

Jeremiah 1-3 & 5
Josiah and Jeremiah
Lesson 15

Try to imagine what it was like for King Josiah, who was earnestly seeking the Lord, to hear the message of captivity brought by Zephaniah. Besides Zephaniah, there were several other prophets of the Lord, including Isaiah, saying the same thing. And then Jeremiah came on the scene.

Jeremiah the Prophet (627-586 B.C.)

1. When does is say that Jeremiah prophesied? (vs. 1:1-3)

2. What did the Lord say to Jeremiah at the time He called him? (vs. 1:4, 5)

3. How did the Lord calm Jeremiah’s fears? (vs. 1:7-10)

4. Jeremiah’s call included two visions from the Lord. Using Jeremiah 1:11-16, what were they and their meanings?

Verses	Vision	Meaning
11 & 12		
13 & 14		

5. The Lord declared that He would summon the people of the north to come against Judah and Jerusalem because they had forsaken Him. Then he gave Jeremiah a command. What did He say? (vs. 1:17a)

6. The Lord continued, saying, *“Do not be terrified by them....”* Not very encouraging words! How does the Lord describe His servant Jeremiah? (vs. 1:18a)

7. Who was the Lord sending Jeremiah to confront with His words? (vs. 1:18b)

8. How did He say they would receive Jeremiah's words? (vs. 1:19)

9. With those encouraging words, Jeremiah was sent to Jerusalem with his first message. How did he describe the "young" Israel? (vs. 2:2)

10. How did the Lord view her? (vs. 2:3)

11. What does the Lord say happened? (vs. 2:5, 6)

12. What three groups did He hold most accountable for this and why? (vs. 2:8)

13. *"Therefore, I bring charges against you again," declares the Lord.* Before He gave the charges, He asked a question as if in utter disbelief. What does He ask and then what is the comment? (vs. 2:11, 12)

14. Think about what was asked. How would you answer that question today?

15. What were the charges Jeremiah was to bring against Judah and Jerusalem? (vs. 2:13)

16. Jeremiah was also to bring a warning. What was that warning? (vs. 2:17, 18 & 36, 37)

17. Once again the Lord used marriage as a picture of His relationship with Israel. How did He describe His wife at this time? (vs. 3:1-5)

18. What did the Lord point out to Jeremiah specifically as signs of this? (vs. 3:6)

19. What else did the Lord tell Jeremiah? (vs. 3:7-10)

20. After declaring how unfaithful Israel and Judah had been and that destruction was about to come upon them from the north, what bit of hope did the Lord give to the people of Judah? (vs. 3:14, 15)

21. Following Jeremiah's message, he was given further instructions. What was he to do? (vs. 5:1, 2)

22. Jeremiah asked, "O Lord, do not your eyes look for truth?" Then he recalled how the Lord had continually disciplined Israel but she had refused the correction. Who did he think were the ones in Judah who were rejecting the Lord and why? (vs. 5:4)

23. Where did he expect to find the righteous? (vs. 5:5a)

24. What did he find there? (vs. 5:5b)

25. The Lord then asked, *“Why should I forgive you?”* (vs. 5:7) *“The house of Israel and the house of Judah have been utterly unfaithful to me.”* (vs. 5:11) In Jeremiah 5:12 and 13, what does the Lord say their attitude is towards:
- The Lord

 - His prophets
26. The Lord’s message continued, *“Announce this ...”* and then ends with the words *“A horrible and shocking thing has happened in the land.”* What was this horrible thing? (vs. 5:31)

Think about it!

If Jeremiah walked through your city today what would he find? What are relationships with the Lord like in the people of your neighborhood? In Jeremiah’s day, the people were blind to their faults and believed they were innocent of breaking God’s Law. People aren’t any different today. What are some ways you can keep spiritual accountability in your life to help detect such spiritual blind spots?