

***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further***  
***International Bible Lessons***

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**  
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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

**Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. Give some reasons why people can trust the Book of Jeremiah to be true.**

The book is in the Bible, and God inspired the Bible. God fulfilled Jeremiah’s prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem. God fulfilled Jeremiah’s prophecy about the time of the return from exile in Babylon. God put His words in Jeremiah’s mouth. Jeremiah foretold God’s judgment on Babylon, which happened. Jeremiah foretold that God would make a new covenant, which God did when He sent Jesus Christ into the world to make a new covenant in His blood. The Holy Spirit helps us when we study Jeremiah.

**2. Knowing the nation would not repent, give some reasons why you think God sent Jeremiah to preach in Jerusalem.**

God wanted to show that He could work through and with someone who thought he was too young and could not speak. Jeremiah’s preaching might save some individuals who would believe him and repent of their sins, either before or after Jerusalem fell. God wanted to show that His words could be trusted and He was the Sovereign LORD overall and over all nations. God wanted to show that He was a just God who expected all the nations of the earth to turn from their idolatry and obey His Law, the Law of Love. Through Jeremiah, God could show why a new covenant was needed, and God could foretell that He would make a new covenant.

**3. What are some ways Jeremiah and John the Baptist are similar and/or different?**

Both were chosen and appointed by God to be prophets before they were born. Both foretold something about the coming of the Messiah or the making of a new covenant.

**4. What did God command Jeremiah to do?**

Go wherever He sent him, say whatever He commanded him, and not be afraid. God appointed him over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.

**5. What are some of the ways Jeremiah's prophecies were fulfilled?**

The temple and the city of Jerusalem were destroyed. The exiles who survived returned from Babylon and the city of Jerusalem was rebuilt. Jesus came and made a new covenant in His blood.

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