



Series Overview

8th July — The Reluctant Missionary (Jer. 1:1-19)

15th July — Drinking from the Toilet Bowl (2:1-19)

22nd July — The All Powerful Potter (18:1-23)

29th July — The Burden of Faithfulness (20:1-18)

5th August — A Taste of Things to Come—Part 1 (25:1-38)

12th August — A Taste of Things to Come—Part 2 (31:1-40)

19th August — When the King Won't Listen (36:1-32)

26th August — The Beginning of the End (39:1-18)

2nd September — Babylon Has Fallen! (50:1-46)

9th September — Too Late to Turn Back (52:1-34)

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.”

- Jeremiah 1:9-10

Why bother with Jeremiah?

Picture the scene. For several generations, countless people have been steadily walking away from God. The churches that haven't been turned into supermarkets are becoming more and more liberal. Those faithful to the Lord and his word seem like an every decreasing and sidelined minority. In the public square 'true believers' are mocked, shamed, or threatened with criminal action. Whilst in government, leaders might hold a to a cultural religion, each one appears more godless than the one who came before.

You might think I'm describing Britain today, or perhaps in the near future, but this is actually Judah around 600 BC! Into this familiar scene comes Jeremiah, the Lord's prophet. Yet it's no easy ride for Jeremiah. He saw very little 'success' by today's standards, even though he did exactly what God asked him. On top of it all, he often struggled with his own faith and emotional wellbeing too.

Ultimately, the message of Jeremiah is to put our trust in the Word of the Lord, the Word made flesh in the Lord Jesus (John 1:14). And having done that, to follow him faithfully through the good times and the bad.

Recommended Resources...

For getting to grips with Jeremiah (from most accessible to most technical)

- Warren B. Wiersbe, *Be Decisive*, £8.99
- Hetty Lalleman, *Jeremiah and Lamentation (TOTC)*, £12.99

For Issues Raised in this Series

Depression and Mental Health

- Chris Cipollone, *Down But Not Out*, £7.99
- Sarah Colins and Jayne Haynes, *Dealing With Depression*, £4.99

Dealing with Idolatry

- Kim Hawtrey, *The True and Living God*, £4.55.

God, Evil, & Suffering

- John Dickson, *If I Were God I'd End All The Pain*, 5.99; A very basic introduction to evil and suffering.
- Don Carson, *How Long O'Lord?*, £14.99. A more detailed treatment of evil and suffering, with specific sections on war, divine judgement, and persecution.
- Tim Keller, *Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering*, £13.99. Contains a section with pastoral advice to those going through a period of pain and suffering.