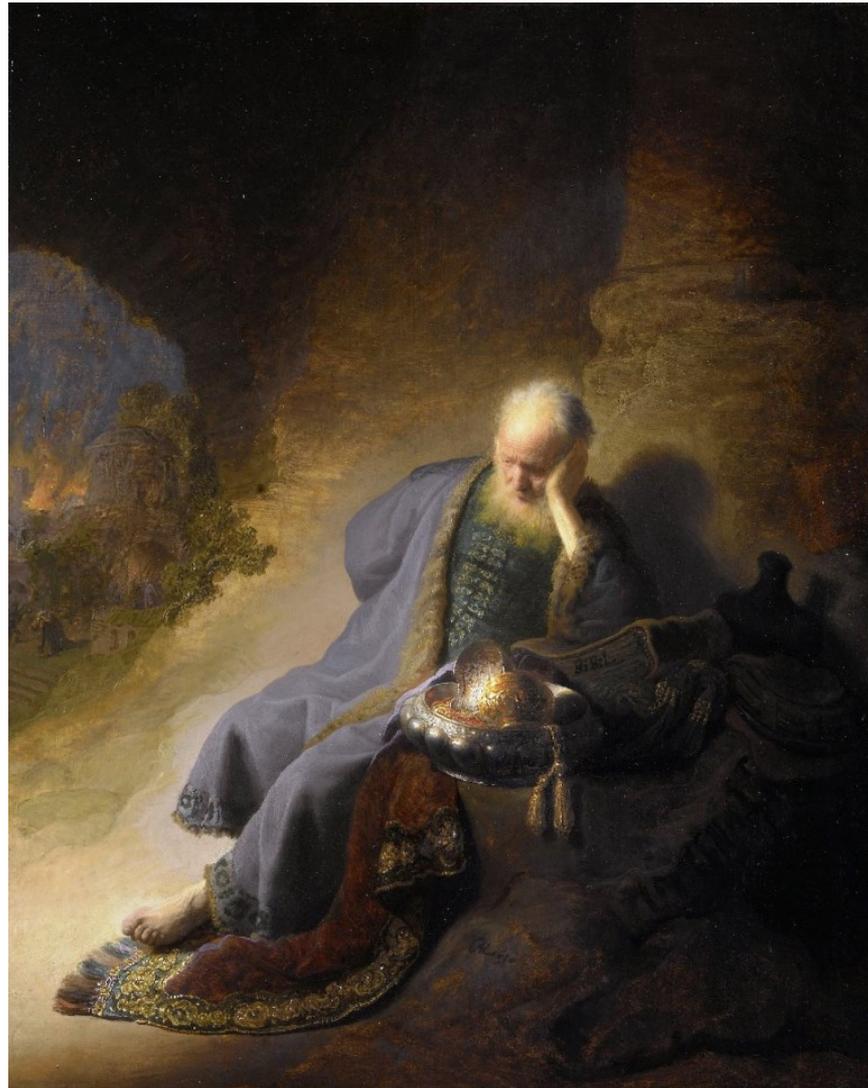


The good, the bad and the ugly - Jeremiah



What do you think of when you think of
Jeremiah?

Who are some of the “Jeremiah's” in today's culture, and how are they viewed by the church or by the culture?

Isaiah 65:17-25

“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

“Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them.

Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent’s food.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

What are some of the characteristics of the biblical prophets?

- What aspects of Jeremiah do you see in Jesus?
- What are some things that Christians are called to be prophetic about today?
- What are some movements that we could find out about?

Jeremiah 6:13-15

“From the least to the greatest,
all are greedy for gain;
prophets and priests alike,
all practice deceit.

They dress the wound of my people
as though it were not serious.

‘Peace, peace,’ they say,
when there is no peace.

Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct?

No, they have no shame at all;
they do not even know how to blush.

So they will fall among the fallen;
they will be brought down when I punish them,”
says the Lord.

Also Jeremiah 14:14-16, 23:9-40, 27-28, Lam. 2:14

“The arc of the moral universe is long,
but it bends towards justice”

- *Martin Luther King*