

Jeremiah, Where Life and the Bible Meet. . .

1. Look at the outline (Ab), and the Introduction (Ac) before you start to read the commentary itself.

2. The **DIG** and **REFLECT** questions are in bolded royal blue, and will help to give you a deeper understanding of the book and make it more personal to you. Go slowly and give yourself time to answer these questions. They really strike at the heart of the commentary. **What are the DIG questions for?** To dig into the Scripture "story." To find out what's going on, to figure out the main idea, the plot, the argument, the spiritual principle, and so on. **What are the REFLECT questions for?** To apply the "story" in the Bible to your own life; to take personal inventory and to decide what you are going to do about it! Many of the **DIG** and **REFLECT** questions are taken from the Serendipity Bible.

3. I would strongly suggest that you look up the references that are given in each section. Many times this will greatly enhance the background, and hence, your understanding of the scriptures that you are reading about on that particular day. Take your time, read only as much as you can digest.

There are times when I refer you to either another file in Jeremiah, or a file in another book of the Bible to give you more detail on a particular person, topic, concept or theology. An example might be something like the Great Sanhedrin (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ Lg - The Great Sanhedrin**). If you feel you already know enough about the Great Sanhedrin, you can skip the reference and continue reading. But if it interests you, or if you don't know that much about what the Sanhedrin is, you can go to that file and read it first before continuing. It's completely up to you.

4. All scripture is in bold print. The NIV is used unless indicated otherwise. But sometimes the purpose of the bold print is merely for emphasizing a certain point. **When bolded maroon is used, it is for special emphasis. The words of Jesus are bolded in red.**

5. When bolded teal is used, it is quoted from one of the two Jewish commentaries listed in the bibliography. This will give you the moderate Orthodox Jewish interpretation. It is useful for word studies, but its Christology is obviously entirely wrong. Where rabbinical interpretation is cited, I will add, "The rabbis teach. . ." in front of the passage. Although it is not a Christian interpretation, I think it is interesting to see how the rabbis interpret these passages.

6. Read the scriptures for that day first, then skim the **DIG** or **REFLECT** questions, read the commentary and reflect on it; answer the **DIG** or **REFLECT** questions, then read your Bible again. Hopefully, it will have greater meaning for you the second time you read it. Then live it out.

7. Make sure to check out *Gw* - [The Glossary](#) for any words you don't understand.

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