



**Christ Church
Lavender Bay**

Jeremiah
the weeping prophet



Looking forward to the New Covenant

Sermon Series
September – December 2021

Why Jeremiah?

There are two key reasons why we will be exploring Jeremiah in 2021. Firstly, our sermon series follow a loose pattern of Gospel, Doctrine/Theme, New Testament and Old Testament series each year. Thus, so far this year we have had sermon series on John's Gospel (Jan-Apr); Acts (Apr-Jul); 3D Mission (Aug-Sept); and now Jeremiah (Sept-Nov). The John's Gospel and Acts series will continue over the next few years. Secondly Jeremiah's situation of despair in his current circumstance and hope beyond the horizon in God's promises closely parallels our own circumstances with Covid. I am hoping that we can both lament well, but also lift our eyes to see the future that has been promised by God.

Key Passage

Most commentators agree that the key passage of Jeremiah is 31:31-34.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ *"The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.*

³² *It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to^{dj} them,^{ej}"*
declares the LORD.

³³ *"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time," declares the LORD.
"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.*

³⁴ *No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"*
declares the LORD.

*"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."*

Not surprisingly for a prophet, Jeremiah is a forward-looking man. Firstly, he sees pending judgement, over which he weeps for Israel, but he also tells of a new covenant which brings great hope for the wayward nation (and us!). Thus our (albeit long winded) series title: "Jeremiah, the weeping prophet: Looking forward to the New Covenant".

Plan

The Jeremiah series will run from 12th September through to Advent 2021. A team of preachers are preparing the sermons. Please be praying for Paul Barnett, Jo Kadlecek, Chris Gilbert, Ross McDonald, John McIntosh, Alison Whalley and myself as we prepare and preach.

Date	Passage	Focus
12 Sep		Jeremiah Overview
19 Sep	Jeremiah 1	Intro
26 Sep	Jeremiah 2-6	Israel's Covenant Adultery
3 Oct	Jeremiah 7-9	False Religion and Idolatrous people
10 Oct	Jeremiah 11-20	Jeremiah's struggle with God and Judah
17 Oct	Jeremiah 21-29	Jeremiah's confrontation
24 Oct	Jeremiah 30-33	Restoration for Judah and Israel
31 Oct	Jeremiah 34-39	the Last Days of Judah
7 Nov	Defence Sunday	
14 Nov	Jeremiah 40-45	The First Days of Exile
21 Nov	Jeremiah 46-51	God's judgement on the nations
28 Nov	Jeremiah 52	The fall of Jerusalem

Reflection Notes on Jeremiah

Jo Kadlecek has kindly offered to prepare weekly reflection note on Jeremiah for individual and group use. These will be available each week on the [Resources Tab](#) of the www.cclb.org.au website. Thanks Jo.

My prayer for us is that we have a renewed sense of hope as we lift our eyes toward God, and that this hope springs forth a joy that is beyond our present circumstance, and that this joy that lifts our souls' overflows and is evident to our family, friends, neighbours and colleagues that they may see Jesus in us and ask about the hope we have.

Every blessing

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