

## **Jeremiah's Complaint - God's Reply Jeremiah 12:1-17**

- Jeremiah trusts God for righteousness intervention, he pleads
  - The wicked are prospering v.1 Job 12:6, 21:7-8 ; Ps.37
  - You blessed them but their hearts aren't with you v.2
  - Now look at me, a man after your own heart v.3a
    - Take vengeance and kill the scum! v.3b-4
- God responds v. 5-6
  - If you are a sissy with the wimpy one's out after you; look out!
    - The reel bad boys are ahead of you!
  - Don't trust people who are nice to you v.6
    - Because you work for me and carry my words
    - And they have turned against ME
- God wants Jeremiah to feel HIS persecution
  - MY people deserved punishment v.7
  - But she also has turned against me which has increased my wrath v. 8
  - There is judgment coming v. 9
  - The shepherds have brought this desolation on Judah v. 10
  - The whole land is mourning in desolation v.11-12
  - The harvest for the people is God's wrath v. 13
- Judah's neighbors are condemned 14-17
  - God speaks judgment against Moab, Edom and Ammon
    - They will be uprooted too, alongside Judah v. 14
  - They will be brought back with compassion 15-17
    - to their land
    - to their inheritance
    - if they learn from Judah to swear by Jehovah not Baal
    - if not, national destruction!