

## Jeremiah – Part 1

### The Prophetic Calling of Jeremiah

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a new series of studies on the book of the prophet Jeremiah. Our topic today: The prophetic calling of Jeremiah.

Scripture Theme Song: “For I know the thoughts”  
(Jeremiah 29:11-13)

- 1) The life and times of Jeremiah
  - a) We know more about Jeremiah than any other Hebrew prophet.
  - b) His family background – Jeremiah 1:1-2. What do we learn about Jeremiah from this first verse of his book?
    - i) Priestly family
    - ii) Called to ministry around 627/626 BC.
  - c) What do you know about Judah during the time of King Josiah? 2 Kings 22:1-2; 2 Kings 23:25
- 2) The prophetic calling of Jeremiah – Jer. 1:1-6
  - a) What can we learn about God’s call to Jeremiah from these verses?
  - b) What can we learn about Jeremiah from his response in v. 6?
    - i) He was young
    - ii) He recognized the voice of the LORD
    - iii) He was not proud or overly self-confident
  - c) Compare the reactions of others called to serve as prophets—Exodus 4:10-15; Isaiah 6:5.
  - d) Share your own experience for being called to serve. How did you deal with your own feelings of inadequacy?
- 3) The Assurance of the One who Calls - Jeremiah 1:7-10
  - a) We don’t have a video of this response from the LORD. What evidence do you see that the LORD was patient and kind in His response to the young Jeremiah rather than irritable or frustrated?
  - b) What assurance do you find for your life today from the response of the LORD to Jeremiah?
- 4) Jeremiah’s first vision – Jeremiah 1:11
  - a) What can we learn from the phrase “the word of the LORD came to me”?
    - i) Ezekiel 3:16-17, 7:1-2a, 11:14-15, 12:8-9, 12:21-23.
    - ii) Zechariah 4:8, 6:9
  - b) The content of Jeremiah’s first vision – Jer. 1:11-19
    - i) Isaiah 46:9-10
    - ii) Amos 3:7
    - iii) For what purpose does the LORD God share this revelation of impending judgment?
  - c) What comfort is found in the promise of the LORD recorded in Jeremiah 1:18-19?
  - d) What other promises of Scripture assure us of the Lord’s presence to strengthen and uphold?
    - i) Isaiah 41:10,13; Psalm 23:1,4; Matthew 28:20.
- 5) Discussion question: What important lessons have you learned from the call of the young man Jeremiah?