

Messianic Prophecy #23

The Messianic Message of Jeremiah:**One: A NEW ERA****Jeremiah 1:1-10; 3:14-17**

I. The _____ coming to an end 1:1-3

Why we don't read Jeremiah:

Why we should read Jeremiah:

HISTORY

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Kings of Judah</u>	<u>Major Events</u>
640-609 B.C.	Josiah	Godly Call of Jeremiah (626 B.C.); Fall of Nineveh (612 B.C.); Reformation. Death of Josiah at Megiddo
609 B.C. (3 mos)	Jehoahaz	Wicked
609-598 B.C. (11 yrs)	Jehoiachim	Wicked Battle of Carchemish and Fall of the Assyrian Empire (605 B.C.); 1 st siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar (605 B.C.); 1 st deportation of exiles to Babylon (605 B.C.)
598-597 B.C. (3 mos)	Jehoiachin (Jeconiah)	Wicked
597-586 B.C. (11 yrs)	Zedekiah	Wicked 2 nd and 3 rd deportations (597 B.C., 586 B.C.)
586 B.C.		Fall of Jerusalem; assassination of Gedaliah (governer)

II. The _____ and his ministry of transition 1:1-10

Began his ministry in 626 BC.

After Josiah's death in 609, fewer allies, more rejection, ostracism, persecution as he spoke truths they did *not* want to hear:

- Repent of your evil
- God is on the side of the Babylonians! Do not resist them
- You and Jerusalem will be destroyed

Egs of his personal struggles: 15:18; 20:7, 9
And yet the promise of God: 15:19-20

His fourfold ministry described in **1:10**: 4 negatives:
Uproot Pull down Demolish Throw down

2 positives: **build plant**
Foundation and seeds of a new era of Promise & Hope

III. How radical this _____ will be: 3:14-17

The Faithful Husband's promises:

- A. Godly, wise leaders, not stubborn fools v15
- B. His Presence, vastly better than the Ark v16
- C. A new Jerusalem of Glory, not shame v17

Lessons for us:

1. We are also watching a culture self-destruct
Weep—and hope our God may be pleased to bring revival in answer to our prayers

2. Beware compromises in your own life because the standards around you, even among “Christians”, are so low
eg. Ron Sider *The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience*

3. Be willing to speak the truth fearlessly when you are called to, as Jeremiah, by the same Spirit

4. We too await a New Era, the Final Era when Jesus returns!
Celebrating the First Coming whets our appetite and confirms our faith for the Second Coming

Future messages: C. A new King D. A new Covenant