

/Let's start first lesson of book of Jeremiah. / In this time, I will lecture an introduction of Jeremiah.
/First big title is 'Name of book'. / The name of this book is "Jeremiah" which followed writer of book. / And in Greek, Jeremiah is Yirmeyah. / Yirmeyah

/And it means that God stand him. / God stand him. / or another meaning, "God throws" ./ Throw. / In Septuagint, / written "Jermias"/ It is written "Jermias" in Septuagint.
/And there's Vulgate translation which written in Latin / and according to this version, / written "Jermias".

/ "Jermias" is the name of the book.
/So if I repeat, the name of this book is Jeremiah, and name is from the writer Jeremiah.

/And secondly, I will tell you about the writer. / Writer of Chronicles mentioned about Jeremiah's role when nation Judah perishes. / So when you look at 2Chronicle 36:12-22, / and Jeremiah 1:1, prophet Jeremiah is mentioned.

/And when you look at the book of Daniel 9:2, written, Jeremiah prophesied about captive live for 70 years.

/I will tell you about family of Jeremiah first.
/Jeremiah is from Anathoth. / Anathoth is a village which is 5km away from Jerusalem on northeast side.

/According to 1Kings 2:26, / when Abiathar was dismissal from priest, he deported to Anathoth. /He deported to Anathoth when he was dismissal from priest.

/When you look at the family tree, Abiathar is offspring of priest Eli. / 1Samuel 2:27-36./ If Abiathar who deported to Anathoth is ancestor of Jeremiah, priest Eli is ancestor of Jeremiah.

/But we cannot say that only Abiathar's offsprings lived in Anathoth. / So we cannot say Jeremiah is Abiathar's offspring. / But there's a possibility.

/And secondly, let's look for his personality. / Jeremiah had introverted personality and also had confidence that he cannot disobey God's will.

/Sometimes Jeremiah hesitated,/ and sometimes he went with confidence. / So his mind was wandering between hesitation and confidence. / 20:9, 27:8,/ So his gloomy character symbolizes perish of Israelites.

/Sometimes he lamented his life like Job because of huge sadness and pain.

/20:14-18./ But when he declare judgement, he showed strong side. / 9:1.

/And he was a prophet which is grieved when he saw collapse of Israel. / 8:21/
When you look at the book of Lamentations1:1, figure of prophet of weep

/And next, we will find out about the works of author. / Where is the place which Jeremiah delivered the Word of God? / Jeremiah's first work has begun in Anathoth, his hometown. 11:21

/And when you look 11:6, he prophesied in other Judah villages. / But most of his works were held in Jerusalem./ He gathered many people and delivered the Words of God in Jerusalem./ 32:2

/And when he had personal seminar with Recabites, he used room of Temple. / 35:2,4
/And now, we are going to think about enemies of Jeremiah. / Jeremiah was advised about the sin of Judah. / And declared to surrender to Kingdom of Babylon.

/That is why many people considered Jeremiah as an enemy and hated him. / 2:8; 5:31; 6:13-15; 8:1,2; 13:13; 18:18; 23:33; 32:32. / Like this, when Jeremiah preach the Words of God, many people stood against him

/But other prophets said just peach even though the nation doesn't have any future. / So other prophets prophesied falsely that there's peace even though there wasn't. / 6:13-15; 8:11; 14:13-16; 23:17.

/But the false prophets said it is okay to those people who worship idols. / So false prophets and priests sued Jeremiah.

/And let us think about friends of Jeremiah. / His most close friend was scribe Baruch. / 36:4./ And also Seraiah, brother of Baruch. /51:59; 32:12

/Ebed-Melech who is a eunuch is a good friend too. / 38:7-13./ Gedalia, son of Ahikam, is a good person too./ 39:16, 40:5

/And now I will briefly say about the life of Jeremiah. / He is son of Hilkiah. / He is from Anathoth. / He became prophet when he was very young. / 1:1-6

/He worked since 13th year of king Josias./ 1:2, 25:3/ It was around B.C 627. / And he worked as prophet for around 50 years. / He is a prophet who saw collapse of Jerusalem. / 1:11-16/ He sometimes excluded from his hometown. / 11:18-23

/And also excluded from his family. / 12:6 / When king Josias found the book of judgement in temple, he developed religious revolution with king Josias. / And when king Josias died, Jeremiah grieved very hard. /2Cholonicles 32:25

/Jeremiah prophesied that Shallum, son of Josiah will be caught. / 22: 11-17 / And also he prophesied that Jerusalem will be sieged in king Jehoiakim's age. / 25:1-14

/Sometimes Jeremiah came close to death by priests. / Jeremiah chapter 26.

/God commanded Jeremiah to record all the prophecies.

/36:2/ Jeremiah obeyed this command, so he let Baruch, his disciple, to record all the prophecies. / 36:4

/And there's a person which named Jehudi, read those prophecy before king Jehoiakim. / And that time, king Jehoiakim burnt all prophetic writings. / 36:23 / But God commanded to record again those all prophecies.

/So Jeremiah recorded all prophecies which king Jehoiakim burnt again according to command of God. /36:27-32. / So until here, I said about the author.

/I will tell you about the era of author. / Period of author is from B.C 627 to B.C 580. / And B.C 627 is 13th year of king Josiah. / And Jerusalem perished in B.C 586. / I repeat, Jerusalem perished in B.C 586.

/And after that, Jeremiah recorded this bible until he die. / Or there's possibility that Baruch edited after Jeremiah died.

/And fourthly, I will tell you about the topic. / What is the topic of the book of Jeremiah? / When Judah people repent from worshipping idol and come back to God, Judah people can come back from captive.

/Jeremiah rebuke that every people of all social stratum is into sin. / If Judah doesn't repent, they will be captive. / Because Israel people broke God's covenant, they had to take yoke of Babylon.

/In here, Chaldea people means Babylon people. / And Jeremiah is prophesies about Messiah. / So the day of salvation will come to Israel someday.

/So Jeremiah insists that do not rely on people, do not only on other countries, but only God.

/I repeat, to avoid this catastrophe which is being captive, repent from sin and worshipping idols. / 19:15, 20:7,8. / So if Judah doesn't repent, it will perish. / 21:1, 25:3-11.

/It means obey to Babylon. / Chapter 27, 38. / Being captives of Babylon is a punishment for Israelites by God because they disobeyed His word.

/So Jeremiah is demanding to Israelites to repent. / And yoke Babylon. / And look at the Salvation of Messiah. /

/And next, I will tell you about the purpose of the book of Jeremiah. / First, God surely punishes Judah's sin. / Jeremiah is shouting to repent from the sin and worshipping idols. / Chapter 25

/Second purpose is that chosen Judah will parish by Babylon and through 70 years of captive period, their sin will be atoned. / Therefore the Israel people will be captive to Babylon for 70 years because of their sins.

/They have to live as captive for 70 years. / That was the period of punishment for Israel people. / And third, it shows that God is sovereign God not only for Judah, but also whole world.
/So God supervise not only Judah, but also Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, and Ammon.

/And the fourth, it tells about the hope of Messiah. / It says that God will restore after 70 years of captive period. / God promising that he will open period of Messiah and Judah will be the most outstanding people in the world./ 23:5,6; 30:4-11; 31:31-34; 33:15-18

/As sixth of introduction, I will tell you about the theological idea. / First, I will tell you about the divinity. /They believed one and only God. / And it tells that gods from other countries gods are idols and vanity./ 2:11

/Only Jehovah God is the only God who has power to save when we are having tribulation. / And our God teaches us that He is the creator.
/Secondly, we also believe His sovereignty. / So parables of potter / 18:1-12. / It emphasis God who rules over and judges with sovereignty.

/Third, God is also love. / He is the one who saves Israel by love. / 31:3

/Forth, God demands someone who obeys His words, not the money and sacrifices.

/So to summarize, in theological idea / First, monotheism. / Second, creator God and his sovereignty. / Third, God of love. / Fourth, God who demands someone who obeys His word.

/I will continue with theological idea. / Jeremiah emphasis that Israel is special people which chosen by God. / 11:15 / 12:10 / 13:7

/ He emphasis about individual in nation because he experienced holy grace of God personally. / So he said nation is important and also individual.

/ Seventh of introduction. / I will tell you the history of Jeremiah. / According to the book of Jeremiah chapter 36, Jeremiah called Baruch and while Jeremiah dictated all the words the LORD had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them on the scroll. /36:1-4

/And Jeremiah asked Baruch to read in the courtyard. /36:10./ And he read scroll in front of the king. / But king Jehoiakim cut the scroll with knife threw them into the firepot.

/But God commanded Jeremiah to record burnt prophet again. / 36:27-32/ We can see the history of the book of Jeremiah here. / So we can know if we compare Massoretic text and Septuaginta. /

/Massoretic text. / It is Massoretic in English. /This is the school which inheritance tradition of bible. / /They were active from A.D 500 to A.D 950./ And they completed Bible and initiated.

/Actually the Bible we are using is by Massoretic text. / So let us compare between Massoretic text and Septuaginta. / There are some differences. / There are differences in the book of Jeremiah between Massoretic text and Septuaginta.

/Septuaginta is shorter one eighth than Massoretic text. / Septuaginta is lack as one eighth. / And also arrangement of chapters are different. / Chapter 46-51 in Massoretic text is recorded after chapter 25 in Septuaginta.

/And verse 14-26 of chapter 33 in Massoretic text is not existing in Septuaginta. / So we are assuming that this first edition was distributed in Egypt when prophet was alive.

/And we are assuming that after Jeremiah died, Baruch edited Jeremiah's prophecy logically. / So I am telling you again, Massoretic text is the text which Baruch edited after Jeremiah died.

/This is process how the Bible initiated

/So for eighth of instruction, I will tell you about historical background. / I will tell you about historical background. / First, circumstances of surrounding countries.

/① Decline of Assyria

/The end of empire Assyria was getting near. / So the army of Assyria tried to conquer Egypt for military expansion policy. / And while then king Assurbanipal conquered until Tebes, capital of Egypt.

/But after a while, the power of Assyria was declined / ② Flourish of Babylon/ Babylon was rising up slowly. / Babylon was rising since B.C 625./ There was a person named Hezekiah, great grandfather Josiah.

/King Hezekiah welcomed king of the Chaldea, Merodach-baladan./ Isaiah chapter 39. / 2Kings 20:12-19./ Babylon people, as known as Chaldea people were in the south of Mesopotamia region at first. / And their country was expended.

/This Chaldea people, so Babylon people fought with Assyria for several decades. / And when Empire Assyria got weak, king Nabopolassar insisted independence. / He attacked Assyria. / Nabopolassar is father of Nebuchadnezzar.

/Nabopolassar attacked Assyria on 609, and conquered Haran./ And king of Egypt Pharaoh Neco invaded Babylon. / And that time, army of Babylon defeated army of Egypt at Carchemish.

/So king of Egypt invaded Babylon, but army of Babylon defeated army of Egypt at Carchemish. / In that time, king Josiah went up to Megiddo to prevent side attack of Pharaoh Neco./ 2Kings 23:29

Jehoiakim were subordinated to king Nebuchadnezzar for 3 years. / 2Kings 24:1/ But Jehoiakim betrayed again. / 2Chronicles 36:6./ And Nebuchadnezzar tied him up and brought him to Babylon as a captive.

/And they brought Jehoiakim to Babylon for a while, and they returned him to Jerusalem.

/When Nebuchadnezzar was about to arrive, Jehoiakim was dead. / After Jehoiakim died, his 18 years old son Jehoiachin became the king.

/King Jehoiachin surrendered to Babylon. / And they were captive in B.C 597. / And that time, king of Babylon Evil-Merodach had mercy on Jehoiachin / 2Kings 25:27. / The time was around B.C 560

/I am telling you the historical background. / So that is why I said about circumstances of surrounding countries of Judah. / The feature is that empire Assyria fell off.

/And new empire Babylon was rising up instead of Assyria / So by new empire Babylon, Judah was suffering. / This was the punishment of God by using Babylon.

/Until here, I told you about the first part of historical back ground.

/We will finish the first lesson of Jeremiah here. / Thank you.