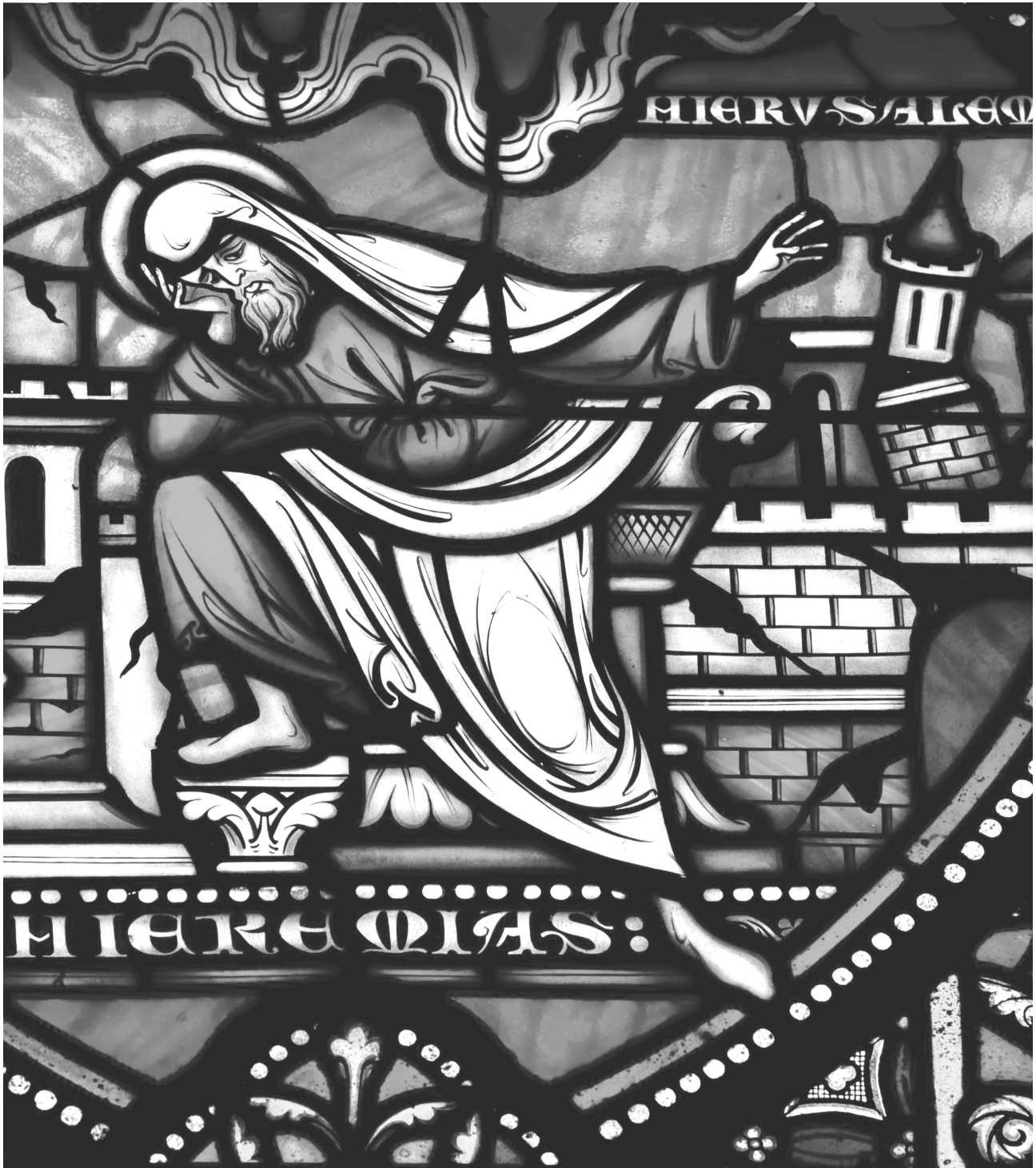


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# Jeremiah Is Called—and Proclaims Judgment

## Jeremiah 1–4

*Distribute before session 1 for use in session 1.*

*Use enrichment magazine pp. 2–4.*

### Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week's assembly.

### Hymn

Son of God, eternal Savior,  
 Source of life and truth and grace,  
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
 Hallows all our human race,  
 You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
 For Your own will ever plead:  
 Fill us with Your love and pity,  
 Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
 So may we for others live.  
 Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
 Freely may Your servants give.  
 Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
 Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 We but stewards of Your bounty  
 Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
 King of love and Prince of Peace;  
 Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
 Bid its cruel discords cease.  
 By Your patient years of toiling,  
 By Your silent hours of pain,  
 Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
 Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior,  
 Source of life and truth and grace,  
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
 Hallows all our human race:  
 By Your praying, by Your willing  
 That Your people should be one,  
 Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
 Here on earth Your will be done.

(LSB 842)

### Prayer

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us

in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Collect for Epiphany 4; PCC, p. 544)

### Digging Deep

#### My Personal Study for Week 1

#### Day 1 • Read Jeremiah 1:1–10

1. Using a study Bible or other Bible reference work, find the dates of the reigns of the three kings mentioned by Jeremiah in whose reigns he prophesied.

Josiah

Jehoiakim

Zedekiah

2. a. Verses 4–5 record God's call of Jeremiah. How did God call Jeremiah?

b. How does God call pastors today?

3. After calling Jeremiah, what confidence does God then give the prophet in his vocation (v. 8)?
4. Jeremiah does not make up the words that he is supposed to prophesy—he has a source (vv. 9–10). Why is this fact important?
5. God uses six verbs to describe Jeremiah’s proclamation (v. 10). What do these activities say about God, who called Jeremiah?
6. God gives Jeremiah two “object lessons” for comfort and encouragement. What was the first one?
7. The second “object lesson” is easier to understand. What was that one?
8. What was God trying to demonstrate with this “object lesson”?
9. What encouragement did God give Jeremiah in regard to his prophetic work?
10. What are some areas and concerns in which the Church of today must stand its ground, against all attacks, like “an iron pillar,” because our civilization does not like its teaching?

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**Day 2 • Read Jeremiah 1:11–19**

# The Temple Sermon and Other Discourses

## Jeremiah 7–11

*Distribute before session 2 for use in session 2.*

*Use enrichment magazine pp. 5–7.*

### Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week's assembly.

### Hymn

Sing praise to God, the highest good,  
The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood  
Our need for His salvation.  
With healing balm our souls He fills  
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r has made,  
In mercy He is keeping.  
By morning glow or evening shade  
His eye is never sleeping.  
Within the kingdom of His might  
All things are just and good and right:  
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress;  
O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness  
And came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
Who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!

He never shall forsake His flock,  
His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock,  
Their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand,  
He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ's holy name,  
Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim  
Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,  
For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!

(LSB 819)

### Prayer

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Collect for Epiphany 8; PCC, p. 546)

### Digging Deep

#### My Personal Study for Week 2

#### Day 1 • Read Jeremiah 7:1–28

1. Verses 1–7 begin Jeremiah's Temple Sermon, called that not because it was delivered in the temple, but because it was about the temple. How had the temple, which God commanded to be built and was blessed by Him, become a problem for the people?

2. Worship of "the queen of heaven" (Astarte or Ishtar), an astral deity and goddess of fertility, is a problem for God—such a problem that God asks Jeremiah not to pray for the people. Why does God condemn this worship?

3. How does Jeremiah's teaching about burnt offerings and obedience to God's voice challenge the people's beliefs and practices? (See also Leviticus 7:37–38.)

7. "Why then has this people turned away in perpetual backsliding?" (v. 5). God's people don't compare well with other created beings. What parts of God's creation are listed in this section who do a better job of "listening" to God than do God's people?

4. Not everyone will hear God's voice. As God tells Jeremiah about this stark reality, how is the problem with man rather than with God?

8. The problem of falsely proclaiming God's Word is raised in this section (v. 11). Why is falsely proclaiming God's Word so damnable?

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**Day 2 • Read Jeremiah 7:29–8:22**

5. Jeremiah refers to Topheth, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, an actual location south of the city of Jerusalem. The Israelites practiced abomination there. Although God says this is something "which I did not command," it was more than the absence of a command, but a command not to practice abomination. What was that command (Leviticus 18:21; 20:2–5)?

9. In verses 18–22, Jeremiah again gives a personal response to the people's lack of attention to God's message and what will happen. What is that response?

6. The phrase "at that time" (8:1) usually refers to an apocalyptic time, one either of the destruction of something or of the final destruction of the world (the Last Day), as well as the time of the appearance of the Messiah. To what time is this section referring?

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**Day 3 • Read Jeremiah 9**

10. Apostasy affected not only one's relationship with God but also one's relationship with one's neighbor. How was the people's attitude shown in daily life?