

Dear Sojourners of Faith,

We are continuing with Jeremiah, the “weeping prophet” in **Jeremiah 31**, especially vv. **27–34**. I am also attaching the syllabus with which we began April 2021 (link also below)—a long journey thus far, but not nearly as long as the Mosaic wandering in the desert for 40 years.

Here is a bit of review from last time, especially for those joining our Bible study fellowship recently:

Please look up the word *jeremiad* in the dictionary and also know that English name Jeremy is really the biblical Hebrew name *Jeremiah*:

יְרֵמְיָהוּ אוֹרִימְיָהוּ (= perhaps “may the LORD exalt” or “exalted of the LORD,” which would be a bit ironic, or “the LORD casts, throws, loosens”)

from the verb רָמָה (*rama*), to cast, throw, loosen + יָהּ (*yah*), the name of the LORD ordinarily and figuratively meaning *beguile, deceive, or mislead*

from the verb רוּם (*rum*), to be high + יָהּ (*yah*), the name of the LORD

Again, some helpful dates to keep in mind, especially in the light of the Deuteronomistic History (= Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings):

ca. 930 BC split of the united kingdom

722 BC destruction of northern kingdom Israel

586 BC destruction of southern kingdom Judah (& Temple; rebuilt 515 BC)

As always, I look forward to **your observations and questions**, and please never hesitate to **suggest any biblical, theological, or life topics** along the way. We can be flexible and take detours on our journey through the Bible. Please see the “syllabus” online for where we are headed: Bible intro 2021-04 Ann’s Choice (printed copies also available in front of my office in Resident Life, Liberty Commons).

For Zoomers, here are the instructions:

Zoom (online or using an app):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82395191045?pwd=TTRiQklwR2RhRzZkNFNxU2RRbGRoUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 9519 1045

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Dial in by telephone: nearest phone access in New York City

Dial 1 (929) 205 6099

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See you in class or via Zoom. Have a wonderful evening.

With prayer and best wishes,

