

A READER'S GUIDE TO JEREMIAH

- 1: 1-10** When did the word of the Lord come to Jeremiah? How did he feel about the Lord using him as a prophet? What was he appointed to do?
- 1: 11-19** What is the lesson of the almond rod? The boiling pot? What word of encouragement did the Lord give to Jeremiah as he began his work?
- 2: 1-19** What was Israel's relationship with the Lord in the beginning? After all that the Lord did for Israel, what did they do? What "two evils" had God's people committed? What had happened to Israel which God said they had "done to themselves"? Despite this, to whom did they turn for help?
- 2: 20-37** What figure of speech is used to describe Israel's unfaithfulness? How would the Lord respond when they turned to Him when they were in trouble? What had been the result of the Lord's chastening? Did Israel feel that they were guilty? What was going to happen to them?
- 3: 1- 10** Why wasn't God listening to Judah when they turned to Him and called? What had happened to Israel? How did Judah react to this?
- 3: 11-24** What would the Lord do for faithless Israel if they returned? What would all nations do? Israel and Judah? What did God expect His relationship with Israel to be like? What happened? Yet, what was God willing to do? What was the "shameful thing" that had consumed Israel? (cp. Hos 9:10)
- 4: 1-18** What affect would Israel's repentance have on the nations? What did the Lord say that Judah must do to escape His judgment? How is the Lord's judgment described?
- 4: 19-31** What did Jeremiah see and hear which brought him great anguish? For Jeremiah's anguish, see Lam 1:15-19 (notice use of "my"); 2:11-12, 3:48-51.

