

Books of The Bible  
A Survey of The Prophecy of Jeremiah - Part 2

**The Duration of Jeremiah's Ministry**

Called upon to speak the word of God in exceedingly dark days of judgment of God.

He was not a communicator for God but his heart beat in fellowship with God.

In Ezekiel we get the movements of God forensically, but in Jeremiah the grief that was attending that departure.

The following table records the times Jeremiah ministered in.

The King	Began to Reign	Length of Reign	Character	His End	Recorded Communications From God	References
Josiah	8 years of age	31 years	Good	Killed in a battle he ought never have been in when he was 39	From the past tense reference in ch. 3:6 God never spoke to him for the last 18 years of his life	2 Chron. 34:1 Jer. 25:3 2 Kgs. 22:1
Jahoahaz also called Shallam		3 months	Evil	Dethroned by Egypt	Not a word from God	2 Kgs. 23:30-31 2 Chron. 36:1-2
Jehoiakim also called Eliakim. Made a vassal by the king of Egypt		11 years	Evil	Captive to Babylon		Jer. 26:1 2 Chron. 36:11-12 2 Kgs. 23:23-36 2 Chron. 36:5
Jehoiachin also called Jeconiah or Coniah		3 months	Evil	Captive to Babylon		2 Kgs. 24:8 2 Chron. 36:9
Zedekiah, also called Mattaniah		11 years	Evil	Captive to Babylon	God spoke in the 9 <sup>th</sup> year	Jer. 39:1 2 Kgs. 24:17-25 2 Chron. 36:10-21
Under the governorship of Gedaliah						

We are told the “word of the Lord in the days of Josiah . . . In his thirteenth year” (ch. 1:2) and also in the days of Jehoiakim and to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah (ch. 1:3) when the children of Israel were take captive. He prophesied throughout the latter 18 years of Josiah’s reign, the three months of Jahoahaz, the eleven years of Jehoiakim, and the eleven years of Zedekiah’s reign. Two matters are interesting: the times God spoke and the durations in which He was silent.

**Contemporary Prophets:**

Zephaniah (Zeph. 1:1) and Huldeh (2 Kgs. 22:14; 2 Chron. 34:22)