

THE WORDS OF JEREMIAH
GENERAL ANALYSIS OF THE BOOK
(Jeremiah 1:1-3)

- I. The CONDITION of the Text
 - A. The LXX is about ONE-SEVENTH SHORTER than the Hebrew
 - B. The LXX presents some material in a DIFFERENT ORDER
 - C. Jeremiah speaks GOD’S message with POWER and CONVICTION

- II. The UNITY of the Book
 - A. Jeremiah wrote poetic ORACLES, prose SERMONS, and narrative CURRENT EVENTS
 - B. Jeremiah ministered in the era of the REDISCOVERED LAW
 - C. Jeremiah quotes or alludes to PRIOR and CONTEMPORARY prophets

- III. The IDENTITY of the Author
 - A. Jeremiah’s BACKGROUND
 - 1. Name means “Yahweh ESTABLISHES, or THROWS”
 - 2. The son of a PRIEST named Hilkiyah
 - 3. From the village of Anathoth, about 3 miles NE of JERUSALEM

B. Jeremiah's LIFE

1. Forbidden by God to MARRY (16:1-4)
2. Assisted by a SCRIBE named Baruch (36:4, 32; 45:1)
3. Lived with constant CONFLICT because of his MESSAGE (18:18; 19:1 - 20:6; 26:1-24; 36:1-26; 37:11-17; 38:1-16)
 - a. He was THREATENED frequently
 - b. He was put on TRIAL for his LIFE
 - c. He was put in STOCKS
 - d. He was publicly HUMILIATED by a FALSE PROPHET
 - e. He was thrown into a CISTERN
 - f. He was taken to EGYPT as a HOSTAGE against God
4. Writes CANDIDLY of his varying moods, from DESPAIR to JOY
5. Most standards of SUCCESS would judge him a FAILURE
6. He remained FAITHFUL under DURESS for DECADES
7. Jeremiah is an example of the COST of SERVANTHOOD