

Jeremiah 1 | Study Questions* from 14.09.2025 sermon

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Background

For many Christians, the book of Jeremiah is uncharted territory. We know it's in the Old Testament, but we may not know much about what's in it! In the coming weeks we're going to dig into the story and preaching of this amazing prophet.

Read Jeremiah 1 v 1-3

Jeremiah was a priest, whose ministry began around 627 BC. At this point, Israel (the northern kingdom of God's people) had been conquered and destroyed by Assyria, and only the southern kingdom of Judah remained (although, confusingly, Jeremiah sometimes refers to "Judah" as "Israel"!)

Jeremiah served the LORD from the reign of Josiah, the last faithful king in Judah, until after Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians in 587 BC. So Jeremiah lived and prophesied during a time of spiritual decay in Judah. Most of his ministry was met with hardheartedness and rejection. At one point Jeremiah would even be thrown into a pit by his enemies!

Jeremiah's Call

- i. What is amazing about what God says in v 5?
- ii. Why did Jeremiah feel ill-equipped to be God's mouthpiece (v 6)?

God's Reassurance

- iii. How does God encourage Jeremiah in v7-8?
- iv. How does God equip Jeremiah in v9-10?
- v. How would the two visions in v11-16 have further equipped Jeremiah?

God does not call those who are equipped. He equips the called.

- vi. How does this encourage you in your Christian life today?
- vii. Are there any ways in which you need to take the plunge and speak for God as you trust in Him to help?

Pray

Pray the prayer below and then spend some time praying about what you've discussed and pray for one another.

Lord, Thank You that You use weak, ill-equipped believers like Jeremiah, and like us, to achieve Your purposes. Please give us that privilege today. Help us to trust You when we feel too ungifted or unprepared to take risks to serve You. Amen.