



JEREMIAH

THE BRANCH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - CHAPTERS 23&24

CHRONOLOGY OF JEREMIAH

- The chronology of Jeremiah is at most times confusing and requires one to pay careful attention to context and rely heavily on the associated history given in The Book of Kings and the Chronicle of the Kings.
- This chart helps to arrange most of Jeremiah chronologically.

CHRONOLOGICAL ARRANGEMENT OF JEREMIAH'S PROPHECIES

Date:	Jeremiah:	Criterion for assignment:	Notes:
I. JOSIAH (639-608 B.C.)			
626	1	#1, 1:2 and 25:3, 13th yr of Josiah	Oct. 627-Oct. 626 B.C.
	2-6	#2, 5:16-17a, 6:22-24; #4, 3:6, Josiah	Scythian raids, 628-626
626-621	7-10	#5, 7:18, 31, heaven-goddess: #6	Idolatry, pre-621
621	11:1-8	#2, 11:3, 6, Josiah's reform	Covenant, II Kgs 23:2
620-608	11:9-13:17	#3, 11:10, post-621 disillusionment; #6	Josiah's reform cools, 11:9
	14-20	#5, 14:13, 20:7-8, false assurance	Still peacetime, 14:13
II. JEHOIAKIM (608-598)			
608	22:1-19	#2, 22:10; #4, v. 18; #5, v. 4 hopeful	Josiah dead, Jehoahaz
	26	#4, 26:1, beginning of the reign	exiled, Jehoiakim king
604	36:1-8	#1, 36:1, Baruch writes Jer, 1st ed.	The 21 chapters to date
	25	#1, 25:1, 1st of Nebu.-Apr. 604-3	4th of J.-Oct. 605-4
	46-51 (ex 49:34-9)	#2, 46:2, post-Carchemish, 605; #3:	LXX has at 25:13
	45	#1, 45:1, after B's 1st writing, 4th yr	But before reading it, 36:9
	36:9-22	#1, 36:9, 22, 5th yr, 9th mo.-Dec. 604	2nd ed. adds 9 chs. more
600	35	#2, 35:11, danger; #4, 35:1, J-kim	Syrians, II Kgs 24:2
III. JEHOIACHIN (Dec. 598 - March 597)			
598-597	22:20-30	#4, 22:24, reign of Coniah	C=Jehoiachin
	13:18-27	#2, 13:18, queen mother=22:26	13:20 parallels 22:22
IV. ZEDEKIAH (597-586)			
597	23-24	#2, 24:1; #5, 23:2, same exile as 24	Soon after Jeconiah's
	29-31	#2, 29:2, same; #5-6, 30:3 follows	carrying away, March 97
	49:34-39	#4, 49:34, beginning of the reign	Accession yr, pre-Oct.
593	27-28	#1, 28:1, #4, 27:3, 12 (vs. 27:1), Zed; #5	LXX om 27:1 (MT crpt)
	51:59-64	#1, 51:59, 4th yr of Zedekiah	Supplement, on Babylon
588	34:1-10	#2, 34:7, siege, Jan. 15, 588, on	Dated 39:1, 52:4
	21	#2, 21:4, siege; #3, Jer. still free	34:4-5 before 21:5
	34:11-22	#2, 34:22, Nebuchadrezzar leaves	Reenslavement, 34:10-11
	37	#2, 37:5, N. leaves; #3, 37:15, 21	Jer. 1st imprisoned
587	32-33	#1, 32:1, 18th yr of N. Apr. 587-6	J in prison, 32:2, 33:1
586	38	#3, 38:28, down to Jerusalem's fall	So near end of siege
	39:15-18	#3, 39:16, a response to Ebed-Melech	Result of 38:7-13
	39:1-14	#1, 39:2, city fell July 19, 586	Cf. 52:5-7
V. GEDALIAH and after (July 586 B.C. and on)			
586	40-43:6	#1, 41:1, 7th month, Gedaliah dead	Month began Oct. 7
	43:7—ch. 44	#3, 43:7, cf 42:7, 10 days later	In Egypt
Post-561	52	#2, 52:30, after 582, v. 31, after 561	52 not by Jeremiah, 51:64

WOE TO CORRUPT SHEPHERDS

- What had the shepherds been guilty of that the Lord pronounced upon them?
 - Scattering the sheep, driving them away and destroying them.

TRUE SHEPHERDS WOULD BE PREPARED FOR THE REMNANT WHO WOULD RETURN

- From where would the remnant of the flock be gathered?
 - Out of all the countries where they had been driven by the Lord

THE DAYS ARE COMING WHEN THE BRANCH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE SET UP

- What would the name of the branch of righteousness be?
- The LORD our righteousness
- NOTICE - LORD is capitalized = YHWH. The LORD is sending One that is of HIMSELF.



JEREMIAH'S HEART IS BROKEN BECAUSE OF FALSE PROPHETS

- Why did Jeremiah say the land mourns?
 - Because of the curse
 - The curse that was promised by breaking the covenant their fathers made with the LORD - Deuteronomy 27&28
- How are the prophets of Jerusalem described in verse 14?
 - Adulterers, liars, Sodomites

THE PROPHETS WILL DRINK POISONOUS WATER, AND EAT WORMWOOD

- What did the Lord accuse the prophets of in verse 15?
 - Polluting the land!

DO NOT LISTEN TO THESE PROPHETS, THEY SPEAK THEIR OWN HEART

- What was the message of these false prophets?
 - "The Lord has said..."
 - "You will have peace"
 - "Calamity will not come upon you"

YHWH IS AGAINST THEM

- What had the prophets done that the Lord was against?
 - Stole God's words from each other
 - Use their tongues to declare "the Lord declares..."
 - Prophesied false dreams
 - Related the false dreams and led The People astray by falsehoods and reckless boasting

THE ORACLE OF THE LORD WAS NOT TO BE SPOKEN ANYMORE IN THE MIDST

- What was Jeremiah to answer no more? Why?
 - The questions:
 - “What is the oracle of the LORD?”
 - “What has the LORD answered?”
- Why - Because every man's own word will become the oracle, and they have perverted the words of the living God.

TWO BASKETS OF FIGS

- What did Jeremiah see in the two baskets?
- Very good - like first ripe - figs and very bad rotten figs



THE GOOD FIGS ARE THOSE CARRIED AWAY FROM JUDAH FOR THEIR OWN GOOD

- What would YHWH do for those whom the basket of good figs represented?
- He would set His eyes on them for good, and He would bring them again to this land, and build them up and not overthrow them and plant them and not pluck them up
- He would give them a heart to know HIM. He will be their God and they will be His people.



THE BAD FIGS ARE ZEDEKIAH, HIS PRINCES AND THE RESIDUE OF JERUSALEM

- What would happen to those who were represented by the bad figs?
- YHWH would abandon them
- He would make them a terror and an evil for all kingdoms of the earth as a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse in all places that He scattered them
- He would send the sword, and pestilence, and famine upon them until they are destroyed from the land He gave to them and their forefathers



LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- 23:1-4 - Discuss the significance of shepherds in guiding their flock? Does this have any application to us spiritually?
- 23:5-8 is a messianic prophecy. It has to do with the reign of Christ in heaven. We will discuss the fulfillment of this passage and the significance it has in our lives.
- 23:21 Let us use caution when we listen to ANY man. We ought to search the scriptures to confirm the truth of the message. (Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1)

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- 23:23-24 You CANNOT hide from God! (Hebrews 4:13; Psalms 139:7-12)
- 24:5-7 While the righteous might suffer for a while, in the end we will be blessed by God. Sometimes chastisement and suffering do us good.