

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME THREE  
POETS, PROPHETS, AND PROMISES—A SURVEY OF JOB–DANIEL  
JEREMIAH: WEeping, WARNING, AND WAITING  
A SURVEY OF JEREMIAH



### The Heart of the Matter

Jeremiah was not the brightest among the prophets; Isaiah held that distinction. Nor is the book of Jeremiah the most difficult to understand; that award probably goes to the one by Ezekiel. Jeremiah is not even the most influential (that's Daniel) nor the most notorious (Jonah, without a doubt) nor the most to be pitied (hello, Hosea). But of all the prophets, for sure, Jeremiah was the most *heroic*; he was as a “pillar of iron” and “walls of bronze” (Jeremiah 1:18). Consider this: for forty-two years, he stood alone in Judah, preaching, warning, and pleading, trying to awaken the nation about the judgment that would surely come if they didn't turn around. But in all those years, he never *once* saw any sign of encouragement. And when doom finally fell, Jeremiah lived through the whole humiliating experience, writing a brief sequel titled Lamentations. But before we get to the lament, we must first look at the jeremiad—the sad prophecy of doom.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. An Understanding of the Man

Jeremiah was known as and consecrated to be a prophet from before his birth. And when the time was right, God called Jeremiah . . . but he was reluctant to answer the call.

#### 2. A Survey of the Book

Jeremiah ministered during a rebellious and perverted political and religious climate. In obedience to his call, he preached warnings of judgment until Jerusalem finally fell.



### Starting Your Journey

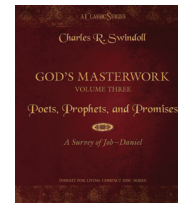
Four lingering lessons emerge from Jeremiah. First, God chooses and uses unlikely people for unbelievable tasks. Second, when God's Word is ignored, serious consequences are inevitable. Third, no amount of carnal pleasure can erase the lonely silence of a disobedient life. Fourth, success is not always the reward of faithfulness; sometimes, the most deserving are the *least* rewarded.



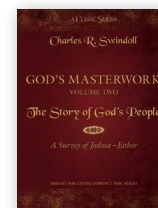
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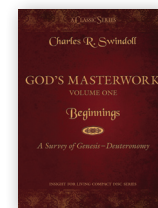
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	<b>Judah's Sin and Judgment</b>	<b>Prophecies against the Nations</b>	<b>A Sobering Ending</b>
	<u>Jeremiah's call</u> <u>Idolatry</u> <u>Corrupt leadership</u> <u>Moral compromise</u>  <i>CHAPTERS</i> <i>1–45</i>	<u>Exhortations to Judah</u> <u>Promises of restoration (30–33)</u> <u>Fall of Jerusalem and aftermath (39–45)</u>  <i>CHAPTERS</i> <i>46–51</i>	<u>Jerusalem in ruins</u>     <i>CHAPTER</i> <i>52</i>
<b>Theme</b>	Judgment is coming; repent!		
<b>Key Verses</b>	7:23–24; 8:11–12, 21; 9:23–24; 31:1–40		
<b>Christ in Jeremiah</b>	The fountain of living waters (2:13); the righteous Branch, the coming Shepherd, the LORD our righteousness (23:4–6); the New Covenant (31:31); Redeemer (50:34)		

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