

JEREMIAH

AUTHOR:

The prophet Jeremiah is the author of the book of Jeremiah

DATE:

This book was written during the ministry of Jeremiah the prophet—approximately 627-586 BC.

AUDIENCE:

Jeremiah wrote his book to the Southern kingdom of Judah and Jerusalem, its capital city.

CONTEXT:

The Northern kingdom of Israel had already fallen and the Southern kingdom of Judah was headed quickly in the direction of destruction. Jeremiah was a prophet during the last 5 kings before Judah fell and was taken captive by Babylon in 586 BC. The people did not listen to him or his message. In fact, Jeremiah is often referred to as the weeping prophet.

PURPOSE:

Jeremiah pleads with God's people to turn from their sins and to return to God before it was too late. Jeremiah was an example of true obedience no matter the cost. The book of Jeremiah illustrates the importance of a life lived in faithful obedience, the consequences of not being obedient, and God's loving faithfulness to His people.

