD,** O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

### **Why The Change?**

**Jeremiah 2:5-7,**

5 Thus saith the LORD, **What iniquity have your fathers found in me,** that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

6 **Neither said they, Where is the LORD** that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

7 And **I brought you into a plentiful country,** to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, **ye defiled my land,** and made mine heritage an abomination.

### **Why?**

\* **Jeremiah 2:36,**

\* **“Why** gaddest thou about so much to change thy way?”

\* **Jeremiah 8:5,**

\* **“Why** then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding?”

\* **Jeremiah 8:19,**

\* **“Why** have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?”

\* **Jeremiah 46:15,**

\* **“Why** are thy valiant men swept away?”



## The Problem!

### Priests - Pastors - Prophets

#### Jeremiah 2:8,

“The **priests** said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: **the pastors also transgressed against me,** and **the prophets prophesied by Baal,** and walked after things that do not profit.”

## The Pleading

#### Jeremiah 2:9,

“Wherefore I will yet **plead** with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I **plead.**”

## The Pleading

#### Jeremiah 2:12-13,

12 **Be astonished,** O ye heavens, at this, and **be** horribly afraid, **be** ye very desolate, saith the LORD.

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have **forsaken me** the fountain of living waters, and **hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns,** that can hold no water.

#### \* Translated:

- \* “**Desolate**” - 49x
- \* “**Desolation**” - 7x
- \* “**Waste**” - 5x

#### \* Jeremiah 20:4,

\* “I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of **Babylon**, and he shall carry them captive into **Babylon**, and shall slay them with the sword.”

#### \* Babylon Mentioned:

- \* **161x** in Jeremiah

## **Spiritual Immorality:**

20"... thou saidst, I will not transgress... **thou wanderest, playing the harlot.**

## **"A Strange Vine"**

21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art **thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?**

26 **As the thief** is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, **their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets.**

## **"Time of Trouble"**

27 "...in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

28 **But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble:** for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

29 **Wherefore will ye plead with me?** ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.

## **"Days Without Number"**

32...**my people have forgotten me days without number.**

33 **Why** trimmest thou thy way to seek love?..."

\* **Jeremiah 7:16,**

\* "...neither make intercession to me: for **I will not hear thee.**"

\* **Jeremiah 11:14,**

\* "**I will not hear** them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble."

\* **Jeremiah 14:12,**

\* "When they fast, **I will not hear** their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, **I will not accept them:** but **I will consume them by the sword,** and by the famine, and by the pestilence."

\* **Babylon Mentioned:**

\* **161x** in Jeremiah

\* **Isaiah 1:15,**

\* "And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, **I will not hear...**"

\* **Amos 5:23,**

\* "Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for **I will not hear** the melody of thy viols"

## **“I Am Innocent”**

35 **Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me.** Behold, I will plead with thee, because **thou sayest, I have not sinned.**

36 **Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way?** thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and **thou shalt not prosper** in them.