

## The Book of Jeremiah

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## Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

## Morning Study

This morning we continue studying the book of **Jeremiah** – this time reading **chapters 7-17**.

The book of **Jeremiah** is the longest in the Bible, containing more words than any other book. It's mixture of prose and poetry contains many deliberately repetitive phrases – phrases that the writer used time and again to get his message across. An example of this is the phrase “sword, famine and plague,” used in **14:12; 21:7; 21:9; 24:10; 27:8; 27:13; 29:17; 29:18; 32:24; 32:36; 34:17; 38:2; 42:17; 42:22** and **44:13**. There are also many other clever literary devices that he used within his writing but which are lost in their translation into English. For example, in **1:11-12** the Lord uses a “pun” (a play on words) – the Hebrew word for “almond tree” sounds like the word “watching.”

Jeremiah also used visual effects to get his message across, and these are easily understood in any language. Some of these visual effects include:

- ☞ A ruined and useless belt (**13:1-11**)
- ☞ A marred clay jar (**19:1-12**)
- ☞ A yoke of straps and crossbars (**chapter 27**)
- ☞ The deed to a plot of land (**32:6-15**)
- ☞ Large stones in a brick pavement (**43:8-13**)

**Jeremiah** is quoted many times in the New Testament. Here are some examples:

- ☞ **Matthew 2:17-18** → **Jeremiah 31:15**
- ☞ **Matthew 27:9** → **Jeremiah 19:1-13; 32:6-9; Zechariah 11:12-13**
- ☞ **Matthew 21:13** → **Jeremiah 7:11; Isaiah 56:7**
- ☞ **1 Corinthians 1:31** → **Jeremiah 9:24**
- ☞ **Hebrews 8:8-12** → **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

You will find this theme recurring throughout the book of **Jeremiah**. With this in mind, pull up a comfortable chair, and let's read **chapters 7-17**.

# Memory Verse

Whoever believes in him is not condemned,  
but whoever does not believe stands condemned  
already because he has not believed in the  
name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:18

## Your Fishing Kit

This is the second verse in your fishing kit. Together with **John 3:16**, it shows that there is a dire penalty for sin and rebellion against God, and that the Son of God came to rescue mankind from that penalty. But **John 3:18** takes this one stage further. It declares that unless we believe on the Lord Jesus we will indeed "perish" (compare with **3:16**). Our condemnation is already set. A death sentence is hanging over us, a sentence which is immediately broken when we believe "in the name of God's one and only Son."

Here are the other verses in your "fishing kit":

<b>John 3:16</b>	<b>Proverbs 14:12</b>	<b>John 1:12</b>	<b>Matthew 10:32-33</b>
<b>John 3:18</b>	<b>Romans 5:8</b>	<b>John 3:3</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 10:13</b>
<b>John 3:36</b>	<b>1 John 4:10</b>	<b>John 5:24</b>	<b>1 John 5:10</b>
<b>Ephesians 1:7-8</b>	<b>Acts 2:38</b>	<b>John 6:37</b>	<b>1 John 5:11</b>
<b>Romans 3:23</b>	<b>Acts 3:19</b>	<b>John 10:10</b>	<b>1 John 5:12</b>
<b>Romans 6:23</b>	<b>Acts 4:12</b>	<b>John 10:28</b>	<b>Romans 2:4-5</b>
<b>Isaiah 53:5</b>	<b>John 14:6</b>	<b>Romans 10:9</b>	<b>Acts 17:30</b>
<b>Isaiah 53:6</b>	<b>1 John 1:8</b>	<b>Romans 10:13</b>	<b>John 14:1-3</b>
<b>Isaiah 59:1-2</b>	<b>1 John 1:9</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:17</b>	<b>John 16:33</b>
<b>Isaiah 54:6</b>	<b>1 John 1:10</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:21</b>	<b>Revelation 3:20</b>

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an "on the tip of your tongue" familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.