

## Handout: Jeremiah Lesson 11

The links between Jeremiah's confession in 20:7-18 and Jeremiah's prophetic call in Chapter 1:

1. Jeremiah refers to Yahweh having overpowered him in the prophetic call in 20:7, a reference to when Yahweh did not accept his attempt to refuse his prophetic call based on his youth in 1:7.
2. Jeremiah restates Yahweh's promises in 20:11. When God called Jeremiah to his prophetic ministry, He promised to be with Jeremiah and not allow enemies to overcome him in 1:8 and again at his commissioning in 1:19.
3. Jeremiah celebrates his rescue in 20:13 as a fulfillment of Yahweh's earlier promises in 1:8 and 1:19.
4. Jeremiah refers to his coming out of "the womb" in 20:18. It is a reference also mentioned in his prophetic call in 1:5 when Yahweh told him, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

The oracles in 21:1-23:8 date to either 588 or 587 BC:

1. Oracle on King Zedekiah and the life of the nation (21:1-10)
2. Oracles against the royal house of Davidic kings (21:11-22:9)
  - Oracle for the royal family (21:11-14)
  - Oracle for the kings of Judah (22:1-5)
  - Oracle for the royal palace (22:6-9)
3. Oracles against various kings of Judah and their royal city (22:10-30)
  - Oracle against Jehoahaz/Shallum (22:10-12)
  - Oracle against Jehoiakim (22:13-19)
  - Oracle against Jerusalem: Home of the Davidic Kings (22:20-23)
  - Oracle against Jehoiachin (22:24-30)
4. Oracle on the future Messianic Davidic king and the life of the nation (23:1-8)

23:1-8 concludes the "King Oracles" that began in chapter 21. The oracle can be divided into three parts:

1. The Judgment against Judah's failed shepherds/rulers in verses 1-2.
2. The promise of restoration for a remnant of Israel in verse 3-4.
3. The promise of the coming Davidic Messiah and a new liberation in verses 5-8.

Jeremiah 23:5-6 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 10 Messianic prophecies in the Book of Jeremiah

Prophecy	Scripture reference	New Testament Fulfillment
1.The Church in the Messianic Age	Jer 3:14-17	Mt 16:18-19; Acts 2:1-12
2.The death of Christ, the Lamb of sacrifice, and the Eucharist	Jer 11:19	Jn 1:29, 36; Acts 8:32; 1 Pt 1:19; Rev 5:6, 12-13
3.The Davidic "Branch" and "Yahweh-is-our-Saving-Justice"/ "Lord of Righteousness"	Jer 23:5, 6 (also see Is 4:2; 9:5-6; 11:1, 10-12; Ez 34:23; 37:25-28; Zec 3:8; 6:12)	Jn 2:19-21; Rom 1:3-4; Eph 2:20-21; 1 Pt 2:5

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Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies in Jeremiah 23:1-8:

- He is the living “branch” of the house of David who came to fulfill the eternal Davidic covenant on earth in His Church.
- He is the righteous Davidic King who is “Yahweh-our-saving-justice.”
- He came to deliver all who accept Him as Lord and Savior from humanity’s greatest enemies that are sin and death.
- He came to call the faithful of the old Israel to re- build a new Israel of His universal Kingdom of the Church, gathered together from the exiles scattered across the earth.
- He came offering the gift of eternal life so that no one might be lost but that all who believe in Him would find salvation.

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