

# Jeremiah

c. 650–570 BC

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Devotion of Your Youth  
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**What is the Nature of  
Betrayal**



Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of  
Jerusalem, c. 1630, by Rembrandt

# Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

Jeremiah 2:1 Word of the LORD ...

2 “Go & proclaim in the  
hearing of Jerusalem:

“This is what the LORD says:  
I remember the devotion of

**Your Youth**

Jeremiah 1-6 is *still* within  
Good Josiah's Reign

Josiah's revival not taking ...

This is BEFORE the 1st of  
3 deportations

Jeremiah Timeline		
<del>Samaria Destroyed</del>	721/22	
Good King Josiah	640	reforms initiated
Jeremiah Called in 13th yr Josiah	626	perhaps 30 yrs old
Nabopolassar RAISES Babylon	625	reigns 625-605
<del>Babylon takes Nineveh/Assyria</del>	612	
Egypt's Neco KILLS Josiah @ Megiddo	609	
Jeremiah Laments death of Josiah		II Chron 35:25
Jehoahaz	609	
Jehoiakim	609	
Babylon - Nebuchadnezzar	605	reigns 605-562
<del>Babylon X Egypt's Neco @ Chareish</del>	605	
Neb @ Jerusalem ~ Daniel to Babylon	605	1st Deportation
	600	
Neb @ Jerusalem appoints Jehoiachin	598	3 months
Neb @ Jerusalem	597	2nd Deportation
Neb renames Josiah's son Zedekiah	597	Josiah's son Mattaniah
Jeremiah foretold 70 yrs Captivity		Jer. 25-29
Jeremiah persecuted ch 38		Jer. 36-38
<del>Babylon Neb Destroys JERUSALEM</del>	586	3rd Deportation
Zedekiah Flees, is killed		Fall itself - Jer. 39-45
Jeremiah w Gedaliah ch 39		
Jeremiah - others to Egypt ch 43		Jeremiah if 30 in 626
Last words of Jeremiah 44:24-30		he's 70+ yrs old
Words of Jeremiah to Baruch		
Cyrus the Great - Jews to Return	538	67 yrs later
Second Temple Complete	515	under Zerubbabel
Ezra in Jerusalem	458	His bk written c. 440
Nehemiah in Jerusalem	445	His bk written c. 430



# Jeremiah



**Babylon will sweep away Egypt & Assyria  
come from the North to take Jerusalem**

**THE BABYLONIAN EMPIRE  
(c. 600 B.C.)**



# June 6: D-Day and the Beaches of Normandy



The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial overlooking Omaha Beach.

PHOTO BY BOBBY MORRIS

By Bobby and Barbara Morris

In 2018 in celebration of our fiftieth wedding anniversary we had the privilege of visiting the beaches of Normandy and the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, located nearby. Here are located the gravesites of 9,388 American military dead, most of whom were killed during the inva-

sion of Normandy and subsequent actions leading to the end of World War II.

This was an incredible journey, a river cruise that began in Paris and had us travel along the historic and picturesque Seine River to Normandy. In Paris we saw so much, including Notre Dame Cathedral,

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Jeremiah, by Michelangelo  
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome

Did you see this week's *Booster*?  
Saluting June 6, 1944 – Normandy  
**Bob & Barbara's 50th Anniversary**

**2018 on Normandy Beach**

Since lesson is on *Love & Betrayal*  
**Best START with life-long faithful**

**LOVE**

Betrayal ... MANY today are betraying  
1947 movie was rated PG ...  
Hollywood Snowflakes have determined  
“Selfless Sacrifice” is “**OUTDATED**”  
Young boy *PRAYS* for HELP – **OUTDATED!**



## The Red Stallion

1947 ★★★★★

Not Rated

Movies • Adventure

**On Now** • 9:20 - 10:40p

EWSTN 342

1 hour 20 mins

The Red Stallion

Ted Donaldson • Robert Paige • Jane Darwell

A young boy must choose whether to sell his beloved stallion in order to save his family's ranch.

Wed 6/7 | 9:22p

1 hour 18 mins remaining

THE FOLLOWING IS RATED

V-PG

OC

OUTDATED CULTURAL DEPICTION

V

VIOLENCE



# Nature of Betrayal



Ugly question arises in Jeremiah 2-6

How PAINFUL is *marital* betrayal?

How PAINFUL is a **Lost Love**?

How PAINFUL when your Love *leaves* you?

LEAVES you for a dirty rotten scoundrel?

Jeremiah 2-6 is TEDIOUS to read ... **LABORIOUS** to read

God INSPIRED – a **SINGLE** litany of Condemnations? **OR**

God INSPIRED – a **GROUP** of a DOZEN similar LAMENTS?

Yet **LOSS** to Betrayal  
different animal altogether

# Nature of Betrayal

I'm gonna tell yah something ...

**ALL** know some ... **FEW** know a lot

Losing the Love of your LIFE ...

## HURTS

I do NOT know ...

who has written more Poems & Songs on **Lost Love**

**Men or Women?**

*must* be MILLIONS of **Lost-Love** songs over Millennia



# Nature of Betrayal



Ugly question arises in Jeremiah 2-6

I had **TOTALLY** forgotten how **NASTY** ...

Who preaches on these ... **DARE WE READ the Bible?**

In **THIS** Sunday School Class we do NOT run from the **BIBLE**

How many times will you **ALLOW** your **SPOUSE** to

**Betray You** ... with **SEX** to someone else?

Before you say, "That's IT ... **FINIS** ... **GOOD** Bye ... **Adios** ...

**Cheerio** ... **Adieu** ... **Au revoir** ... **Sayanara** ...

**Farewell** ... **Arrivederci** ... **Bon voyage** ...



If you **MISS** the **SEX & SEX Analogies** in  
Jeremiah 2-6 you will **MISS** the **PAIN**

Jer 2:1-13 is “**Adultery in Idolatry**”

Jer 2:13 – 6:30 gets **EXPLICIT & NASTY!**

Dare we **READ** the Bible in Sunday School?

Our Jer 2:1-13 is clear enough ... but **SHORT**

If you **Loved** your young spouse for years ...

- ✓ **Saved** that spouse ... **Protected** them for **YEARS** ...
- ✓ **Loved** them with **ALL your HEART** ... **Gave & Gave & Gave**  
**THEN** that spouse turned into the

**Nastiest *Prostitute* in Vegas**

**THAT's** the Ugly **PAIN** Jeremiah 2-6 says **GOD FEELS**

In *that light* ... may be **YOU TOO** would send an army from the North



**Jeremiah 2:1 Word of the LORD ...**

**2 “Go & proclaim in the hearing of  
Jerusalem:**

**“This is what the LORD says:**

**‘I remember the devotion of  
Your Youth**

**how as a BRIDE you Loved me and  
followed me through the wilderness,  
through a land not sown.**

**You remember when YOU were YOUNG ...**

**Life was all FORWARD ... some struggle ... lot of unknowns  
Romantic ... Hopes ... Dreams ... Fantasies**

**There WAS Day of Sweet Innocent Devotion**





When I looked up songs on **BETRAYAL**

- 1 Sam Smith's "Lay Me Down"  
– 474 million views – 8 years
- 2 Justin Timberlake's "Cry Me a River"  
– 477 million views – 13 years
- 3 Rihanna's "Take a Bow"  
– 650 million views – 13 years
- 4 Bruno Mars' "When I Was Your Man"  
– 1.2 billion views – 10 years
- 5 Sam Smith's "Too Good at Goodbyes"  
– 1.4 billion views – 5 years
- 6 Passenger's "Let Her Go"  
– 3.4 billion views – 10 years

**6 songs had 7.6-plus BILLION views!**



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo  
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome

I hadn't heard **ANY** of those ...

One song did come to mind ...

1967 Justin Hayward was **DUMPED**

He remembered a gift given to him ...

Started to write a song ...

It went on to sell **MILLIONS** ...

appeared on film sound tracks & 60 cover versions

Oddly, when Hayward *himself* listens to his song ...

He said he has a

**“Big Empty Space”**



How did God feel when Israel turned their backs on **His Love?**





Hayward's song became  
Moody Blues' MOST FAMOUS hit

“Nights in White Satin”

Seems Jeremiah could've LAMENTED

Nights in white satin

Never reaching the END  
Letters I've written

Never meaning to SEND  
*Beauty ...*

Nearly ALL of Jeremiah  
is a study in *Lamentations*



Jeremiah 2:3 Israel was

Holy to the LORD,

*First Fruits* of HIS Harvest;

ALL who devoured her  
were held guilty,

and disaster overtook them,' ”  
*declares the LORD.*



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There was a time of Sweet Victory ... Invincibility ...

Was it during the First Years after Exodus Freedom?

Was it during the Good Years of King David?

Yet this *betrayal* is running *concurrent* with the  
reign & revivals of Good God-fearing Josiah?

*2 Kings 23*



**Jeremiah 2:4** Hear the word of the LORD,  
you descendants of Jacob,  
all you clans of Israel.

**5** This is what the LORD says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me,  
that they **STRAYED SO FAR FROM ME?**

They followed *worthless* **IDOLS** and  
became **Worthless Themselves.**

**6** They did not ask, ‘**WHERE IS THE LORD,**  
... out of Egypt ... through wilderness ...  
land of deserts ... drought ... darkness ...  
a land where **NO ONE** travels and **NO ONE LIVES?**’

**We CANNOT grasp the worshiping of a STONE!**



**No Jealousy  
No One is Jealous  
over a FAKE or Slob**

Beauty I'd always missed  
With these eyes before  
Just what the truth is  
I can't say anymore  
'Cause I Love you  
Yes, I Love you  
Oh, how I Love you





**Jeremiah 2:7** I brought you into a fertile land  
to eat its fruit and rich produce.

But you came and defiled my land  
and made my inheritance detestable.

**8** Priests did not ask, 'Where is the LORD?'  
... who deal with the law did not know me;  
... Prophets prophesied by Baal ...

### Worthless Idols

**9** "Therefore I bring **CHARGES** against you again ...  
And ... against your children's children."

**Jer 3:1** But you lived as a PROSTITUTE with many Lovers—  
would you **NOW** return to me?



We have **NOT** the  
ability to deal with  
**ALL** of chaps 3-6

Just a small  
selection of the  
**CHARGES**

**Jeremiah 2:10** Cross over to the coasts of  
Cyprus & look, send to Kedar & Observe Closely  
see if there has ever been anything like this:

**11** Has a nation ever changed its gods?  
(Yet they are not gods at all.)

But MY people exchanged their Glorious God  
for Worthless Idols.

**12** Be appalled at this, you HEAVENS, and  
Shudder with Great Horror," *declares the LORD.*

**Jer 3:14** "Return, faithless people," says the Lord,  
for I am your HUSBAND





**Jeremiah 2:13** “My people have  
committed **TWO SINS**:

- (1)** They have forsaken me,  
the Spring of Living Water, and
- (2)** Dug their own cisterns,  
Broken Cisterns that cannot hold water.



**14** Is Israel a servant, a slave by birth?  
Why then has he become plunder?

**15** Lions roared ... growled ... towns laid waste ... burned ...

**16** Men of Memphis & Tahpanhes have cracked your skull.

**Jer 4:4** Circumcise yourselves to the Lord ... your hearts ...  
or my **WRATH** will flare up & burn like **FIRE**

**Jeremiah 2:17** Have you not  
brought this on yourselves  
by *forsaking* the LORD your God  
when he led you in the way?

**18** Now why go to Egypt  
to drink water from the Nile?  
And why go to Assyria  
to drink water from the Euphrates?

**19** Your wickedness will punish you ...  
Consider then & realize how EVIL & BITTER it is for you  
when you forsake the LORD your God and

**Have No Awe of Me**

*declares the Lord, the LORD Almighty*





**Jere 2:20** “Long ago you broke off your yoke  
... saying ‘I will not serve you!’

Indeed, on every high hill and  
under every spreading tree  
you *LAY DOWN* as a *PROSTITUTE*.

**21** I had planted you like a choice vine  
of sound & reliable stock.

How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, **WILD** vine?

**Jer 4:30** Why dress yourself in scarlet ... gold ... makeup?  
Your Lovers Despise you—they want to **KILL YOU**

**Betrayal HURTS**



Gazing at People  
Some Hand in Hand

Just what I'm going through  
They CAN'T UNDERSTAND





**Jeremiah 2:22** If you wash yourself with soap ...  
*there is NO cleaning of this horrid mess*

**23** ... consider what you have done.

You are a swift she-camel running here & there,

**24** A wild **DONKEY** accustomed to the desert,  
**SNIFFING** the wind in her craving—

in her **HEAT** who can restrain her?

Males that pursue her need **NOT** tire themselves;  
at mating time they **WILL FIND HER.**

**Jer 5:1** Go up & down the streets of Jerusalem  
Search ... If you can find but one person  
who deals honestly & seeks the truth,  
I will forgive this city



**Jeremiah 2:25** Do not run until  
your feet are bare & your throat is dry.  
But you said, 'It's NO use! I LOVE foreign gods  
I MUST GO AFTER THEM.'

**26** "As a thief is disgraced when he is caught,  
so the people of Israel are disgraced ...  
their Kings ... Officials ... Priests ... Prophets.

**Jer 5:6** Therefore a lion from the forest will attack them

**Jer 5:7-8** "Why SHOULD I forgive you?" ... forsaken me ...  
I supplied all their needs, yet they committed adultery  
and thronged to the HOUSES of PROSTITUTES.

They are well-fed, LUSTY STALLIONS,  
each neighing for another man's wife.





Some try to tell me  
Thoughts they cannot defend

Just what you want to be  
You will be in the END  
And I Love YOU  
Yes, I Love YOU



**Jeremiah 2:27** They say to wood,  
‘You are my FATHER,’  
and to stone, ‘You gave me birth.’  
They have turned their backs to me ...  
yet when they are in trouble, they say,  
‘Come and Save us!’



**28** Where then are the gods YOU MADE for yourselves?  
Let THEM come IF they can save you ...

You, Judah, have as many gods as you have towns

**Jer 6:14-15** ‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is NO Peace.  
Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct?

No shame at all—they do NOT even know how to **BLUSH**



Jeremiah 2:29-32 Jeremiah continues the  
“charges” & how they have “forgotten GOD”

Verse 33 is downright explicit ...

33 How skilled you are at pursuing Love!  
Even the worst of women can  
*LEARN* from *YOUR* ways!

New American Standard 2:33

“How well you prepare your way to seek Love!  
Therefore, even to the wicked women



New Living Translation 2:33 You have *TAUGHT* your ways!

How you plot & scheme to win your Lovers.

Even an experienced prostitute could *LEARN* from you!

**BETRAYAL ... to become a Teacher of well-healed Whores**



Jeremiah 2:34 On your clothes is found the  
lifeblood of the innocent poor ...

35 You say, "I am innocent" ...  
you say, 'I have NOT sinned.'

What is WOKE today? WOKE makes it EVIL to say  
"One Man One Woman" & OKAY for Men smochie Men

36 ...You will be disappointed by Egypt  
as you were by Assyria.

37 You will leave that place with  
your hands on your head,  
for the LORD has rejected those you trust;  
you will NOT be helped by them.

Hayward ended *Nights in White Satin* with an ominous monologue





Breathe deep the gathering GLOOM  
Watch lights fade from every room  
Bed sitter people look back & LAMENT  
Another day's useless energy spent  
Impassioned Lovers wrestle as one  
Lonely man cries for Love & has none  
New mother picks up & suckles her son  
Senior citizens wish they were young  
Cold hearted ORB that rules the NIGHT  
Removes the colors from our SIGHT

**RED** is gray & **yellow** **WHITE**

But we decide which is **RIGHT**

And which is an **Illusion**





We face *ILLUSIONS* in a million ways  
Today we face an Upside-down World  
Jer 1-6 likely sums *many* messages  
over a few years of Good King Josiah  
MOST of which can apply to today's **USA**



Faithful Love is under attack ...

“Family” is Perverted ... Love for God laughed at ...  
Yet God remains *FAITHFUL* ... **His Word True**

Just as in Jeremiah's day

**God LONGS for Faithful Love**  
even Our Young-hearted Love

About 600 years *AFTER* Jeremiah,

**God sent Christ *anyway***

