

# A Visitor's Guide to the Old Testament

## A Quick Discussion Guide on the Book of Jeremiah

1. God had made it clear to Jeremiah that he would not have an easy ministry, for example, "They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you." (1:19) Name some different ways we face the same opposition in our Christian lives:
2. God uses the imagery of sisters to try to run Judah to repentance... but, smugly, Judah had learned the lesson from the fall of her "sister", Israel (of the North). What sister are we like?

How, as Christians, can we be tempted to fall into the same sin as Judah?

3. Chapter 10 bears the title "God and Idols". We might snicker at the people of Judah bowing before chunks of wood or stone. What, however, are some ways we make "other gods" for ourselves?
4. Recently I heard a devotion on the challenge, "Give me ONE good reason why I should come to church/worship" with an answer from Jeremiah 17:9. What do you suppose was the content of the answer to the above challenge?
5. What insight does the following passage give concerning repentance and our Christian faith/life, "You disciplined me, and I was disciplined. I was like a young, untrained calf. Turn me, and I will be turned, because you are Yahweh my Elohim." (31:18 Name of God translation)
6. Jeremiah 31:31-34 contains some of the sweetest Good News. Why do they seem especially sweet coming, as they do, 31 chapters into Jeremiah's book? What about their content is most meaningful to you and why?
7. Read chapter 45 – what is the essence of Jeremiah/the LORD's advice to Baruch? Think of someone a generation below you... and write ONE sentence of advice that you would leave them:
8. Write your memory passage below: