

## The Scriptures Summarized / Book 24 – Jeremiah

Just as Isaiah ministered leading up to the [defeat](#) of Samaria and the [deportation](#) of Israelites to [Assyria](#), Jeremiah did the same prior to the [destruction](#) of Jerusalem and the [exile](#) to [Babylon](#) of the remaining Jews. Jeremiah lived nearly [100](#) years after Isaiah. The final [5](#) kings reigned in Judah during his [50](#) year ministry.

Jeremiah was both a [priest](#) and a prophet. He came from the levitical city of [Anathoth](#), just north of Jerusalem. He was set apart by God for a unique ministry from the [womb](#).

**Jeremiah 1:5** "Before I [formed](#) you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I [appointed](#) you as a prophet to the nations."

He declared the Word of God faithfully despite the fact that few besides King Josiah paid [attention](#). He wrote prophetic warnings from God which king Jehoiakim cut up and [burned](#). His wise and godly counsel was ignored by King Zedekiah. He was [persecuted](#), thrown into an empty [cistern](#) as a makeshift [prison](#). He was even [kidnapped](#) and taken against his will to Egypt. His calling was so [difficult](#) that God said [marriage](#) would be unwise.

The nation had a false confidence that the [Temple](#) would protect them.

**Jeremiah 7:9** " 'Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, 10 and then come and stand before me in this [house](#), which bears my Name, and say, "We are safe" – safe to do all these [detestable](#) things?"

Jeremiah once [complained](#) to God about his calling. Here is God's reply.

**Jeremiah 12:5** "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?"

**Jeremiah 18:6** He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.

**Jeremiah 29:10** This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. 11 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."

**Daniel 9:2** in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

**Jeremiah 31:31** "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

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**Matthew 16:13 B** ..."Who do people say the Son of Man is?"<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."