

The Prophet Jeremiah

Introduction – Chapter 3

Author

Who does Jewish and Christian tradition identify as the author of the book of Jeremiah?

Date

When was the book written?

Place in the Canon

Where is the book of Jeremiah located in the canon?

Structure

What is the structure of the book?

Literary Background

What two forms does the book of Jeremiah exist in?

The Prophet and His Times

What is the historical milieu in which Jeremiah lived and ministered?

The Message of the Prophet

What are the main messages spoken by Jeremiah?

Christian Perspective

Does the life of Jeremiah foreshadow that of Jesus Christ?

Read 1:1-3 What is Jeremiah's family structure? (Note 1:1-3)

Where is Anathoth located? (Note 1:1)

Who is Jehoiakim? (Note 1:3)

Read 1:4-7 What is meant by the verse "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you"? (Note 1:5)

How does Jeremiah initially react to the call by God? (Note 1:6)

Read 1:9-10 Does Jeremiah and Isaiah share similar stories? (Note 1:9)

What is the meaning of “pluck up.... Plant”? (Note 1:10)

Read 1:13-15 What evil will break forth from the north? (Note 1:14)

Read 1:16-19 Will Jeremiah’s message be readily received? (Note 1:19)

What does chapter 2 address? (Note 2:1-37)

Read 2:3 What are first fruits? (Note 2:3)

Read 2:12-13 What is the meaning of the term “cisterns”? (Note 2:13)

Read 2:14-19 Does Jeremiah endorse political alliances? (Note 2:16)

Read 2:20-22 Does Israel break the covenant? (Note 2:20)

Read 2:26-28 What are pagan cult objects? (Note 2:27)

Read 2:33-37 Does the political alliance with Egypt prove to be successful? (Note 2:36)

Read 3:6-11 Do both the Northern Kingdom and the Southern Kingdom embrace the same culture of sin? (Note 3:6-11)

Read 2:15-18 What happened to the ark of the covenant? (Note 3:16)

What is the vision of the messianic future? (Note 3:17)