

# JEREMIAH 1:1-10

## The Call of A Prophet

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The study that follows is divided into three readings with a set of questions following each reading. To get the most out of your study please read the text through several times and then reread the selected passage again several times before attempting to answer the questions. Answer each set of questions from the passage.

### Read Jeremiah 1:1-10

Then Ask

What do we learn about Jeremiah from Jeremiah 1:1 about his family lineage, place of residency and occupation? When did the word of the Lord come to him (Jer 1:2-3)? What do we learn from the first three verses of the situation in Israel when Jeremiah began his ministry?

Who spoke to Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:4? What is unusual about what is expressed in his verse?

From Jeremiah 1:5 identify three things that the word of the Lord had done in Jeremiah's life even before he was born?

Who did Jeremiah address when he made his response? What can we infer about the relationship between the Sovereign Lord and the word of the Lord from Jeremiah 1:4 and 6? From your general knowledge of the Scriptures would you say this is a valid inference? Why or why not? What was Jeremiah's comment? Why did Jeremiah make this comment?

How did the Lord respond to Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:7? What instruction did the Lord give to Jeremiah? What was Jeremiah's attitude to be and why was he going to be able to obey this instruction (Jeremiah 1:8)?

What did the Lord do and say to Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:9-10? What did the Lord commission Jeremiah to do, what was he to do negatively and what was he to do positively? Why did that commission contain both a negative and a positive element? Are there times today when those in leadership have to have a negative and positive element in their ministry in order to fulfill their calling? Explain your answer.