OLD TESTAMENT · MAJOR PROPHETS · BOOK 24 OF 66

Jeremiah

I will make a new covenant (31:31)

52	Jeremiah	c. 627–580 B.C.	586 B.C.
Chapters, 1,364 Verses	With Baruch His Scribe	About 40 Years	Jerusalem Falls

STRUCTURE

The Book in Four Parts

Jeremiah warns, weeps, suffers and hopes. His messages are gathered by theme more than by date.



Each bar shows that part's share of the 1,364 verses.

I 1–20 · 494 verses

Warnings

The call, the charge against Judah, signs and sorrows.

II 21–33 · 361 verses

New Covenant

Kings and false prophets, seventy years, the book of consolation.

III 34–45 · 244 verses

Jerusalem Falls

The roll burned, the dungeon, the city taken, the flight to Egypt.

IV 46–52 · 265 verses

The Nations

Egypt to Elam, the fall of Babylon, and a closing history.

DATES B.C.

The Kings of Jeremiah's Day

Jeremiah served under Judah's last five kings (1:2–3).

640–609	609	609–598	597–586
Josiah	**Jehoahaz**	**Jehoiakim**	**Zedekiah**
A good king; Jeremiah called in his 13th year	Called Shallum; three months, taken to Egypt (22:11)	Burned the roll with a penknife (36:23)	Asked Jeremiah's counsel, would not obey (37:17)

Jehoiachin (also called Jeconiah and Coniah) reigned three months in 597 B.C. before he was carried to Babylon (22:24–30; 52:31).

His Call and the Charge Against Judah

JEREMIAH 1

Before I Formed Thee

The LORD called Jeremiah as a young man and gave him two visions.

> *"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 (KJV)

1:9
Words in His Mouth
"Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth."

1:11–12
The Almond Rod
The LORD watches over His word to perform it.

1:13–14
The Seething Pot
Evil shall break forth out of the north.

JEREMIAH 2–10

Two Evils

Judah had turned from the LORD to idols, and trusted in the temple instead of in Him.

> *"For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."*
>
> Jeremiah 2:13 (KJV)

3:12
Return
"Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD."

6:14
False Peace
"Peace, peace; when there is no peace."

6:16
The Old Paths
"Ask for the old paths … and walk therein."

7:4
The Temple of the LORD
Trust not in lying words.

8:22
Balm in Gilead
"Is there no physician there?"

9:23–24
True Glory
To understand and know the LORD.

JEREMIAH AT A GLANCE · PART 3 OF 6

Acted Signs and Sufferings

OBJECT LESSONS

Jeremiah's Acted Signs

The LORD often told Jeremiah to act out his message so the people could see it.

1 · 13:1–11
The Linen Girdle
Marred and profitable for nothing

2 · 16:1–4
No Wife
Sorrow is coming on the land

3 · 18:1–6
The Potter
"As the clay is in the potter's hand"

4 · 19:1–11
The Broken Bottle
So will I break this people

5 · 24:1–10
Two Baskets of Figs
Good figs and very naughty figs

6 · 27:2
The Yoke
Serve the king of Babylon

7 · 32:6–15
A Field Bought
Fields shall be bought again in this land

8 · 43:8–13
Stones in Egypt
Nebuchadrezzar will set his throne here

FAITHFUL IN TROUBLE

A Burning Fire in My Bones

No prophet whose life is recorded suffered more for his message. Still he could not keep silent.

11:21
Plotted Against
The men of Anathoth seek his life.

20:2
In the Stocks
Pashur the priest smites him.

26:8
Threatened with Death
"Thou shalt surely die."

36:23
His Roll Burned
The king cut it and cast it into the fire.

38:6
In the Mire
Let down into a dungeon with no water.

43:6
Taken to Egypt
Carried away against the word of the LORD.

> *"But His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay."*
>
> Jeremiah 20:9 (KJV)

Jeremiah and the Nations

MAP

Jeremiah and the Nations

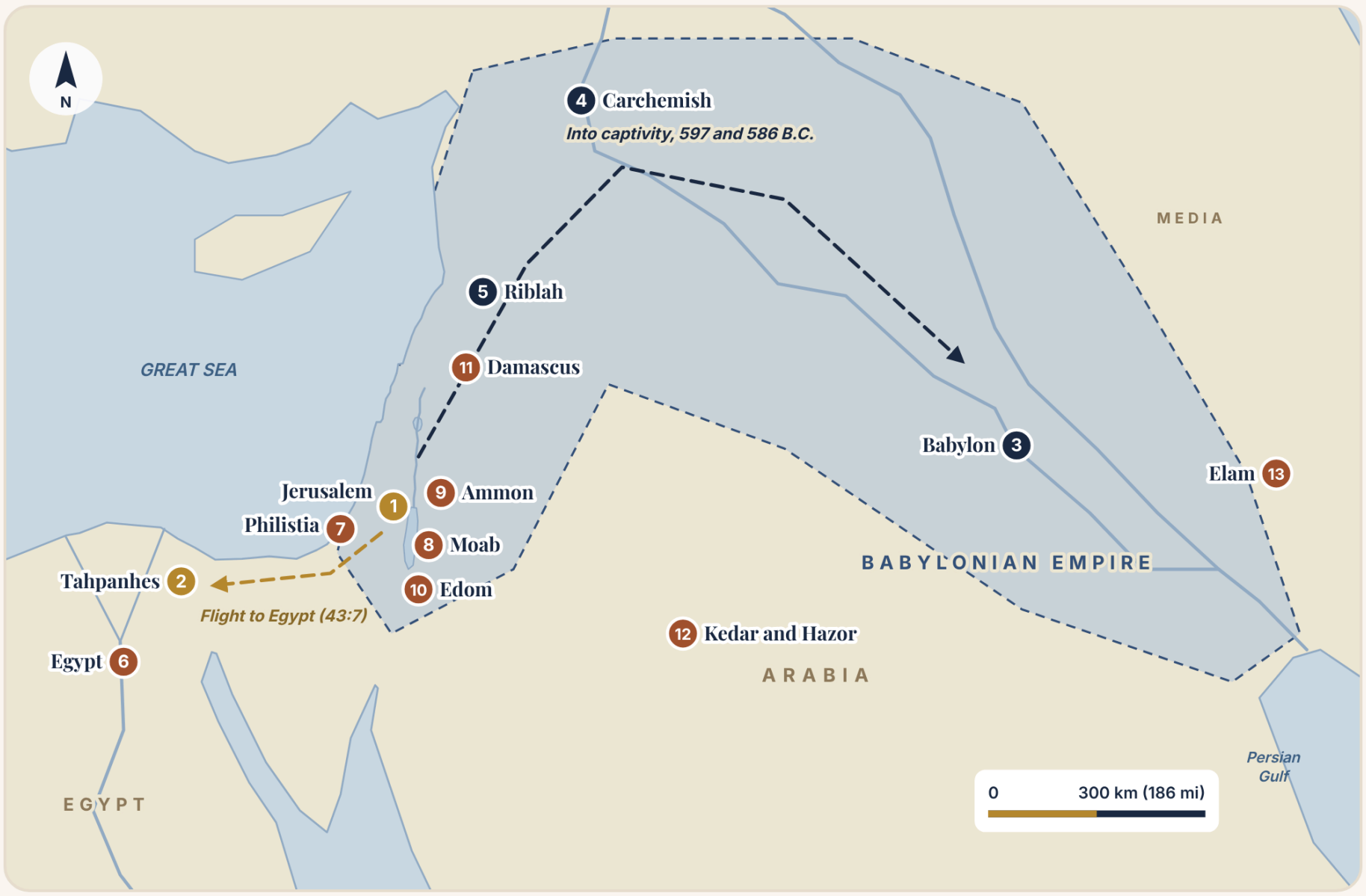
Jeremiah was set “over the nations and over the kingdoms” (1:10). Gold marks Judah, navy Babylon and its battles, and rust the nations of chapters 46–49. The numbers match the cards below.

JEREMIAH 25; 39–51

Jeremiah and the Nations

Babylon, the fall of Judah, and the cup of the nations

c. 627–580 B.C. · Borders approximate



Judah
Jerusalem and the flight to Egypt

Babylon
Carchemish, Riblah, Babylon

The nations
Chapters 46–49

Babylon’s empire
Under Nebuchadrezzar

“See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms.”

JEREMIAH 1:10 (KJV)

Each nation is marked at its main city or land. Borders are approximate.

BibleStudyForAll.com · Map positions approximate · Scripture from the King James Version

1 1:1–3; 39:1–8

Jerusalem

Judah. Jeremiah’s city (his home, Anathoth, was close by); burned by Babylon in 586 B.C.

2 43:7–9

Tahpanhes

Judah. The remnant fled to Egypt and took Jeremiah with them.

3 25:11; 50–51

Babylon

Babylon. Judah served its king seventy years; then Babylon itself fell.

4 46:2

Carchemish

Babylon. Nebuchadrezzar defeated Pharaoh-necho here in 605 B.C.

5 39:5–7; 52:9–11

Riblah

Babylon. Zedekiah’s sons were slain before him, and his eyes put out.

6 46:1–28

Egypt

The nations. Noph (Memphis) “shall be waste and desolate.”

7 47:1–7

Philistia

The nations. “Waters rise up out of the north”: Gaza and Ashkelon.

8 48:1–47

Moab

The nations. “Moab hath been at ease from his youth.”

9 49:1–6

Ammon

The nations. Rabbah of the Ammonites shall be a desolate heap.

10 49:7–22

Edom

The nations. “Is wisdom no more in Teman?”

11 49:23–27

Damascus

The nations. “Damascus is waxed feeble.”

12 49:28–33

Kedar and Hazor

The nations. The tent-dwelling peoples of the Arabian desert.

13 49:34–39

Elam

The nations. “I will break the bow of Elam.”

JEREMIAH AT A GLANCE · PART 5 OF 6

The New Covenant, Seventy Years and Christ in Jeremiah

JEREMIAH 31

A New Covenant

In the darkest days, God promised a covenant that would change hearts and forgive sin.

> *"I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My people … for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."*
>
> Jeremiah 31:33–34 (KJV)

THE OLD COVENANT	THE NEW COVENANT
Written on tables of stone	**Written in their hearts**
31:32	31:33
A covenant they brake	**Their sin remembered no more**
31:32	31:34
Taught by others	**"They shall all know Me"**
31:34	31:34

JEREMIAH 25; 29

Seventy Years

Jeremiah foretold exactly how long the captivity would last, and the promise came true.

25:11
Seventy Years
These nations shall serve the king of Babylon

29:10
Then I Will Visit
"In causing you to return to this place"

DANIEL 9:2
Daniel Read It
He understood the number of the years

EZRA 1:1
Fulfilled
Cyrus let the captives go home

> *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."*
>
> Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

LOOKING FORWARD

Christ in Jeremiah

Through judgment and exile, God kept His promise of a King and a new covenant.

23:5–6
The Righteous Branch
A King of David's line: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

31:31 · LUKE 22:20
The New Covenant
"This cup is the new testament in My blood."

31:15 · MATTHEW 2:18
Rachel Weeping
Fulfilled when Herod slew the children of Bethlehem.

7:11 · MATTHEW 21:13
A Den of Robbers
Jesus quoted Jeremiah when He cleansed the temple.

Key Themes and Key Verse

BIG IDEAS

Key Themes

Return to the LORD
Backsliding children, come home.
3:12; 4:1

False Security
Peace, peace, when there is no peace.
6:14; 7:4

The Deceitful Heart
Who can know it?
17:9

God Is Sovereign
As clay in the potter's hand.
18:6

Faithful in Suffering
A fire shut up in my bones.
20:9

Judgment Comes
Jerusalem falls to Babylon.
39:1–8

God Rules the Nations
Egypt to Babylon.
46–51

Hope
Thoughts of peace, an expected end.
29:11

The New Covenant
Written in the heart.
31:31–34

KEY VERSE

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah."

Jeremiah 31:31 (KJV)