

Women of the Word

“Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me,” declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty. ~Jeremiah 2:19

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” ~Lamentations 3:22-23

Jeremiah, the clear writer of the book of Jeremiah as well as the assumed author of the book Lamentations, is what we know as a “classical prophet.” And his job, as seen throughout the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations was quite honestly – a horrible job. His message was not one that rang with chords of hope or deliverance. He wasn’t chosen to speak before the nation’s highest esteemed men, to share words of blessing or promise. Jeremiah’s job was to rebuke and condemn the entire nation of Israel. His role was to warn of the coming captivity, destruction, and exile that his people would very soon experience. He was to demand repentance and call for justice among a people who had a track record for not responding well to such calls.

In truth, Jeremiah’s calling was difficult. As we will discover in the coming weeks going through Jeremiah’s words, warnings, and rebukes within the book of Jeremiah, as well as his response to such prophecies within the book of Lamentations, Jeremiah’s call from God was not a pleasant one. His calling was not an easy one, and at times it was one that seemed near impossible. Nevertheless, it was one we can all truly learn from. It’s my prayer as we read these books written by such an incredible man that we will be able to see ourselves in the prophet, Jeremiah. Take time to question if you would have the self-denial necessary to pick up such a cross. Would you put yourself in his shoes? Are you willing to walk into hard places where your sovereign God calls you?

General Suggestions & Tips

- Schedule an appointment each day to read God’s Word.
- Begin with prayer and ask the Lord to speak to you through His Word.
- Follow the schedule and read the scripture passage listed.
- Read your Bible with a notebook and pen beside you. Make note of words, phrases, and verses that stand out as you read each day’s passage.

As you read the book of Jeremiah & Lamentations over the next 2 months, ask the Lord to help you grow closer as you study the faithful ministry of the prophet, Jeremiah.

1. What does this passage teach me about God?
2. How is God speaking to me (instruction, call to obey, warning)?
3. Are there specific truths God wants me to apply to my personal walk with Him?

Reading Schedule for the Books of Jeremiah & Lamentations

- May 1 Jeremiah 1:1-19
- May 2 Jeremiah 2:1-37
- May 3 Jeremiah 3:1-25
- May 4 Jeremiah 4:1-31
- May 5 Jeremiah 5:1-31
- May 6 Review Chapters 1–5
- May 7 Jeremiah 6:1-30
- May 8 Jeremiah 7:1-29
- May 9 Jeremiah 7:30 – 8:20
- May 10 Jeremiah 8:21–9:26
- May 11 Jeremiah 10:1-25
- May 12 Review Chapters 6–10
- May 13 Jeremiah 11:1-23
- May 14 Jeremiah 12:1-17
- May 15 Jeremiah 13:1-27
- May 16 Jeremiah 14:1-22
- May 17 Jeremiah 15:1-21
- May 18 Jeremiah 16:1-21
- May 19 Jeremiah 17:1-27
- May 20 Review Chapters 11–17
- May 21 Jeremiah 18:1-23
- May 22 Jeremiah 19:1-15
- May 23 Jeremiah 20:1-18
- May 24 Jeremiah 21:1-14
- May 25 Jeremiah 22:1-30
- May 26 Jeremiah 23:1-40
- May 27 Review Chapters 18–23
- May 28 Jeremiah 24:1-10
- May 29 Jeremiah 25:1-38
- May 30 Jeremiah 26:1-24
- May 31 Jeremiah 27:1-22

Reading Schedule for the Books of Jeremiah & Lamentations

- June 1 Jeremiah 28:1-17
- June 2 Jeremiah 29:1-32
- June 3 Review Chapters 24–29
- June 4 Jeremiah 30:1-24
- June 5 Jeremiah 31:1-40
- June 6 Jeremiah 32:1-44
- June 7 Jeremiah 33:1-26
- June 8 Review Chapters 30–33
- June 9 Jeremiah 34:1–35:19
- June 10 Jeremiah 36:1-32
- June 11 Jeremiah 37:1-21
- June 12 Jeremiah 38:1-28
- June 13 Jeremiah 39:1–40:6
- June 14 Jeremiah 40:7–41:15
- June 15 Jeremiah 41:16–43:13
- June 16 Jeremiah 44:1–45:5
- June 17 Review Chapters 35–45
- June 18 Jeremiah 46:1–47:7
- June 19 Jeremiah 48:1-47
- June 20 Jeremiah 49:1-39
- June 21 Jeremiah 50:1-46
- June 22 Jeremiah 51:1-64
- June 23 Jeremiah 52:1-34
- June 24 Review Chapters 46–52
- June 25 Lamentations 1:1-22
- June 26 Lamentations 2:1-22
- June 27 Lamentations 3:1-24
- June 28 Lamentations 3:25-66
- June 29 Lamentations 4:1-22
- June 30 Lamentations 5:1-22