**Lesson 18 Jeremiah and Lamentations**

**The Journey of a Life Time**

**THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH**

To which Kingdom was Jeremiah a prophet?

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Did he begin his ministry before, during or after the fall of his kingdom?

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When did the Lord choose Jeremiah to be a prophet? (1.5)

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What was Jeremiah’s reply when he heard God’s call? (1.6)

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How did the Lord assure Jeremiah that he could speak for Him? (1.7-9 and 17-19)

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Though they were in the depths of apostasy, what did God tell Jeremiah to tell the people? (4.1-4)

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God agreed to spare Jerusalem if how many righteous men could be found there? (5.1)

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The most famous chapters in the book of Jeremiah are 18 and 19, Jeremiah’s visit to the potter’s house. In chapter 18 Jeremiah watches the potter mold the clay, and in chapter 19 he takes vessel and breaks it in the valley of Hinnom. This story has three important elements:

THE POTTER (18.1-4)

Israel was at the mercy of blind fate only if she chose to be. God wanted to control every force around her for her own good. How could Romans 8.28 be a reference to God as the Divine Potter?

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THE CLAY (18.4-6)

THE POTTER’S WHEEL (18.3)

What did God tell Jeremiah to do in 19.1-13 as a sign of coming judgment?

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In 26.8-16, what did the priest and prophets seek to do to Jeremiah?

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In chapter 36 we find Jeremiah had been banned from preaching in the temple (36.5). Therefore, the Lord told him to write His message on a scroll and send Baruch to read it in the temple. After Baruch had read it in the temple, he read it to the princes, who in turn read it to the king himself. What did the king do when it was read to him? (36.23)

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The king nor his princes showed any sign of repentance of their sins; therefore, their doom was sealed. Read 39.1-8 and describe what happened to the city of Jerusalem, the king’s family and the king himself.

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**THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS**