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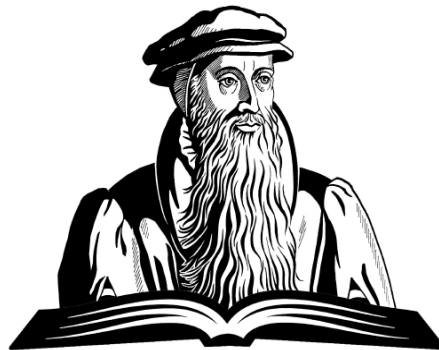
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Lesson 81

The Prophet Jeremiah Called and Sent The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, chapters 1 through 9

Memory Verse

“Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God.”
—Jeremiah 3:22

The Prophet Jeremiah Called

Not long after the death of the prophet Isaiah, God called Jeremiah to sound God’s final calls of warning to the people of Judah, before he would have to bring destruction upon them for their sins.



Jeremiah was the son of a priest, from the small town of Anathoth, not far from Jerusalem. In chapter 1, the Lord called Jeremiah and said, “Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations” (Jeremiah 1:5). Jeremiah felt the weight and the responsibility of that call. Jeremiah was also afraid of the mockery and persecution he would likely experience. The Lord confirmed this, but reassured Jeremiah, saying “Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee.” Then the Lord touched Jeremiah’s mouth and said, “Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth” (Jeremiah 1:9).

Jeremiah’s Task

For more than forty years, through the reign of the last five kings of Judah, Jeremiah faithfully addressed the kings, priests, prophets, and people of Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the Lord. Although many still came to the temple offering sacrifices and calling on the name of the Lord, yet they did not submit to the Lord in the way they lived the rest of their lives. Year after year, and chapter after chapter, Jeremiah pointed out the dreadful hypocrisy, pride, oppression, idolatry, covenant breaking, and dishonesty which was being committed, and he called on them to return to the Lord. “Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings” (Jeremiah 3:22). Jeremiah faithfully warned of the judgments which God would bring upon them if they continued in their evil ways. “And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate without an inhabitant” (Jeremiah 9:11).

Objects and Symbols

When the people of Judah paid no heed to the words of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, God instructed Jeremiah to use objects such as a linen girdle, a clay jar, and a wooden yoke to portray God's message to the people. With objects like these, Jeremiah had to draw their curiosity and attention, so that perhaps in this way they might be convinced of their sins and turn to the Lord.

God's Covenant

Thankfully, we may also read of God's sovereign covenant of grace in the book of Jeremiah. Although the people will only forsake the Lord more and more, and eventually be sent into captivity for their sins, yet we read, in Jeremiah 3:14–18, that out of free grace God will find his chosen ones, even if there be only one or two in a city, and shall bring them back by way of repentance. Jeremiah may look far into the future, when the kingdom of the Messiah will be set up, and all nations shall be gathered unto it. "At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart" (Jeremiah 3:17). What a glorious gospel, hopeful news also for us in our time! There is still room in the kingdom of Christ.

Throughout the book of Jeremiah, we marvel at God's patience with the people called by his name. We have as much or more reason to marvel at God's patience with us today. Still today, God says, "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings." How should we respond? "Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God" (Jeremiah 3:22).

Review Questions

Jeremiah 1

1. Jeremiah objected when the Lord called him to be a prophet:

"Then said I, Ah, _____, behold I cannot _____, for I am a _____."

2. The Lord took away Jeremiah's objections:

"But the Lord said unto me, _____ I am a _____: for thou shalt _____ all that I shall _____, and whatsoever I _____ thee, thou shalt _____."

3. The Lord encouraged Jeremiah:

"And they shall _____ against thee, but they shall not _____; for I am _____, saith the _____, to _____ thee."

Jeremiah 2 and 3

4. What does God remind his people of in Jeremiah 2:6, 7

- a. Noah being saved in the ark
- b. God calling Abraham out of Ur
- c. God bringing them to the promised land

5. In Jeremiah 2:11–13, what had Israel done that no other nation would do?

6. In Jeremiah 3:1 and many other places, what does the Lord call the sin of his people?

- a. Unbelief
- b. Adultery
- c. Pride

Searching the Scriptures

1. Look up the following texts and write one specific sin described there.

- a. Jeremiah 6:13 _____
- b. Jeremiah 7:9 _____
- c. Jeremiah 9:5 _____
- d. Jeremiah 11:13 _____
- e. Jeremiah 13:27 _____
- f. Jeremiah 17:27 _____

Discussion Questions

Read Jeremiah 19:1–11 and answer the following questions.

1. What did Jeremiah have to do in the sight of the elders? _____
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2. What was the message portrayed by this action? _____

3. What was the horrible sin which was practiced in this valley? (chapter 7:31) _____

4. What is the key word in Jeremiah 3:1, 12, 22, and 4:1? _____

5. What does God want you to return from today? _____
