

JEREMIAH 1; July 2; Jeremiah's Call to Prophecy to Judah

ANALYSIS:

1. During the reign of which kings of Judah did Jeremiah begin and complete his life's ministry? _____
2. Name several things the LORD says about Jeremiah before he was born. _____
3. When Jeremiah tried to excuse himself from God's call to be a prophet, claiming he was but a child, what was the two-fold answer from the LORD? _____
4. What two visions did Jeremiah have in this chapter? _____

5. What specific sins of Judah are resulting in God's judgment?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Jeremiah followed Isaiah by about 100 years. Isaiah warned Judah of chastening at the hands of Assyria. Now Jeremiah warns that unless Judah repents of idolatry and kindred sins, Babylon will crush them and they "shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years" (25:11). When the LORD called Nebuchadnezzar "my servant" (25:9), many in Jerusalem hated Jeremiah for these words. Jeremiah's 40 year ministry did not turn Judah and save them from destruction and captivity. However, he did offer the LORD'S people hope by foretelling Judah's return after the seventy years (29:10).

Faithfulness counts in serving the LORD. Let us thank the LORD for our pastor's faithful ministry and seek to be faithful as unto the LORD in every aspect of our lives.

At what point in your life do you need to improve in being more faithful?

HELP:

1. He began in the 13th year of Josiah, included the reign of Jehoiakim, and ended in the 11th year of Zedekiah (vs 2-3).
2. I formed thee, I knew thee, I sanctified thee, I ordained thee (v 5).
3. I am with thee to deliver thee, and I have put my words in thy mouth (vs 8-9).
4. A rod of an almond tree, a seething pot facing north (vs 11, 13).
5. Wickedness, forsaking the LORD, burning incense to other gods, worshipping the works of their own hands (v 16).