

“Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”

Certainly true with Old Testament history

1 Corinthians 10:6-11

Jeremiah

- Jeremiah was of a **priestly** line (1:1), but he is best known as a **prophet** of God.
- Prophesied from around 627 B.C. (13th year of Josiah's reign) to around 586 B.C. (11th year of Zedekiah's reign) (1:2–3).
- A dark period in **Judah's** history—the years leading up to Babylonian captivity (**Israel** had been taken into Assyrian captivity about 100 years earlier).

Jeremiah

- Not exactly a popular guy, for several reasons.
 - He preached against their sinful ways, and warned of their impending judgment.
 - While Judah was being overrun by Babylon, he urged the people to not resist, to instead submit to the king of Babylon.
- There is, however a message of hope (chs. 30–33).
 - Return from captivity (also 25, 29), the Messiah, features of the new covenant.

Lessons from Jeremiah

Two Great Needs Among God's People

Need #1: Courageous Spokesmen

- God to Jeremiah: Don't be afraid.
 - Jeremiah 1:4–8, 17–19
- Still need men like Jeremiah
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Timothy 4:2–3
- **Courage mingled with compassion.**
 - Jeremiah 8:18–9:1; 13:15–17

Need #2: People To Walk in the “Old Paths”

- Many prefer to “blaze new trails.”
 - Jeremiah 6:16
- We put ourselves on the throne; we become a law unto ourselves.
 - Jeremiah 10:23.
- The old paths forever remain new.
 - 1 Peter 1:23; Jude 1:3; 1 John 2:24; 2 John 1:9.