



Jeremiah 1

Study Guide

Big Idea: to have Courage in Chaos you must know that God has called you for His purposes.

Introduction

Discuss some of your fears for 2024. What are the potential dangers that are looming?

1. Read Jeremiah 1:1-3. Discuss what you remember about the state of the nation of Judah during the time this was written. What has happened since the Golden Age of King Solomon? What do you know about Jeremiah?
2. Read Jeremiah 1:4-5. How does it make you feel that God has known you personally before you were formed in the womb? What do you think God has appointed for you to do in today's day and age? (see also Ephesians 2:10; Romans 8:28; 1 Peter 2:21).
3. Read Jeremiah 1:6-10. Can you relate to being afraid to speak truth into dark situations? Discuss the concepts, *I am with you, I empower you, I have established you 'over' the nations.* How have you noticed God giving you courage in the midst of chaos, to still point people to the good news of the gospel? Discuss.
4. Read Jeremiah 1:11-16. If you knew that disaster was coming "out of the north", how would that change the way you engage others? How do you discern between being cordial with people and giving them a timely warning? Discuss.

5. Read Jeremiah 1:17-19. What does it mean for you to:

“Dress yourself for work”

“Arise”

“...not be dismayed”

“You are a fortified city”

“You are an iron pillar”

...when it comes to being commissioned to warn people about pending doom?

Discuss.

Application

Take a few minutes to pray quietly for the people in your proximity who do not yet know Jesus.

Discuss together how you are doing with some of the B.L.E.S.S. practices.

Be praying for...

Listen to...

Eat with...

Serve...

Share the gospel with...

Jeremiah 1 **Sermon Notes**

Theme: Courage in Chaos.

Why Jeremiah?

1. The dynamics of moral decline
2. The importance of speaking the truth so there is no excuse.
3. How to have courage in chaos
4. How to live in hope for our future

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

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A. Introduction (v. 1-3)

The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, **2** to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. **3** It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

Dates:

970-930 BC- King Solomon and the Golden Age

930 BC- Kingdom Divided

300+ years of warnings

639-609 BC- King Josiah

626-586 BC- Jeremiah

608-598 BC- King Johoiakim

596-586 BC- King Zedekiah

586 BC- Babylonian invasion

King Josiah Image**B. The Call of Jeremiah (v. 4-5)**

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

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1. Personal
2. Consecrated

B. The Call of Jeremiah (v. 4-5)

3. Appointed

Ephesians 2:10

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Romans 8:28

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been **called** according to his purpose.”

1 Peter 2:21

“To this you were **called**, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.”

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C. The Conflicted Jeremiah (v. 6-10)

6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." **7** But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. **8** Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." **9** Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. **10** See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

1. I am with you
2. I empower you
3. I establish you

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D. The Message of Jeremiah (v. 11-16)

1. The Almond Branch

11 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." **12** Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it."

2. The Boiling Pot (v. 13-16)

13 The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north." **14** Then the LORD said to me, "Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land. **15** For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the LORD, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah. **16** And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands.

E. The Posture of Jeremiah (v. 17-19)

17 But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. **18** And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. **19** They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you."