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## **“The LORD has an indictment against the nations”**

**“ ‘I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth....’**

**‘The clamor will resound to the ends of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against the nations.’ ”**

**—Jeremiah 25:29b, 31**

**These are sobering words, aren’t they? Chilling. To whom were they spoken? Has it happened or is it yet future? Will it affect me and my loved ones? What are we to do?**

**Study, Beloved. Study His Word well. Give it the respect and time due it, because it is the God of heaven who speaks. Know Him intimately. Remember these are His precepts for life, and through His precepts you get understanding and consequently hate every false way.**

### **TAKING IT IN**

As you begin your study, it’s good to talk to the Author about His Book and what He wants you to know and live by. Prayer is always the way to begin Bible study.

1. As we begin our study, we need to do a quick review. We want to make sure that those of you who are joining us at this point in Jeremiah have an understanding of the setting of this book. We’ve divided our study of Jeremiah into two parts because of the length of the book. The first part covers chapters 1–24. This second part covers Jeremiah 25–52.

To help set the context for those who have joined us for Jeremiah Part 2 and to refresh the memories of those who studied Jeremiah Part 1:

- a. Read Jeremiah chapter 1 and answer the following questions:
  - 1) When did the message come to Jeremiah?

- 2) What was Jeremiah appointed to be?
  
- 3) What did Jeremiah see and how is it explained?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Why is God going to judge Judah and Jerusalem?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) How would they respond when Jeremiah spoke, and what was God's promise to Jeremiah when this happened?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Compare Jeremiah 1:1-3 with the timeline chart in the Appendix entitled "The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah's Time." Familiarize yourself with this timeline as you'll use it throughout this course.
  
- c. Jeremiah chapters 1–23 describe the coming judgment of God—judgment from the north. The main focus is on Judah, rather than on the nations, although we know from Jeremiah 1 that Jeremiah was appointed by God as a prophet to the nations. In the Appendix, you'll find a "Jeremiah at a Glance" chart. We've filled in the first twenty-four chapters for those of you who did not study Jeremiah Part 1. An At a Glance chart is a great way to summarize what you learn as you study a book of the Bible.



2. Jeremiah 25 is a sobering chapter—you know this from the two verses we quoted at the beginning of this lesson—yet it also has an important and encouraging word for Judah that you won't want to miss. This chapter has some sobering truths that reach as far as...you'll discover how far for yourself!

a. Observe Jeremiah 25.

1) As you observe the text, mark the following key words on your Observation Worksheets in a distinctive way or color. You will want to make a Key Word Bookmark for this part of Jeremiah.

Use the back cover of this workbook to make a **Key Word Bookmark**. List the key words below and color-code them the way you want to mark them. Marking suggestions for some frequently used words in the Bible are on the reverse side.

In the following list, words with marking suggestions on the front of the bookmark are indicated by an asterisk [\*].

- a) *Jeremiah*. Color every reference in a distinct color.
- b) *Jehoiakim*. As you continue through the course, you'll mark the other kings of Judah also. This will help you put the chapters into their historical contexts. You might put a blue box around each one, then give each a distinct color inside the box. (If you studied Jeremiah Part 1, you already have markings for these kings.)
- c) *the word (my words, the word of the Lord, this book, thus says the Lord)*. Some of us have chosen to mark references to God speaking as it helps us follow what is being said.
- d) *listened, \* hear*. Put a slash through it for *not listen*.
- e) *anger* or *wrath\**
- f) *nations\** or *kingdoms*, when refers to any nations besides Israel
- g) *iniquity (sin, \* evil, wicked)*
- h) *desolation (destruction)*
- i) *Babylon*. It's good to mark it in a distinctive way to use throughout your Bible.
- j) *geographical references\**

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- k) references to the land God gave Israel\*
  - l) time references.\* Give careful attention to these, because this will keep you in historical context.
  - m) *shepherds, masters, lords*—their rulers
- 2) You may find it helpful to read the chapter several times, marking a few words each time.
- b. Read your Observation Worksheet again. As you do, write in the margin the main point of each section or record it below:
- 1) 25:1-7
  - 2) 25:8-11
  - 3) 25:12-14 (Watch the pronouns in these verses so you know who God is talking about.)
  - 4) 25:15-26
  - 5) 25:27-29
  - 6) 25:30-31





- 7) 25:32-33
  
  - 8) 25:34-38
  
  - c. Now, how would you summarize the content of Jeremiah 25 into a theme? Record that on your “Jeremiah at a Glance” chart in the Appendix.
  - d. In the Appendix, you’ll find a page to record a “bio” on “Jeremiah, a Man Appointed by God.” List your insights on Jeremiah from chapter 25. You’ll add to it as we progress through the book.
  - e. Also, note the timing for this chapter on “The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah’s Time.” You can use an arrow. Be sure to label it “Jeremiah 25.” Throughout the course, you’ll continue to use this timeline to mark when each message is spoken.
3. Now that you’ve thoroughly observed Jeremiah 25. Let’s think through it again.
- a. What is significant about the first fourteen verses of Jeremiah 25? What is the big news? Revelation?
    - 1) What is God going to do to the people of Judah—to the land?
  
    - 2) For how long? (God hasn’t told them this before!)
  
    - 3) When is He telling them how long they will be in captivity? And who will take them into captivity?

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- 4) How long has Jeremiah been God's prophet to Judah? What has he done during that time?
- 5) According to verse 8, why was God angry with them?
- b. What is going to happen to Babylon and the land of the Chaldeans after the 70 years and why? Who said so?
- c. Read Jeremiah 25:15-38 on your Observation Worksheet. Look at the themes of these paragraphs and the various nations that are mentioned. Then read Jeremiah 1:4-10. What do you see happening in this segment of Jeremiah 25?
- d. Now see if you can locate the various nations mentioned in Jeremiah 25 on the maps in the Appendix.
- e. Let's look at Jeremiah 25:26-27.
- 1) What nations are included in verses 26-27?
- 2) What are they going to drink? Look at verses 15-17.



- 3) When will the king of Babylon drink it?
- f. List what you observe from marking references to the nations and the inhabitants of the earth. Is this past or future?
- g. Read Jeremiah 25:34-38. Notice what you learn from marking shepherds (rulers). How accountable to God are rulers of people?
- h. What is the main point you learn about God from this chapter?
4. Observe Jeremiah 26.
- a. Watch for the “when” of this chapter; remember Jeremiah is not chronological in its layout.
  - b. Mark the key words on your bookmark and add the following:
    - 1) references to the *Lord’s house* (Solomon’s grand and glorious temple)—see *tabernacle\**
    - 2) *turn from (repent\*)* or any similar word or phrase that indicates repentance. This is key in Jeremiah—it’s God’s heart!
    - 3) *die, death\**

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- 4) *prophets, prophesy*. Since a prophet is supposed to be a messenger from God, some mark it with a megaphone.
  - c. Record the theme of Jeremiah 26 on the “Jeremiah at a Glance” chart. Then note the timing of the chapter on “The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah’s Time” chart.
  - d. Read Jeremiah 26 again. Record in the margin or below the main theme (subject, topic) covered in the following sections:
    - 1) 1-6
    - 2) 7-9
    - 3) 10-15
    - 4) 16-19
    - 5) 20-24
  - e. On your “Jeremiah, a Man Appointed by God” page, add insights from chapter 26.
5. Finally, let’s walk through some of Jeremiah 26 again.
- a. Read Jeremiah 7:1-8. Do you see any similarity between Jeremiah 7 and Jeremiah 26? If so, what?



- b. Two prophets are cited in Jeremiah 26:17-24. List what you learn about each below:

**MICAH**

**URIAH**

**LIVING  
IT OUT**

1. Now, beloved of God, how are you going to live in light of what you've learned this week? What is your duty, your obligation to these truths if you are going to listen to God? What is your heart's cry, your prayer, your determination or commitment?

2. What value do you place on the Word of the Lord? Do you believe God will do what He says?

*O how our times cry out for men and women who will speak out for God, not fearing the face of man. Will you not say like Isaiah, “Here I am! Send me”?*



# JEREMIAH 1

## Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

- THE words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,
- 2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.
- 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.
- 4 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
- 6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”
- 7 But the LORD said to me,
- “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;  
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,  
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.
- 8 “Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
declares the LORD.”
- 9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,
- “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.



- 10 “See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to break down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”
- 11 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see an almond branch.”
- 12 Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.”
- 13 The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north.”
- 14 Then the LORD said to me, “Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land.
- 15 “For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the LORD, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah.
- 16 “And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands.
- 17 “But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them.
- 18 “And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land.
- 19 “They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you.”





## JEREMIAH 25

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

- THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),
- 2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem:
  - 3 “For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, to this day, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken persistently to you, but you have not listened.
  - 4 “You have neither listened nor inclined your ears to hear, although the LORD persistently sent to you all his servants the prophets,
  - 5 saying, ‘Turn now, every one of you, from his evil way and evil deeds, and dwell upon the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers from of old and forever.
  - 6 ‘Do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, or provoke me to anger with the work of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.’
  - 7 “Yet you have not listened to me, declares the LORD, that you might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.
  - 8 “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words,
  - 9 behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the LORD, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.
  - 10 “Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the grinding of the millstones and the light of the lamp.



- 11 “This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- 12 “Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the LORD, making the land an everlasting waste.
- 13 “I will bring upon that land all the words that I have uttered against it, everything written in this book, which Jeremiah prophesied against all the nations.
- 14 “For many nations and great kings shall make slaves even of them, and I will recompense them according to their deeds and the work of their hands.”
- 15 Thus the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: “Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it.
- 16 “They shall drink and stagger and be crazed because of the sword that I am sending among them.”
- 17 So I took the cup from the LORD’s hand, and made all the nations to whom the LORD sent me drink it:
- 18 Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its kings and officials, to make them a desolation and a waste, a hissing and a curse, as at this day;
- 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his officials, all his people,
- 20 and all the mixed tribes among them; all the kings of the land of Uz and all the kings of the land of the Philistines (Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod);
- 21 Edom, Moab, and the sons of Ammon;
- 22 all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the coastland across the sea;
- 23 Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all who cut the corners of their hair;
- 24 all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the mixed tribes who dwell in the desert;
- 25 all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of Media;
- 26 all the kings of the north, far and near, one after another, and all the kingdoms of the world that are on the face of the earth. And after them the king of Babylon shall drink.



- 27 “Then you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, be drunk and vomit, fall and rise no more, because of the sword that I am sending among you.’
- 28 “And if they refuse to accept the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: You must drink!
- 29 ‘For behold, I begin to work disaster at the city that is called by my name, and shall you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, for I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth, declares the LORD of hosts.’
- 30 “You, therefore, shall prophesy against them all these words, and say to them:
- ‘The LORD will roar from on high,  
and from his holy habitation utter his voice;  
he will roar mightily against his fold,  
and shout, like those who tread grapes,  
against all the inhabitants of the earth.
- 31 ‘The clamor will resound to the ends of the earth,  
for the LORD has an indictment against the nations;  
he is entering into judgment with all flesh,  
and the wicked he will put to the sword,  
declares the LORD.’
- 32 “Thus says the LORD of hosts:  
Behold, disaster is going forth  
from nation to nation,  
and a great tempest is stirring  
from the farthest parts of the earth!
- 33 “And those pierced by the LORD on that day shall extend from one end of the earth to the other. They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; they shall be dung on the surface of the ground.



- 34 “Wail, you shepherds, and cry out,  
and roll in ashes, you lords of the flock,  
for the days of your slaughter and dispersion have come,  
and you shall fall like a choice vessel.
- 35 “No refuge will remain for the shepherds,  
nor escape for the lords of the flock.
- 36 “A voice—the cry of the shepherds,  
and the wail of the lords of the flock!  
For the LORD is laying waste their pasture,  
and the peaceful folds are devastated  
because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
- 37 and the peaceful folds are devastated  
because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
- 38 “Like a lion he has left his lair,  
for their land has become a waste  
because of the sword of the oppressor,  
and because of his fierce anger.”



## JEREMIAH 26

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

**I**N the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD:

2 “Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’S house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word.

3 “It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds.

4 “You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you,

5 and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened,

6 then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’ ”

7 The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

8 And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!

9 “Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

**10** When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD.

11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”



- 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard.
- 13 “Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you.
- 14 “But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you.
- 15 “Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”
- 16 Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, “This man does not deserve the sentence of death, for he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.”
- 17 And certain of the elders of the land arose and spoke to all the assembled people, saying,
- 18 “Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and said to all the people of Judah: ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.’
- 19 “Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and did not the LORD relent of the disaster that he had pronounced against them? But we are about to bring great disaster upon ourselves.”
- 20 There was another man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah from Kiriath-jearim. He prophesied against this city and against this land in words like those of Jeremiah.
- 21 And when King Jehoiakim, with all his warriors and all the officials, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death. But when Uriah heard of it, he was afraid and fled and escaped to Egypt.



- 22 Then King Jehoiakim sent to Egypt certain men, Elnathan the son of Achbor and others with him,
- 23 and they took Uriah from Egypt and brought him to King Jehoiakim, who struck him down with the sword and dumped his dead body into the burial place of the common people.
- 24 But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah so that he was not given over to the people to be put to death.







## JEREMIAH AT A GLANCE

### Book Theme:

	Segment Divisions	Chapter Themes		
<b>Author:</b>		1 Jeremiah appointed a prophet to the nations and Judah		
		2 Judah forsook the Lord		
	<b>Date:</b>		3 Return faithless Israel and treacherous Judah	
			4 Circumcise your heart or destruction	
			5 Refuse to repent—Shall I not avenge Myself?	
			6 Judah didn't listen, rejected God's laws/ He rejected them	
	<b>Purpose:</b>		7 Don't trust in the temple, deceptive words / Valley of Slaughter	
			8 Evil remnant will choose death	
			9 Weeping—God will punish their deceit	
			10 Idols are deceitful, will perish/ Lord is the true, living God	
		<b>Key Words:</b>		11 Broken covenant, therefore disaster/ Plot against Jeremiah
				12 Jeremiah wants justice/ God abandoned His inheritance, but will have compassion
			13 Worthless waistband	
			14 Drought, sword, famine, pestilence	
			15 Four kinds of doom/ God tired of relenting	
			16 God will doubly repay—hurl from land	
			17 Trust in Lord/ Keep Sabbath	
			18 Potter's house/ Plans against Jeremiah	
			19 God will break Jerusalem like potter's vessel	
			20 Jeremiah beaten & put in stocks	
		21 Zedekiah and Jerusalem given to Nebuchadnezzar		
		22 Lord's word to Shallum, Jehoiakim, Coniah		
		23 Woe to the shepherds		
		24 Good and bad figs		



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Jeremiah Part 2

Map of Israel

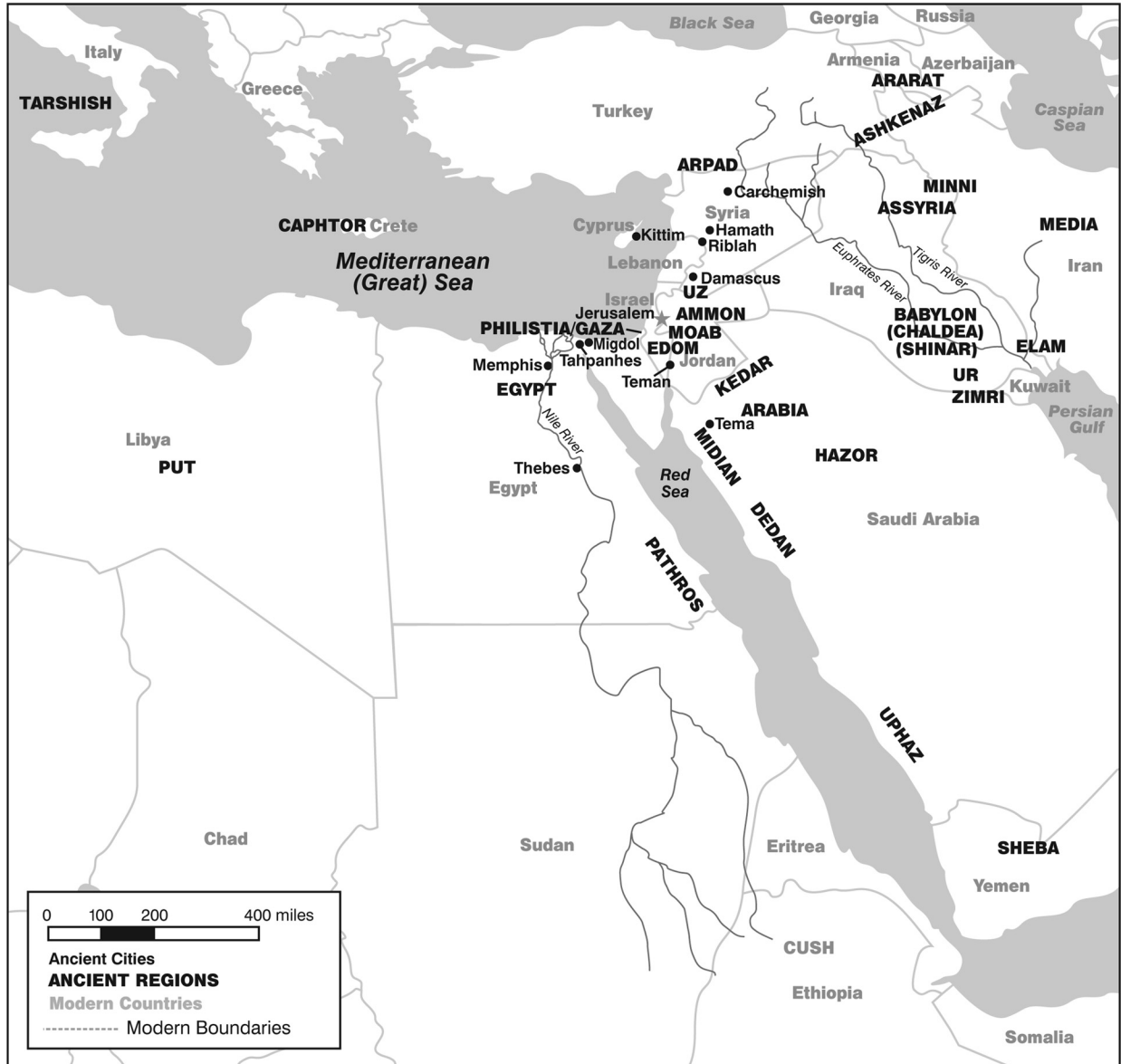






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Map of Nations Surrounding Israel



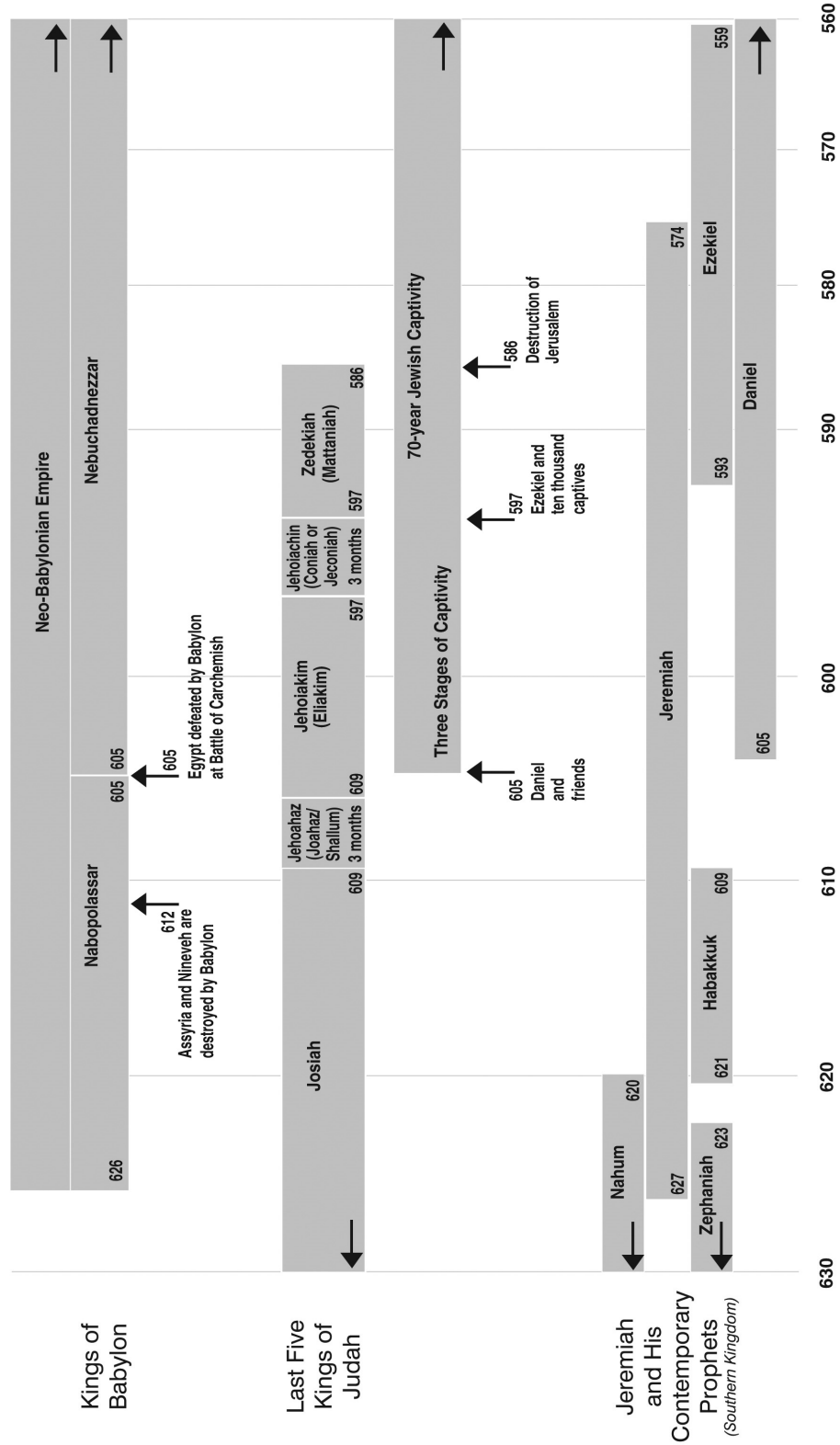




### Jeremiah Part 2

The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah's Time

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JEREMIAH, A MAN APPOINTED BY GOD



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