

# Interesting Facts About Jeremiah

**MEANING:** Jeremiah means “Yahweh throws.”

**AUTHOR:** Jeremiah (Except for chapter 52)

**TIME WRITTEN:** The exact year is unknown.

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 24th Book in the Bible
- 24th Book in the Old Testament
- 2nd of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 2nd of 5 major prophets (Isaiah-Daniel)
- 42 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 52

**VERSES:** 1,364

**WORDS:** 42,659

## OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JEREMIAH:

- Jeremiah's ministry spanned more than 40 years, from 627 to about 580 B.C.
- Jeremiah was a heartbroken prophet with a heartbreaking message.
- Jeremiah is known as “The weeping Prophet.”
- Jeremiah was from the city of Anathoth, two miles south of Jerusalem.
- Jeremiah's father was Hilkiah, the priest.
- Before his birth, Jeremiah was called to be a prophet.
- As an object lesson, Jeremiah was not permitted to marry.
- Jeremiah was a persecuted prophet.
  - Threatened in his home town of Anathoth.
  - Tried for his life by the priests and prophets.
  - Put in stocks.
  - Forced to flee from King Jehoiachim.
  - Publicly humiliated by a false prophet named Hananiah.
  - Thrown into a cistern.
- Jeremiah dictated the writings to his secretary, Baruch.

## JEREMIAH

- Jeremiah was a contemporary of:
  - Zephaniah
  - Habakkuk
  - Daniel
  - Ezekiel
- Jeremiah prophesied of the coming judgment of God upon Judah through the Babylonian captivity of the Southern Kingdom.
- Babylon is referred to 164 times in the Book of Jeremiah.
- Jeremiah specifically prophesies that the captivity will last for 70 years (25:11-14; 29:10). Daniel 9:2 refers to Jeremiah's prophecy. Three stages of Jeremiah's ministry:
  - From 627-650 B.C., he prophesied while Judah was threatened by Assyria and Egypt.
  - From 605-586 B.C., he prophesied God's judgment while Judah was threatened and besieged by Babylon.
  - From 586 to about 680 B.C, wherein he ministered in Jerusalem and Egypt after Judah's down fall.
- In Jeremiah 31:33, the prophet prophesies that God will make a new covenant for His people.
- Jeremiah's message is communicated through:
  - Parables
  - Sermons
  - Object lessons

