**The Book of Jeremiah**

**Structure**

**Pre-Babylonian Exile Hinge Point**

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**God’s**

**Promised**

**Wrath**

**And**

**Judgement**

**Is**

**Coming**

**For**

**Israel**

**And**

**The**

**Nations**

**26-45: Judgement and Hope for Israel**

**1-24: Indictment Against and Warning for Israel**

**46-51: Judgment and Hope for the Nations**

**52: Destruction, Exile, and Hope**

**Main Idea:**  The book of Jeremiah is primarily about God’s just wrathful anger and punishment of Israel for breaking the covenant, and his grace in bringing about salvation through judgement, in keeping his steadfast love and faithfulness to his people.

**Study Questions:**

1. What are some of the metaphors used to describe Israel’s sin in relation to God in the book of Jeremiah?
2. What is the significance of Jeremiah being portrayed as a type of or like other OT characters such as Moses, Samuel, Job, and Joseph?
3. At the end of Jeremiah we get this strange story about King Jehoiachin being exalted in Babylon. Why is this story here? What is the big deal?
4. Giving examples from the text, tell me why God is so angry with Israel. Why is he about to punish his people? Be specific.
5. If God’s wrath, anger, and judgement against Israel and the nations is not arbitrary, what purposes do you see it serving in Jeremiah?
6. Jeremiah emotionally vents to God in very raw, intense, and personal ways. Is this a legitimate thing for a child of God to do? Where else in scripture do we see this taking place?
7. What does it mean as a Christian to have a “a new heart”? How would you explain that to a friend or co-corker?
8. What hope is offered in Jeremiah to a nation with a rampant sin problem? Connect this hope in light of the coming of Christ (his life, death, and resurrection).
9. What are some things in your life that God is calling you to repent of? Be honest with yourself. What are some practical ways in which you can “return to Yahweh?”
10. If you feel comfortable, share with someone in the group (or the whole group) a time where God restored or healed you from your sin. This could be your testimony, deliverance from addiction, a restored relationship, offering forgiveness, or letting go of bitterness etc.