

## I. Summary of the Message of Jeremiah

- A. I am watching over My Word to perform it
- B. Behold the kindness and severity of God (Romans 11:22)
- C. Two sides to God's faithfulness
  - 1. **Judgment is certain** because the covenant at Sinai has been broken irreparably - God is watching over His Word
  - 2. **Restoration is also certain** because of the covenant with Abraham - God is watching over His Word

## II. Jeremiah Can be Fruitfully Studied From Various Perspectives

- A. Historically - Jeremiah contains insight into the details of the final events in Judah's history
- B. Biographically - No other prophet gives us as much insight into his own heart and experience in his own personal life

## III. Judgment is Certain

- A. Note the warning to Israel concerning their experience in the promised land
  - 1. The former inhabitants were being driven out because of their sin
  - 2. Israel was called to display the character of God
    - a. If they walked with the Lord this would be an experience of blessing
    - b. If they lived like the nations who had been driven out the experience would be one of suffering
  - 3. I am tired of relenting

## Assignment:

Read Jeremiah 23-31.  
Note the emphasis on what God will do to assure that the promise to Abraham is fulfilled.

B. Why did Judah continue in sin when the blessing of God was being removed?

1. They were trapped by their desires
2. They were deceived
  - a. By idolatry
  - b. By false prophets
  - c. By their own hearts
    - (1) They became liars
    - (2) Opened the way for deception

#### **IV. A Way of Deliverance is Provided**

A. God's plan was judgment through the Babylonians

1. The Lord was with the Babylonians
2. The just would live by faith
  - a. Faith - ordering your life in terms of God's revealed truth
3. Faith at this point is submission to God's plan for judgment
  - a. Submission to the Babylonians is submission to God
  - b. Opposing the Babylonians is to rebel against God

B. Exile in Babylon is the Lord's means of preservation