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The Book of Jeremiah

The book was indeed written long ago

It is desperate times for God's people

God's people are living in rebellion

There is a lot of images in the book

One final note: This is a straight
laced sermon series

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This is not a verse by verse study (52 Chapters long)

We get introduced to Jeremiah

**God gives Jeremiah a series
of messages to deliver**

Jeremiah delivers the message

Judah responds (Negatively)

Things begin to unwind



Who is Jeremiah

His background (v. 1-3)

The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. The word of the Lord came to him in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah, and through the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, when the people of Jerusalem went into exile.

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If you do the math for the entire book they you figure out Jeremiah preached for 46 years

**Jeremiah is a Levite -- son of Hilkiah,
one of the priests at Anathoth**

**He lives with in the territory
of Benjamin (Levite City)**

**For all intensive purposes
he was a preacher's kid**

This is Jeremiah the person



God has a Plan

(v. 1-3)

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew
you, before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the
nations."

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God's Relationship with Jeremiah

I formed you

I knew you (intimate)

I set you apart

I appointed you



This is not just His relationship with Jeremiah (Psalm 139:13-16)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

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God's Relationship with Us

God formed each of us
for a unique purpose

He has called us into a
relationship with Him (Romans 1:6)

God has a plan for you
(1 Peter 4:11)



Jeremiah's Response (v.6)

Excuses -- Not too different from ours
“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

The Real Reason (v. 7-8)

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

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Jeremiah's Response (v.6)

God Sees through the excuses

He knows Jeremiah is afraid

Going into to the world is one thing,
getting God's people to repent
is a lot harder

God's Promise --- Rescue

The Good --- I will not abandon you

The Bad --- There will be danger



Jeremiah's Message (v. 9-13)

Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you see, Jeremiah?" "I see the branch of an almond tree," I replied. The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled." The word of the Lord came to me again: "What do you see?" "I see a pot that is boiling," I answered. "It is tilting toward us from the north."

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The Almond Branch

The almond branch is one of the first plants to blossom in the spring

However, it is also one of the last to produce fruit

God is telling Jeremiah his mission will take patience (Revelation 14:12)

This was going to be a long term mission

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The Boiling Pot



This is a declaration of urgency

A boiling pot requires
immediate attention

Jeremiah's mission would indeed require
patience but he must preach with urgency
(Ephesians 5:15-16)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as
unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of
every opportunity, because the days
are evil.

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The Application (v. 14-16)

The Lord said to me, “From the north disaster will be poured out on all who live in the land. I am about to summon all the peoples of the northern kingdoms,” declares the Lord. “Their kings will come and set up their thrones in the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem; they will come against all her surrounding walls and against all the towns of Judah. I will pronounce my judgments on my people because of their wickedness in forsaking me, in burning incense to other gods and in worshiping what their hands have made.

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What Next (v. 17-19)

“Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

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What Next?

Get Ready

Stand Up

Speak

Don't be afraid to Live your faith

Stand Firm





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