

Jeremiah

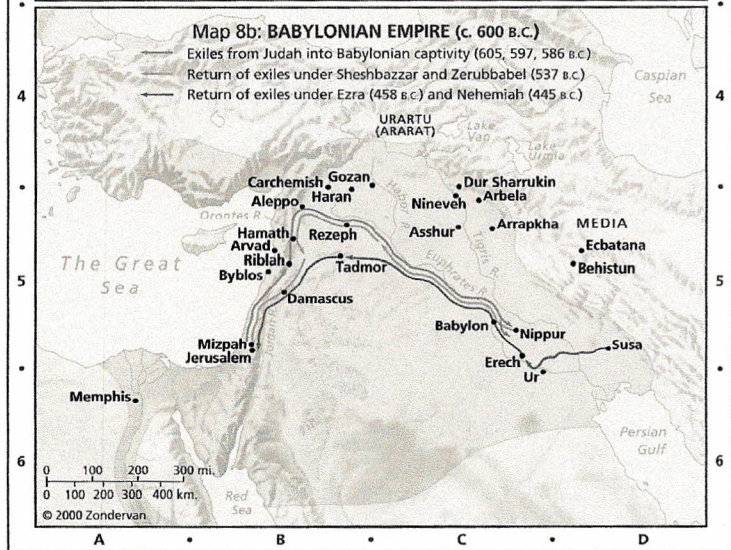
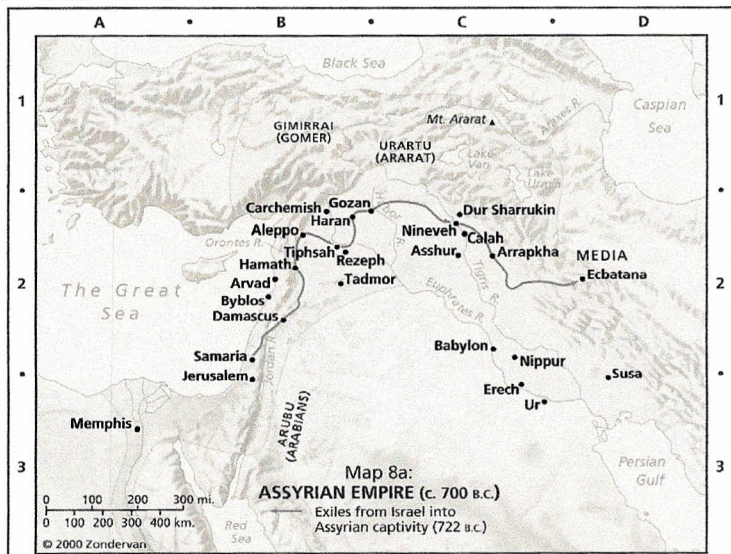
The “weeping prophet” is sometimes reluctant to embrace his call, but against stout opposition prophesizes that Judah will fall for rebelling against God. He lives to witness this fall, then begins delivering a message of hope in the new covenant.

LOOKING FORWARD TO JESUS

Jeremiah is not popular with his contemporaries. This is understandable, since he keeps carping about their idolatry, perverted worship practices and general turning away from God. Who wants to repeatedly hear, “Shape up, or God is going to feed you to the big ugly guys from the east?”

Even when Jeremiah’s warnings prove prophetic, we can guess that he still isn’t popular with many of his peers. Some, no doubt, complain that he should have been more insistent... that they would have changed their ways if he had done his job better.

Fortunately, Jeremiah is extremely popular with Jesus. In the *New Testament*, Jesus quotes Jeremiah more than any other prophet. Jeremiah’s difficult life, in which he asks the hard questions and keeps pressing without regard to the reception, is clearly suggestive of Jesus’ own.



Old Testament Timeline

BC	2000-1700	1700	1250	1210	1030
Creation/Fall	Patriarchs	Israel in Egypt	The Exodus	Promised Land	United Kingdom
Adam & Eve	Abraham		Moses	Joshua	Samuel
Noah	Isaac		The Law	Deborah	Saul
	Jacob			Gideon	David
	Joseph			Sampson	Solomon

PEOPLE

Abraham founder of the Jewish nation; ancestor of Christ **Ahab son of Kolaiah** a false prophet **Amon** an idolatrous king of Judah; ancestor of Christ **Asa** initially, a religious reforming king of Judah who later fails to rely on the Lord **Baal** a Canaanite fertility god **Baruch son of Neriah** Jeremiah's scribe **Benjamin** tribe descended from Jacob's twelfth son **Daughter of Zion** Jerusalem and its citizens **David** slayer of Goliath and second king of Israel, David is flawed yet demonstrates a great heart for God; ancestor of Christ **Ephraim** tribe descended from the second son of Joseph, received the firstborn's blessing from Jacob; considered one of the twelve tribes of Israel **Hananiah son of Azzur** a false prophet **Hezekiah** a religious reformer and king of Judah who abolished idol worship and reopened the Temple in Jerusalem **Issac** Abraham and Sarah's son; father of Esau and Jacob; ancestor of Christ **Jacob** father of the twelve tribes of Israel; grandson of Abraham; son of Isaac; ancestor of Christ **Jehoahaz** sinful king of Judah who reigns for only three months **Jehoiachin** Judah's king when it is captured by the Babylonians; ancestor of Christ **Jehoiada** a priest **Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah** king of Judah placed in power by a Pharaoh **Jeremiah son of Hilkiah** a prophet and probable author of the books *Jeremiah* and *Lamentations* **Josiah son of Amon king of Judah** godly king of Judah; ancestor of Christ **Judah** tribe descended from Jacob's fourth son; ancestor of Christ **Levites** descendants of Jacob's third son **Manasseh** tribe descended from the first son of Joseph, who lost the firstborn's blessing to his younger brother Ephraim; considered one of the twelve tribes of Israel **Manasseh son of Hezekiah** an idolatrous king of Judah; ancestor of Christ **Molech** supreme God of the Ammonites, worship sometimes involved child sacrifice **Moses** under God's direction, leads Israel out of Egypt to the Promised Land **Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon, enabled by God to conquer Jerusalem and exile Judah **Nebuzaradan** Babylonian commander of the imperial guard who carries captives from Jerusalem to Babylon **Pharaoh** Egyptian king **Queen of Heaven** pagan fertility goddess, perhaps Asherah **Rachel** Jacob's wife, mother of Joseph and Benjamin, grandmother of Manasseh and Ephraim **Samuel** prophet, priest and Israel's last judge, Samuel anoints Saul and then David as king **Shallum** Jehoahaz (see) **Shemaiah** a false prophet **Solomon** son of David and Bathsheba, successor to David, becomes wisest and richest man in the world **Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah** the last king of Judah, he fails to heed Jeremiah's advice, instead leading a rebellion against Babylonia that dooms Judah **Zedekiah son of Maaseiah** a false prophet **Zephaniah son of Maaseiah** a priest

TERMS

Asherah poles wooden images of a Canaanite fertility goddess
circumcise to cut off a section of the excess skin at the top of a male's penis; spiritually this is a symbol of the covenant between God and His chosen people **consecrated** set apart for God **covenant** agreement between two parties **prophecy** to speak for God revealing future truth **prophet** a person who speaks as inspired by God **stiffnecked** stubborn

Genealogy of Christ



930	722	587	538	336	63 BC
Divided Kingdom	Samaria	Jerusalem	Judeans return	Greek	Roman
North: Ahab Elijah	South: Hezekiah Isaiah	falls to Assyria, scatters	Esther Ezra Nehemiah	rule	rule