

Dear Sojourners of Faith,

As we get accustomed to the idea of a “new covenant”—cf. a renewal of the covenant, e.g., Joshua 24—we are headed for lots of developments in biblical history, literature, and theology. Since Jeremiah is too juicy to let go before we return to Isaiah for walking with the Israelites through the Babylonian exile to emerge as Jews (with a Torah), please read **Jeremiah 20.7–13** (prophetic lament): prophecy and blasphemy? (cf. Job 19.1–7 and Habakkuk 1.2–4, 9; 2.8, 17)—remember to look up *jeremiad* in a dictionary and see how the definition makes biblical sense; remember also that the English name Jeremy is really the biblical Hebrew name *Jeremiah*.

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:

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See you in class or via Zoom. Have a wonder-ful evening.

With prayer and best wishes,

