The Study on the Book of Jeremiah Week #1: Introduction Handout Sunday, September 8, 2024 (PM Service)

Introduction:

I would like to begin by us realizing who and what Jeremiah really was. I think the best word to describe Jeremiah would be a word that you probably would not think of, in reality.

• What is the best word to describe Jeremiah? The Enforcer

- He was a just man, yet this man had the unenviable position of being called to deliver the message of pending justice, and because he was the agent of the law, some people treated him terribly
 - The Three effects on Jeremiah during his time were as follows:
 - A. A <u>Preaching Tour</u> proclaiming the implications of the newly rediscovered covenant.
 - B. A personal <u>Struggle</u> with God.
 - C. The realization of the short-lived **Reformation**.

1. The **Book**

a. Within the book, we will find multiple themes. The first...

A. Judgment

- i. Jeremiah is about the judgment of God on a specific nation.
- ii. What Caused God to be angry with His own people?
 - 1. i. **Confidence** in the wrong things.

2. ii. Guilty of Idolatry

iii. Guilty of Lying and slander.

b. B. Hope (Jer. 3:11-25)

i. Jeremiah is about Hope provided by Judgment.

2. The **Structure**

- **a.** What are the two major sections of Jeremiah?
 - i. Justice for God's People (Jer. 1:1-45, 52)
 - **ii.** Justice for **Babylon** and the **Nations** (Jer. 46-51).

 b. Jeremiah is a prophet, but not as much in the Foretelling sense as in the Forthtelling.

3. The Real Message

- **a.** What is the promise of Jeremiah?
 - i. Jer. 31:31, "Behold the <u>Davs</u> come, saith the LORD, That I will make a <u>New Covenant</u> with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah."
- **b.** The promise is **Fulfilled** in the person of **Jesus Christ**.