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# Journey through the Bible



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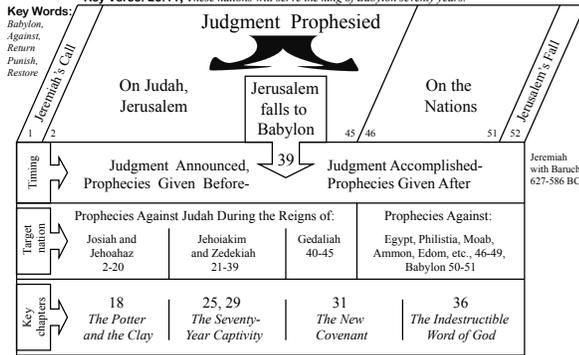
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## Jeremiah: 70-Year Captivity To Babylon Is Coming!

Key Verse: 25:11, *These nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*




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### Jeremiah served the true God!

No one is like You, O LORD; you are great.  
and your name is mighty in power.  
Who should not fear you,  
O King of the nations? This is your due. ...

The LORD is the true God;  
He is the living God, the eternal King. ...

God made the earth by His power;  
He founded the world by His wisdom  
He is the Maker of all things, including Israel.  
(10:12-16)

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### He faithfully followed God!

I know, O LORD,  
that a man's life is not his own;  
it is not for man to direct his steps. (10:23)

#### But, he received death threats!

Because the LORD revealed their plot to me,  
I knew it, for at that time He showed me  
what they were doing. I had been like a  
gentle lamb led to the slaughter, ...

This what the LORD says about those  
who are seeking your life. (11:18-21)

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### **Even his own family betrayed him!**

“If you have raced with men on foot  
and they have worn you out,  
how can you compete with horses?  
If you stumble in safe country, how will you  
manage in the thickets by the Jordan?  
Your relatives, members of your own family—  
even they have betrayed you;  
they have raised a loud cry against you.  
Do not trust them, though they speak well of you.  
(12:5–6)

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### **His life & ministry were bitter-sweet!**

When your words came, I ate them  
they were my joy and my delight, ...  
I never sat in the company of revelers,  
never made merry with them;  
I sat alone because your hand was heavy on  
me and you had filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain unending and my wound  
grievous and in curable?  
You are to me like a deceptive brook,  
like a spring that fails. (15:17-18)

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### **Denied the joy of marriage & family**

Then the word of the LORD came to me,  
“You must not marry and have  
sons and daughters in this place.”  
  
“Do not enter house where there is a funeral  
meal; do not go to mourn or show sympathy,  
because I have withdrawn my blessing, my  
love, and my pity from this place.”  
(16:1-5)

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### **He preached under great duress!**

I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me.  
Whenever I speak, I cry out  
proclaiming violence and destruction.  
So the word of the LORD has brought me  
insult and reproach all day long.  
But if I say, “I will not mention Him  
or speak anymore in His name,”  
His word is in my heart like a fire,  
a fire shut up in my bones.  
I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.”  
(20:7-10)

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### **Jeremiah was beaten & imprisoned**

The Officials were angry with Jeremiah and had him beaten and imprisoned. ... He was put into a vaulted cell in a dungeon, where he remained for a long time. (37:14-16) ...

Then the officials said to the king, "This man should be put to death. He is discouraging all the people." ... They took Jeremiah and lowered him by ropes into a cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud. (38:4-6)

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### **But, his prophecies were fulfilled!**

All Judah will be carried into exile, carried completely away. (14:19)

This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. (25:11)

But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt." (25:12)

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### **He also predicted Christ's coming!**

"The days are coming," declares the LORD,  
"when I will raise up for David  
a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely  
and do what is just and right in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:  
The LORD Our Righteous Savior. (33:14)

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### **God's plan was/is good for Israel**

"When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD. "and will bring you back from captivity." (29:10-14)

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**But, there will be “future tribulation”**

How awful that day will be!  
No other will be like it.  
It will be a time of trouble for Jacob,  
but he will be saved out of it. (Jer. 30:7)

**Jesus warned of this “tribulation”**

“How dreadful it will be in those days... For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.”  
(Matthew 24:19-21)

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**After that Israel will serve Christ!**

In that day, declares the LORD Almighty,  
“I will break the yoke off their necks  
and will tear off their bonds;  
no longer will foreigners enslave them.  
Instead, they will serve the LORD their God  
and David their king,  
whom I will raise up for them.

So you will be my people,  
and I will be your God.” (30:8-9, 22)

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**God will at that time redeem Israel**

“At that time,” declares the LORD!  
“The people who survive the sword  
will find favor in the desert;  
I will come to give rest to Israel.  
See, I will bring them from the land of the north  
and gather them from the ends of the earth.  
He who scattered Israel will gather them  
and watch over his flock like a shepherd  
For the LORD will ransom Jacob  
and redeem them ....” (31:1-17)

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**Salvation will yet come to Israel**

“The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers ...

This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.... I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” (31:31-34)

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### **Essentials of the New Covenant**

- ☆ It follows Israel's return to the land (31:8-10)
- ☆ It includes Israel's redemption (31:11-14)
- ☆ It includes both Israel and Judah. (31:31)
- ☆ It is universal (they shall all know Me)
- ☆ It is an internal covenant (on their heart)
- ☆ It is permanent, everlasting (32:35-37)
- ☆ It is fulfilled in/thru Christ (Hebrews 8:6-13)

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### **Christ: mediator of the new covenant**

When Christ came into the world He said, ...  
"Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10:8-10).

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### **Israel's true "security guarantee"**

This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and the stars by night ... "Only if these decrees vanish from my sight," declares the LORD, will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me. Only if the heavens above can be measured and the fountains of the earth below searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done. (31:36-37)

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### **The future is secure in God's hands!**

I am the LORD, the God of all mankind.  
Is anything too hard for me? (32:26)

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (33:3)

The days are coming when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah, In those days and at that time I will make righteous Branch sprout from David's line. (33:14-15)

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### **But first, the Babylonian exile!**

In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon marched against Jerusalem with his whole army and laid siege to it. ... They set fire to the royal palace and the houses of the people and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. ... carried into exile to Babylon the people who remained in the city, (39:1, 8–9).

“All this happened because you people sinned against the LORD and did not obey him.” (40:3)

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### **Cause and consequence of exile!**

“You saw the great disaster I brought on Jerusalem and on all the towns of Judah. Today they lie deserted and in ruins because of the evil they have done. They aroused my anger by burning incense to and worshiping other gods that neither they nor you nor your ancestors ever knew. Again and again I sent my servants the prophets, ... but they did not listen or pay attention; ... Therefore, my fierce anger was poured out; ... and made them the desolate ruins they are today.” (44:2-6)

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### **But that is not the end of the story!**

“In those days, at that time,” declares the LORD, “the people of Israel and the people of Judah together will go in tears to seek the LORD their God. They will ask the way to Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten. (50:4–5)

“In those days search will be made for Israel’s guilt, but there will be none, and for the sins of Judah, but none will be found, for I will forgive the remnant I spare.” (50:20)

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**See you next week!**

**Lamentations**  
**God’s mercies are**  
**new every morning!**



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