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Series: Thru the Bible

Debriefing Jeremiah

Jeremiah was a dedicated man of God as well as a trustworthy Prophetic voice for his time. God used him mightily! During his ministry and in this book of prophecy we learn much about the heart of God as a God to the nation of Israel, the God of the earth and the God of this individual man Jeremiah.

If you remember Jeremiah had several times of questioning God, questioning the words He gave Jeremiah to speak and even questioning God's intentions regarding himself as His prophet. It was during this later time of questioning that Jeremiah earned his nickname of "weeping prophet".

Jeremiah was a national prophet and as such, much of his actual prophecies were more general...meaning not directed so much at individuals as to the nations as a whole. Yet, God, through Jeremiah, treated the nation **like an individual...like His wife.**

In all that follows, I want you to retain in your thinking what we've learned about prophecy. Old Testament prophecy ALWAYS serves a dual purpose, that of revealing events and times AND that of revealing Messiah.

- **2Peter 1:21**, *"for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."*
- **Rev. 19:10**, *"And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

Mental Joggers of the prophetic content in Jeremiah:

- Why are you cold towards Me? I planted you a noble vine, but you have become an alien vine.
- Warning of coming judgment to leaders
- Warning of coming judgment to the people
- Judgment is almost here... if you'll just rid yourselves of your idols I'll still let you stay in the land.
- Ok, exile is guaranteed now, but if you will surrender willingly to Babylon (My judgment) you will go and build houses to dwell in, plant gardens and eat the fruit of it, bear children and prosper for when I bring you out of exile to your own land again.
- Prophecies against other nations - **Egypt, Philistines, Moabites, Ammonites & Edom.**
- **Babylon** will be judged.
- I will restore My people.
- Behold the days are coming - New Covenant.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss how the heart of God is revealed in what He gave Jeremiah to say.
2. Discuss what the prophecies of Jeremiah revealed regarding the immediate and long term purposes of God in Israel and the earth.
3. How was Jesus revealed in the prophecies of Jeremiah?
4. How was Jesus revealed in the person of Jeremiah?
5. Finally, discuss how you see the particulars of Jeremiah's most famous prophecy (written below) as having been fulfilled through and in the New Covenant.

Jeremiah's most famous prophecy...**Jeremiah 31:21-40,**

"(21) Set up signposts, Make landmarks; Set your heart toward the highway, The way in which you went. Turn back, O virgin of Israel, Turn back to these your cities.

(22) *How long will you gad about, O you backsliding daughter? For the LORD has created a new thing in the earth— A woman shall encompass a man."*

(23) *Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "**They shall again** use this speech in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I bring back their captivity: 'The LORD bless you, O home of justice, and mountain of holiness!' (24) And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all its cities together, farmers and those going out with flocks.*

(25) *For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul." (26) After this I awoke and looked around, and my sleep was sweet to me.*

(27) *"**Behold, the days are coming**, says the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. (28) And it shall come to pass, that as I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to throw down, to destroy, and to afflict, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. (29) In those days they shall say no more: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge.' (30) But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.*

(31) *"**Behold, the days are coming**, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— (32) not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. (33) But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My*

people. (34) No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

(35) Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): (36) "If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever." (37) Thus says the LORD: "If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the LORD.

(38) "**Behold, the days are coming**, says the LORD, that the city shall be built for the LORD—from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. (39) The surveyor's line shall again extend straight forward over the hill Gareb; then it shall turn toward Goath. (40) And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the Brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the LORD. It shall not be plucked up or thrown down anymore forever."