

Interesting Facts About Jeremiah

MEANING: Jeremiah means "Yahweh throws."

AUTHOR: Jeremiah (Except for chapter 52)

TIME WRITTEN: The exact year is unknown.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 24th Book in the Bible
- 24th Book in the Old Testament
- 2nd of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 2nd of 5 major prophets (Isaiah-Daniel)
- 42 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 52

VERSES: 1,364

WORDS: 42,659

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JEREMIAH:

- n Jeremiah's ministry spanned more than 40 years, from 627 to about 580 B.C.
- n Jeremiah was a heartbroken prophet with a heartbreaking message.
- n Jeremiah is known as "The weeping Prophet."
- n Jeremiah was from the city of Anathoth, two miles south of Jerusalem.
- n Jeremiah's father was Hilkiah, the priest.
- n Before his birth, Jeremiah was called to be a prophet.
- n As an object lesson, Jeremiah was not permitted to marry.
- n Jeremiah was a persecuted prophet.
 - Threatened in his home town of Anathoth.
 - Tried for his life by the priests and prophets.
 - Put in stocks.
 - Forced to flee from King Jehoiachin.
 - Publicly humiliated by a false prophet named Hananiah.
 - Thrown into a cistern.
- n Jeremiah dictated the writings to his secretary, Baruch.

JEREMIAH

n Jeremiah was a contemporary of:

- Zephaniah
- Habakkuk
- Daniel
- Ezekiel

n Jeremiah prophesied of the coming judgment of God upon Judah through the Babylonian captivity of the Southern Kingdom.

n Babylon is referred to 164 times in the Book of Jeremiah.

n Jeremiah specifically prophesies that the captivity will last for 70 years (25:11-14; 29:10). Daniel 9:2 refers to Jeremiah's prophecy. Three stages of Jeremiah's ministry:

- From 627-650 B.C., he prophesied while Judah was threatened by Assyria and Egypt.
- From 605-586 B.C., he prophesied God's judgment while Judah was threatened and besieged by Babylon.
- From 586 to about 680 B.C, wherein he ministered in Jerusalem and Egypt after Judah's down fall.

n In Jeremiah 31:33, the prophet prophesies that God will make a new covenant for His people.

n Jeremiah's message is communicated through:

- Parables
- Sermons
- Object lessons

