

# **Lessons on Missions from Jeremiah**

Jeremiah chapter 1

# **Jeremiah had a background**

- **He had a time**
- **He had a place**
- **He had a role (he thought)**

# Jeremiah had a call from God

- **At God's time**

**Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; ...**

**Jeremiah 1:5**

**But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, ...**

**Galatians 1:15-16**

**“Do you want to know whether God wants you to go or not? Then you must ask your own conscience, and ask the church. Your conscience is the judge of your willingness, and the church is the judge of your ability. And in just the as you can’t trust other men to judge your own inclination or desires, in the same way you can’t trust your own judgment to judge your worthiness or capability.”**

**— William Perkins**

*(A Puritan Golden Treasury, p. 3, modernized)*

# Jeremiah had a objections

verse 6

- **“Look, I do not know how to speak.”**
- **“I’m only a youth.”**

Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.

2 Corinthians 3:5

God chose what is weak in the world ...

1 Corinthians 1:27

# Jeremiah had a mission

verses 5, 10

- **A prophet to the nations**

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

# Jeremiah had a mission

verses 5, 10

- To tear down and to build up

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

# Jeremiah had a mission

verses 5, 10

- **To tear down and to build up**

Strive to excel in building up the church. ... Let all things be done for building up.

1 Corinthians 14:12, 16

... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ... Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up.

Ephesians 4:12, 29



# Introductory vision # 1

verses 11-12

Jeremiah: “I see a rod of an almond tree.”  
*shaqed*



God: “I am watching over my word, to perform it.”  
*shoqed*

# Introductory vision # 2

verses 13-16



**Here comes judgment**

# Some parting words

- **A command: Get Ready**
- **A warning: Don't be discouraged**
- **A promise: I am with you**

“And look, I'm always with you, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20