

January

- 1 Jer. 1 – Jeremiah’s call - What time period did Jeremiah prophecy? When did God call Jeremiah? What does this teach us too? What excuse did Jeremiah try to use? Why doesn’t this work? What promise did God give Jeremiah and to us too? (note v.8 and v.19)
- 2 Jer. 2-3 – God’s people have committed 2 sins – What was the “youth” of God’s people? What are the charges that God brings against His people again? Note the repeated command / Gospel call: “return”! Note: “Baal” = “master / husband”, but what does God say about who is the husband / wife?
- 3 Jer. 4-6 – A lion, wolf and leopard – How does a person “circumcise the heart”? (note the many references to “heart”) Why all the animals? 5:7 “Why should I forgive you?” – what a frightening question! Note: “I will not destroy you completely” (5:10, 18) Note also the continued references to “My people”. How true 6:15 is also for today! (look ahead too at 8:12)
- 4 Jer. 7-10 – Let him who boasts... - Why proclaim at the gate of the Lord’s house? (see also 7:30) What false security did they have? What is the false security of people today? How is the LORD “crushed”? (8:21) 9:23-24 – boast of what? How can this be done?
- 5 Jer. 11 – Broken Covenant! – How serious is breaking a covenant? Does the Sinai covenant still apply today? !!! “I will not listen to them!” (v.11, 14) How does the plot against Jeremiah compare with the plot against Jesus? (note: Anathoth was Jeremiah’s home town! See 1:1)
- 6 Jer. 12 – Complaint and Answer – Is it a sin to complain to the LORD? Do the wicked really “prosper”? (v.1) What does the LORD’s answer teach us today? What does it mean when the LORD calls His people “My inheritance”? (v.8, 9, 14, 15)
- 7 Jer. 13 – Object lessons – What is the message of the linen belt? (see v.11) What is the message of the wine skins? (v. 13-14) What continued message was Jeremiah commanded to proclaim? (v.19) – No wonder he is called “the weeping prophet”!
- 8 Jer. 14-15 – Drought, famine, sword – Why does Jeremiah pray, “do something for the sake of Your name”? (14:7, 9, 21; 15:16) But what is God’s answer? (14:11; 15:1, 6) Again, when Jeremiah complains, what does the LORD promise? (15:20-21) How does this apply to us today?
- 9 Jer. 16 – 17:18 – Cursed... Blessed... What restriction does the LORD place? Why these restrictions? What is the promise? (16:15, 21) Who is cursed? (17:5-6) Who is blessed? (17:7-8) Again, “the heart”, 17:9 (review ch. 4).
- 10 Jer. 17:19-27 – Sabbath holiness – Again, “stand at the gate” (review ch. 7) How were they to “keep the Sabbath day”? What about today? (see Small Catechism: “do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.”)

- 11 Jer. 18-19 – Potter’s object lesson – What is the message of the potter? What examples today do we have of “prophets” “smashing a jar that can’t be repaired”? What reaction do people have today for those who proclaim this same message?
- 12 Jer. 20 – Persecuted by Pashur – Who was Pashur? Why was his opposition so serious for Jeremiah? Why did Jeremiah give him a different name? Again, Jeremiah complains! (Do you blame him?) But also note v.11-13 – but again v.14-18 (sounds like Job!)
- 13 Jer. 21-22 – Judgment on the kings – What message did Jeremiah have for his king? How does 21:8 also speak boldly to every generation and especially to our nation today? Note the “woe” in ch. 22! How does this also apply to today? What a terrifying message 22:24-30! What does this have to do with the covenant to David?
- 14 Jer. 23-24 – The Righteous Branch – Why “woe to the shepherds”? Why a “righteous branch”? What “days” are coming? See 23:28 for those still today who have “dreams”. See also 23:36. What is the message of the 2 baskets of figs?
- 15 Jer. 25-26 – 70 years of captivity – What is the result of “you have not listened”? Note the Garden of Gethsemane with 25:15. How long had Jeremiah been prophecying? (25:3) What does Jeremiah get for his faithfulness? (ch. 26) How did God’s Word through Micah save Jeremiah’s life?
- 16 Jer. 27-29 – I know the plans I have for you – What was the message of “the yoke”? What do we learn about false prophets from Hananiah? What is the gracious promise from the letter to the exiles (29:11-13)?
- 17 Jer. 30-31 – Restoration promised - What “days are coming”? (note the Gospel message!) Note 30:22 and 31:1 – what a different message from much of the previous chapters! With 31:15 see also Matt. 2:16-18. Yes – Gospel in 31:31-34!
- 18 Jer. 32-33 – Purchase, Prayer and Promise - Why would Jeremiah buy a field? With Jeremiah’s prayer, note the many references to the Sinai covenant (Ex. 19-20). Note the Gospel also in 32:37-41 and 33:8, 15-17.
- 19 Jer. 34-35 – “Freedom” God’s way – what is so important with the difference of freedom from Zedekiah and from God? What kind of “freedom” does God proclaim to them? (34:17!) What was the lesson of the Recabites?
- 20 Jer. 36 – God’s Word cannot be destroyed – What outrageous thing did king Jehoiakim do? What was the promise from God? (36:3, 7) How is this like Moses at Mt. Sinai? What was the result for Jehoiakim?
- 21 Jer. 37-38 – Jeremiah imprisoned – What hard message did Jeremiah tell the king? What false accusation did he endure? Why did it take 30 men to lift Jeremiah out of the cistern? Why did the king want to talk to Jeremiah again? What did Jeremiah say?
- 22 Jer. 39 – The Fall of Jerusalem – What did God allow the Babylonians to do? Why? How did God protect Jeremiah? How did God also protect Ebed-Melech?

- 23 Jer. 40-41 – Jeremiah taken to Egypt - What amazing thing did the commander of the guard say to Jeremiah? Why would it have happened to Gedaliah? Why did God let this happen?
- 24 Jer. 42-43 – Stay in Judah! – What is so ironic about the request of the army officers? (see again 40:9-10) What was the vain promise they made? Why was Jeremiah told to bury large stones?
- 25 Jer. 44-45 – Open rebellion – Note the warning against “destroying yourselves” (44:7-8) How is this still true today? How did they demonstrate open rebellion? Woe – what was the oath that God made? (44:26-27) What was the message to Baruch?
- 26 Jer. 46-47 – Curses on Egypt & Philistia - What is the warning to these nations? What is the promise to Judah? (46:27-28)
- 27 Jer. 48-49 – Curses on Moab, Ammon, Edom - What is the warning to these nations? What promise does the LORD also give? (Note the message concerning Edom is very much like the book of Obadiah – especially the animals.)
- 28 Jer. 50-51 – Curses on Babylon - What covenant promises are in these chapters? (see 50:4, 6, 20, 34; 51:5, 12) Note also the prophecy of the fall of Babylon! What was the message of the object lesson at the end of ch. 51?
- 29 Jer. 52 – Captivity and future assurance - (since the words of Jeremiah end with 51:64 – whose words are these? Note – almost verbatim with 2 Kgs. 24:18- 25:21, 27-30) What is the purpose and message of this final chapter?
- 30 Lam. 1-2 – Sin’s consequences - Why is there “none to comfort her”? Where is Jesus foretold in these verses? Where is God’s righteous wrath also described in these verses? How does 2:15 point to Jesus?
- 31 Lam. 3-5 – The Lord’s great love – Note 3:22-23 – Gracious words in the midst of “lamentations”! Why is it “good to wait quietly”? Why is it so hard to do? What verses did Jesus literally fulfill? Since we read this on the Reformation – how do these verses speak about this world-changing time in the 1500’s? Does this book of the Bible end with despair or hope?