

"I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible."

# Jeremiah Himself

Mark the lines below as correct (C), incorrect (X), or partly correct (▲).

"Thus Babylon shall sink and not rise from the catastrophe . . . Thus far are the words of Jeremiah."

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| <b>A</b>    | ( ) Jeremiah had a difficult life.   |
| <b>A-1</b>  | ( ) From the beginning (1:19), the Lord told him that it would be difficult.   |
| <b>A-2</b>  | ( ) He was not allowed to marry and have an ordinary family life (16:1-9).   |
| <b>A-3</b>  | ( ) At times he wished that he could stop speaking for the Lord (20:7-10).   |
| <b>A-4</b>  | ( ) Most of his messages were negative (1:10, 18:9, 24:1-10, 25:1-38, 29:1-32).  |
| <b>A-5</b>  | ( ) At times the prophet even wished that he had never been born (20:14-18).   |
| <b>A-6</b>  | ( ) He has been rightly called the weeping prophet (9:1, 9:18, 13:17, Psa. 119:136).   |
| <b>A-7</b>  | ( ) He was opposed by many (26:10-11, Psa. 119:161) and helped by few (36:4-8).  |
| <b>A-8</b>  | ( ) It was dangerous to speak to or against kings (38:14-18, Psa. 119:46).   |
| <b>A-9</b>  | ( ) Jeremiah was forced to go to Egypt against his will (43:1-7).  |
| <b>B</b>    | ( ) God called, enabled, and protected Jeremiah.   |
| <b>B-1</b>  | ( ) The calling, enabling, and protection are all described in the first chapter.  |
| <b>B-2</b>  | ( ) The Lord did not allow the plots against Jeremiah to succeed (11:18-23, 18:18-23).                                       |
| <b>B-3</b>  | ( ) God enabled Jeremiah's speaking (1:6-17, 7:1-11, 17:19-27, 20:7-11, 22:1-6, 26:1-9, 34:1-5).                             |
| <b>B-4</b>  | ( ) God often led the prophet to use object lessons (13:1-11, 18:1-11, 24:1-10, chs. 27, 28, 32).                            |
| <b>B-5</b>  | ( ) He prayed (4:10, 5:3, 10:6-7, 23-25, 11:20, 12:1-4, 14:7-13, 15:15-18, 16:19-20, 17:13-18, 18:19-23, 20:7,12, 32:16-25). |
| <b>B-6</b>  | ( ) God enabled Jeremiah's (and Baruch's) written ministry (29:1-4, 30:2, 36:1-8, 27-32, 51:60).                             |
| <b>B-7</b>  | ( ) God protected Jeremiah from the false prophets (20:1-6, 23:9-40, 28:1-17, 29:15-32).                                     |
| <b>B-8</b>  | ( ) Over his lifetime, the people became more open to Jeremiah (26:7-24, 42:1-22).   |
| <b>B-9</b>  | ( ) God gave Jeremiah hopeful messages in 3:15-18, 23:3-8, and chs. 30-33.   |
| <b>B-10</b> | ( ) God used Ebed-Melech to deliver Jeremiah in 38:7-13. (Cf. 39:15-18).   |
| <b>B-11</b> | ( ) The Lord used Gedaliah to protect Jeremiah in chapters 40-43.  |
| <b>B-12</b> | ( ) Jeremiah grew stronger as he matured (12:5-6, Psa. 119:32).  |
| <b>C</b>    | ( ) Jeremiah has a long and lasting legacy.  |
| <b>C-1</b>  | ( ) Many of his prophecies were fulfilled in his day or with the return from (or fall of) Babylon.                           |
| <b>C-2</b>  | ( ) Some of his greatest prophecies will be fulfilled in the future (3:15-18, 30:3-9, 31:31-37).                             |
| <b>C-3</b>  | ( ) His writings (Jeremiah, Lamentations, Psalm 119?) continue to minister to people today.                                  |
| <b>C-4</b>  | ( ) He lived far longer than the false prophets who opposed him (28:15-16, 37:19).   |
| <b>C-5</b>  | ( ) Though imperfect (15:18-19), Jeremiah served God for many years (15:20-21).  |
| <b>C-6</b>  | ( ) He was probably better appreciated after he died, than during his lifetime.  |

**Answers:** Nearly all lines are correct. Only a few, lines A-4, B-7, B-8, B-11, and C-3, are somewhat open to question. The majority of Jeremiah's messages are negative, but there are enough positive ones to question line A-4. (See correct line B-9.) God protected Jeremiah from the false prophets but not completely. He still had to face them. Thus, line B-7 is only partly correct. Line B-8 is also partly correct. Although the people and their leaders continued to reject Jeremiah's messages and advice, they were somewhat more open to him at the end. For instance, they did not try to kill him in chapters 40-44 like they had done earlier. Line B-11 is the only line which is mostly incorrect. Gedaliah was soon killed. So he was not able to protect Jeremiah for very long. Finally, line C-3 is regarded as fully correct because the author believes for various reasons that Jeremiah also wrote both Lamentations and Psalm 119.