Bible Story: Jeremiah

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INTRODUCTION

- I honestly and truly believe after 25 years of Bible study that Jeremiah was the second greatest preacher who ever lived.
- The people loved to have priests to do their talking for them. They didn't want to hear a prophet who talked for God to them.

1 His Words as a Burning Fire in My Bones

Jeremiah 20:9; Jeremiah 7

- His words were in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing and could not contain.
- He said, It's God's will that you surrender to Babylon. Your sins have found you out.
- They didn't like that voice crying in the wilderness, incessantly telling them of their ruin.
- As long as that temple stands, nothing's going to happen to us.

2 My People Have Forsaken Me

Jeremiah 2:32; Jeremiah 3:25; Jeremiah 1:9

- Can a maiden forget her ornament or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forsaken me days without number.
- We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covers us. But we have sinned against God. We and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.
- I put my words in your mouth, now you tear down and destroy evil, and then you plant and build.
- You haven't learned a thing by the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel.

3 The Summer Is Ended, the Harvest Is Past

Jeremiah 6; Jeremiah 8:20

- In the day of God's wrath, they won't be there to help you. They don't care for you anyway, like God does.
- While they said, Peace, when there was no peace, war clouds loomed on the horizon, and Babylon was just around the corner.
- Jeremiah warned the people just prior to, and at the beginning of Babylonian captivity, that they needed to turn to God.
- The summer is ended, the harvest is past, and we're not saved.

4 Marred in the Potter's Hand

Jeremiah 18; Jeremiah 19; Jeremiah 23:29

- Don't you know the way of man is not in himself? It is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps.
- The potter represents God. The machine he works with represents the plan of God. Nothing wrong with God or his plan.
- But the vessel representing you and me is marred in the potter's hand because it's impure. It doesn't bend to the potter's will as it ought to.
- Is not his word like a fire and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

5 He Wore a Yoke Around His Neck

Jeremiah 28; Jeremiah 26

- He not only warned of the yoke of bondage, he wore a yoke around his neck.
- A false prophet named Hananiah took the yoke off Jeremiah's neck and broke it in pieces in front of the people.
- Jeremiah turned to Hananiah and said, Hananiah, this year you shall die.
- Why would we kill Jeremiah for saying the same thing Micah did?

6 The New Covenant Written Upon the Heart

Jeremiah 31; Hebrews 8

- Jeremiah 31 is the greatest chapter in that book because it predicts the new covenant.
- A new covenant written upon the heart, given for all men, applied universally and yet individual in its scope.
- And a covenant where sins were not retained but forever forgotten.
- The new covenant of which Christ is the mediator is the fulfillment of Jeremiah's promise and legacy.

MY NOTES