

## THE ORIGINAL JEREMIAD

- This was the primary message of Jeremiah. It isn't going to "get better" it isn't going to "work out", the Babylonians are coming and there is nothing that will stop them (Jer. 20:4-5).
- Modern jeremiads rarely hit the mark but for different reasons (Jer. 9:1; 2:9-13; 11:18-23; 12:6).
- When it was all over and proved that he was right, his message was rejected once more (Jer. 43:1-2).

## PREACHING HOPE

- There is a small measure of temporal hope (Jer. 31:15-17).
- There is even greater hope at a greater distance (Jer. 31:31-34; cf. Heb. 8:8-12; 10:16-17).
- Simple reminders for profound truths (Jer. 31:35-36).

## ACTING WITH HOPE

- In the next chapter, Jeremiah is commanded to purchase land in a time of siege (Jer. 32:6-14).
- This action was meant to represent hope for the future (Jer. 32:15, 44).
- But, this also did not produce lasting temporal blessing and hope (Matt. 27:9).
- This "investment" speaks to a greater hope than returned prosperity (Matt. 10:41-42).