

# Hebrews 11

## JEREMIAH

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### Introduction

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<b>Date:</b>	a. 627 - 586 B.C.
<b>Prophesied:</b>	b. To Judah
<b>Other Places Mentioned:</b>	c. Ezra 1:1; Daniel 9:2 2 Chronicles 36:12, 21, 22; 2x in N.T. as Jeremy, 1x as Jeremias.
<b>Key Message:</b>	d. Repent or else!
<b>Theme</b>	e. Judgment is Coming
<b>Contemporaries</b>	f. Nahum; Zephaniah; Habakkuk; Daniel; Ezekiel.

Jeremiah is most commonly known as the “weeping prophet.” His lamentation over the besieged city of Jerusalem filled his eyes with many tears. Out of all the prophets we see the heart of Jeremiah coming through his message. Truly his eye affected his heart (Lam. 3:51). Jeremiah was the son of Hilkiah the High Priest of Anathoth which was a city allotted to the Levites (Josh. 21:18) inside of Benjamin. Some have suggested that Jeremiah’s father was the same Hilkiah that found the book of the law during the reign of Josiah, king of Judah.

Perhaps Jeremiah thought he would follow in his father’s footsteps as a priest of Anathoth yet the Lord had other plans. The LORD ordained him to be a prophet whilst in his mother’s womb (Jer. 1:5). The service of the priesthood was more predictable and less confronting than the life of a prophet. Yet this man of faith, who at first struggled to embrace his call, was exactly who God was looking for.

#### Lesson Outline

#### **A. Tried Faith**

#### **B. Tested Faith**

#### **C. Triumphant Faith**

*Memory verse: Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.*

*Jeremiah 20:9*

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## **A. Tried Faith**

- a. Jeremiah's faith was tried through the fire of rejection, persecution, imprisonment etc.
  - i. Note some of the following trials he faced:
    1. Death Threats – 11:18-23 (v 20-21, 23)
      - a. The men of Anathoth plotted to kill Jeremiah because of his preaching, yet the Lord revealed it to Jeremiah. The Lord was going to punish them.
    2. Loneliness – 15:15-21 (v17)
      - a. Jeremiah “sat alone...” he did not sit in the assembly of the mockers. He followed the hand of the LORD which led him to a lonely place.
    3. Stocks – 19:14-20:3 (v 1-3)
      - a. Pashur the governor in the temple didn't like Jeremiah's message so he put him in the stocks.
      - b. The stocks were an instrument of torture whereby the prisoner would have his hands, feet and neck fastened in holes and the body would be held in a bent, twisted, and distorted position.
    4. Arrest – 26:7-24 (v8-9)
      - a. The people “took him” and sought to put him to death.
    5. Challenge – 28:10-16
      - a. Hannaniah the prophet challenged the prophecy of Jeremiah, telling the people the yoke of bondage would be broken.
    6. Destruction – 36:1-32 (v26-27)
      - a. Jehoiakim destroyed the writing of Jeremiah and tried to capture him.
    7. Violence and Imprisonment – 37:15
      - a. Jeremiah was beaten and thrown into the dungeon many days.

8. Falsely accused – 38:1-6
  - a. v4 – “...for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.”
  - b. V6 – cast him into a muddy prison where there was no water.
9. Chains – 40:1
  - a. Bound in chains and carried away captive.
10. Rejection – 42:1- 43:4 (43:1-3)
  - a. The remnant rejected the word of the LORD from the mouth of Jeremiah not to go down to Egypt.
- b.* Despite the trials that Jeremiah faced, he persevered in the ministry and message God gave him.
- c.* Jeremiah 20:7-11 (v7-9) – The reality of his trial expressed and God’s continued grace upon him.
- d.* 1 Peter 1:7 – “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”
- e.* Job 23:10 – “But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”

## **B. Tested Faith**

- a.* Jeremiah was told by the LORD to do many things that would be considered unreasonable and illogical but he obeyed the LORD.
  - i.* Note the following two tests of faith:
    1. **Don’t Pray** – Jeremiah 7:16 – “...pray not thou for this people...” They were not to be interceded for, for the judgement of God will not be deferred.
    2. **Remain Single** - Jeremiah 16:2 – “Thou shalt not take thee a wife; neither shalt thou have sons or daughters...”
    3. **Preaching against the Respected** – Jeremiah 22/23
      - a. **Kings** – 22:1-2, 11, 13, and 24 – prophesied against the corruption of the kings.
      - b. **Pastors/Leaders** – 23:1-3 – not caring properly for the people of God.
      - c. **Prophets** – 23:9-40 (v11, 31) – The prophets and priests are profane. They commit adultery walk in lies etc.

### **C. Triumphant Faith**

- a. The Book of Lamentations is the expressions of sorrow, cries of grief and the record of bewailing at the funeral of a much loved city.
- b. Yet in the midst of turmoil, and sorrow lies a glimmer of hope, a triumphant hope in a faithful God who by faith will bless His deserted people.
  - i. Note the triumphs of faith:
    - 1. Remembering His Mercies – Lam.3:22
      - a. We are getting less than what we deserve, we are not consumed.
      - b. Lamentations 3:19-26; Lamentations 3:55-66
    - 2. Remembering His Compassions – Lam. 3:22
      - a. His bowels of compassion, deep seated emotion of pity fails not. It never ends.
      - b. Lamentations 3:31
    - 3. Remembering His Faithfulness – Lam. 3:23
      - a. His steadfastness and consistency is abundant in the midst of instability, and insecurity.
  - ii. V24 - Make the LORD your portion, inheritance – look forward, hope in Him.
  - iii. V25 – Remember his goodness to those that trust, and wait upon him. He is good to the soul that seeketh him. Heb. 11:6
  - iv. V26 – Hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. Be still and know that I am God! Psalm 42:5-6
- c. Jeremiah’s faith was triumphant in the midst of destruction, turmoil and ruin. So our faith can triumph over our circumstances if we will REMEMBER the LORD, make him our portion, and hope and quietly wait for His salvation!

## **Conclusion**

- a. Jeremiah’s faith was Tried, Tested, and Triumphant. The prophet of God sets forth to us an applicable faith to us believers whose faith is often tried, tested and in need of triumph.
- b. In these perilous days may our hearts hold fast to our God in the face of ridicule, rejection, and coming destruction. “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD...” Ps. 121:1-2

