

Dear Sojourners of Faith,

We will return to the book Isaiah later, but we are moving into Jeremiah, another very significant prophet for a variety of reasons. For starters, please look up the word *jeremiad* in the dictionary and know that English name Jeremy is really the biblical Hebrew name *Jeremiah*:

ירמיהו or ירמיה (= perhaps “may the LORD exalt” or “exalted of the LORD,” which would be a bit ironic, or “the LORD casts, throws, loosens”)

from the verb רמה (*rama*), to cast, throw, loosen + יה (*yah*), the name of the LORD  
ordinarily and figuratively meaning *beguile, deceive, or mislead*

from the verb רום (*rum*), to be high + יה (*yah*), the name of the LORD

Again, some helpful dates to keep in mind, especially in the light of the Deuteronomistic History (= Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings):

ca. 930 BC split of the united kingdom  
722 BC destruction of northern kingdom Israel  
586 BC destruction of southern kingdom Judah (& Temple; rebuilt 515 BC)

Please read **Jeremiah 31**, especially vv. **27-34**.

As always, I look forward to **your observations and questions**, and please never hesitate to **suggest any biblical, theological, or life topics** along the way. We can be flexible and take detours on our journey through the Bible. Please see the “syllabus” online for where we are headed: Bible study 2021-04 (printed copies also available in front of my office in Resident Life, Liberty Commons).

For the Zoomers, here are the instructions:

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See you in class or via Zoom. Have a wonderful evening.

With prayer and best wishes,

