

People of the Bible

Jeremiah

The prophet Jeremiah was active as God's prophet to the southern kingdom of Judah around 627 to 582 BC.

As a prophet he predicted, witnessed, and lived through the Babylonian siege and eventual destruction of Jerusalem in 587 BC.

In his preaching, he often used symbols such as an almond rod and a boiling pot (Jeremiah 1:11-14), wine jars (13:12-14, and a potter at work (18:1-18. His entire prophetic ministry was a sermon, communicating through word and deed God's anger toward His rebellious people.

Jeremiah suffered repeated rejection and persecution by his countrymen. Jeremiah is commonly known as the "weeping prophet," based on his wish to have a "fountain of tears" with which he might weep for the slain of his own people (9:1).

As far as can be known, Jeremiah died in Egypt, having been taken there forcibly.

He is remembered and honored for fearlessly call God's people to repentance.