

Jeremiah (c. 650 – c. 570 BC),^[2] also called the "weeping prophet"

was one of the [major prophets](#) of the [Hebrew Bible](#).

Zephaniah was his mentor

According to Jewish tradition, Jeremiah authored the [Book of Jeremiah](#), the [Books of Kings](#) and the [Book of Lamentations](#),^[4] with the assistance and under the editorship of [Baruch ben Neriah](#), his [scribe](#) and disciple.

[Judaism](#) considers the Book of Jeremiah part of its [canon](#), and regards Jeremiah as the second of the major [prophets](#). [Christianity](#). His words are quoted in the [New Testament](#)^[6]

Jeremiah was called to prophecy c. 626 BC by God to proclaim Jerusalem's coming destruction by invaders from the north. This was because Israel had forsaken God by worshiping the [idols](#) of [Baal](#) and burning their children as offerings to Baal. The nation had deviated so far from God's laws that they had broken the covenant, causing God to withdraw his blessings. Jeremiah was guided by God to proclaim that the nation of Judah would suffer famine, foreign conquest, plunder, and captivity in a land of strangers

His peers conspired to kill him and throw him in a well

Had conflict with false prophets who only spoke prosperity

When Jeremiah complains to the Lord about this persecution, he is told that the attacks on him will become worse

He wore a yoke around his neck to symbolize Babylon.

He was beaten, and put in prison, given a death sentence, his scrolls were burned.

Tradition says he was stoned to death by the Jews in 570 BC.

[Jeremiah 1:5](#)

"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."

[Jeremiah 1:6](#)

"Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

[Jeremiah 1:8](#)

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD."

[Jeremiah 1:10](#)

"See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

[Jeremiah 6:16](#)

This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'"

[Jeremiah 4:6](#)

"Raise the signal to go to Zion! Flee for safety without delay! For I am bringing disaster from the north, even terrible destruction."

[Jeremiah 5:7](#)

"Why should I forgive you? Your children have forsaken me and sworn by gods that are not gods. I supplied all their needs, yet they committed adultery and thronged to the houses of prostitutes."

Jer 7:27 -

"You shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; and you shall call to them, but they will not answer you."

"Yet they did not listen or incline their ears, but stiffened their necks in order not to listen or take correction." Jeremiah 17:23

[Jeremiah 9:23](#)

This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches,"

[Jeremiah 14:15](#)

Therefore, this is what the LORD says about the prophets who are prophesying in my name: I did not send them, yet they are saying, 'No sword or famine will touch this land.' Those same prophets will perish by sword and famine.

[Jeremiah 17:9](#)

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

[Jeremiah 29:11](#)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

[Jeremiah 29:13](#)

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

[Jeremiah 31:33](#)

"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."