

### “3 WAVES OF PROPHETS”

*this whole series connects both the Historical Urgency and also the Poetic Intelligence of the 17 OT prophets in such a way that it helps unlock: (1) God’s actual “Personality” of deep-character, top-priorities, and intimate-feelings (2) the proper balancing of one’s spirituality & society-ethics, and (3) “shapes-of-the-future” that God keeps building His People towards*

#### [study #15] JEREMIAH: A Strong Messenger to Challenge the Politics

— covering **Jeremiah 26-52** —

**ACTION #1.** Besides just *poetry*, Jeremiah’s book is filled with lots of *narrative chapters*—interesting accounts of all the “politics” he had to stand bravely against. Read **Jeremiah 26:1-29**, and then re-tell this whole account in your own words: who are all the individual characters or groups in the story, and what all happened?

**ACTION #2.** Right when Judah was about to get attacked, God made Jeremiah literally wear “an ox’s yoke” while telling its leaders their only hope for survival was to “submit” to Babylon’s armies and just go with them. Read about Jeremiah’s message, and then about the false prophets who wanted a *different* message from God instead ( **Jeremiah 27:12-17** & also **28:1-4, 15-17** ). Afterwards re-tell the details of this whole account in your own words.

**ACTION #3.** Jeremiah had a faithful assistant named **Baruch** who recorded his prophecies and even sometimes delivered them to Judah’s kings and leaders. Read one of their stories together ( **Jeremiah 36:1-6** and also verses **13-19** and **23-29** and **32** ). Afterwards re-tell the details of this whole account in your own words... what all happened, and what does it tell you about the political pressures of Jeremiah’s day?

**ACTION #4.** Jeremiah not only delivered God’s survival-advice to *Judah* but also to *Judah’s surrounding countries* at the time. In further stories within this book, Jeremiah’s straight-forward talk got him arrested, thrown into jail, dropped in a well to die, and even kidnapped away to Egypt. Read the very beginning of God’s call on his life in **Jeremiah 1:1-12** and also **17-19** and then discuss:

- what is your favorite verse or favorite several words here that God spoke to Jeremiah, and why?
- from the previous study (& this one), who can recall the specific ways Jeremiah ended up helping Judah?
- after all was said and done (as Jeremiah witnessed Judah and its surrounding countries getting totally conquered by Babylon) what exactly do you think Jeremiah thought-&-felt about the long ministry he had executed for God?

**EXTRA... FOR THOSE MOTIVATED, DEVOTED, & WITH SOME SELF-COMMAND:**

**GOLD CHALLENGE** ...read ahead (& maybe journal about) for next study: **Lamentations**

**PENGUIN CHALLENGE** ...throughout this series read the kings-&-exile books (this wk’s portion: **1 Chronicles 18-21**)