

**Lesson 1**  
**Jeremiah's Call and Commission**  
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**Questions**

1. Who was Jeremiah, where was he from, and when did he prophesy (1:1-3)?
  
2. What did the Lord call Jeremiah to do (1:4-5)?
  
3. How did Jeremiah respond to the Lord's call (1:6)?
  
4. How did the Lord respond to Jeremiah (1:7-10)?
  
5. What vision did the Lord show Jeremiah and what was its meaning (1:11-12)?
  
6. What additional vision did the Lord show Jeremiah and what was its meaning (1:13-15)?
  
7. Why did the Lord bring judgment upon Judah and Jerusalem (1:16)?
  
8. What did the Lord tell Jeremiah to do and not to do concerning his call to be a prophet and what promise did the Lord give him (1:17-19)?

**Digging Deeper**

1. What does the name "Jeremiah" mean, who was Hilkiah, and where was Anathoth located (1:1)? What did Jeremiah do for Josiah (2 Chron. 35:25)?

2. When did the following kings of Judah reign:

**Josiah** (1:2-3; 3:6; 22:11, 18; 25:1, 3; 26:1; 27:1; 35:1; 36:1-2, 9; 37:1; 45:1; 46:2; see also 2 K. 21:24, 26; 22:1 – 23:30; 2 Chron. 33:25; 34:1 – 36:1)?

**Jehoahaz**, also known as Shallum (Jer. 22:11; see also 2 K. 23:30-31; 2 Chron. 36:1)?

**Jehoiakim**, formerly Eliakim (Jer. 1:3; 22:18, 22:24; 24:1; 25:1; 26:1, 21-23; 27:1; 27:20; 28:4; 35:1; 36:1, 9, 28, 29; 36:30, 32; 37:1; 45:1; 46:2; 52:2; see also 2 K. 23:34-36; 24:1, 5-6, 19; 2 Chron. 36:4-5, 8; Dan. 1:1-2)?

**Jehoiachin**, also known as Jeconiah or Coniah (Jer. 22:24, 28; 24:1; 27:20; 28:4; 29:2; 37:1; 52:31, 33; see also 2 K. 24:6, 8, 12, 15, 17; 25:27, 29; 2 Chron. 36:8-9; Ezek. 1:2; Esther 2:6)?

**Zedekiah**, formerly Mattaniah (1:3; 21:1, 3, 7; 24:8; 27:3, 12; 28:1; 29:21-22; 32:1, 3-5; 34:2, 4, 6, 8, 21; 36:12; 37:1, 3, 17-18, 21; 38:5, 14-17, 19, 24; 39:1-2, 4-7; 44:30; 49:34; 51:59; 52:1, 3, 5, 8, 10-11; see also 2 K. 24:17-18, 20; 25:2, 7; 2 Chron. 36:10-11)?

3. Who were the sons of Josiah, and who was his grandson, who reigned as kings (1 Chron. 3:15-16)?

4. What are the approximate dates of the following references in Jeremiah: 1:2; 1:3; 25:1; 25:3; 27:1; 28:1-3, 11; 28:16-17; 32:1; 36:1; 36:9, 22; 39:1; 39:2; 41:1; 45:1; 46:2; 51:59; 52:1; 52:4; 52:5; 52:6; 52:12; 52:28; 52:29; 52:30; 52:31?

5. Who was the “minor prophet” contemporary with Jeremiah who preached to the people of Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Josiah (Zeph. 1:1)? What did this prophet say about the idolatry that was committed at this time (Zeph. 1:4-6)?

6. Where in the books of 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles is the history of Jeremiah's time period found?
7. What kings of this time period are in the genealogy of Jesus (Mt. 1:10-11)?
8. What OT prophecy was fulfilled in the days of Josiah (1 K. 13:2; 2 K. 23:15-16)? What OT prophecy of Jeremiah was fulfilled in the first year of Cyrus (Jer. 25:11-12; 29:10; 2 Chron. 36:20-23; Ezra 1:1; Dan. 9:2)? What words of Jeremiah were fulfilled at the beginning and the end of Jesus' earthly life (Mt. 2:17-18; 27:9)?
9. What nation "out of the north" did the Lord use to judge and conquer Judah (1:14-15)?

### **Applications for Today**

1. When the Lord calls us to serve, obey (1:4-5; 2 Thess. 2:14).
2. Don't make excuses for not doing what the Lord wants you to do (1:6-7; Ex. 3:13 – 4:17; Mt. 22:1-14; Lk. 14:15-24).
3. We must go to whomever God wants us to go, and say whatever God wants said (1:7; Acts 8:4).
4. Do not fear to do what the Lord wants you to say and do. Be strong and bold in the face of opposition (1:8-9, 17-18; Mt. 10:28; Eph. 6:19; Phil. 1:27-28; 2 Tim. 1:7).
5. Sometimes speaking God's word to others involves tearing down what is wrong and building up what is right (1:10; Acts 20:20, 27; 2 Tim. 3:16; 4:2).
6. The Lord's word will always be performed (1:11-12; 2 Chron. 6:10; Neh. 9:8; Isa. 44:26; Jer. 28:6; 29:10; 33:14; Ezek. 12:25, 28).
7. The Lord will judge his people for their wickedness (1:13-16; Isa. 11:4; Lk. 19:22).
8. The Lord is with his people when they go out to proclaim his word (1:19; Mt. 28:20).