

Jeremiah's ministry began in Josiah's 13th year. After the first deportation to Babylon in 605 B.C., Jeremiah announced a 70-year exile (ch. 25) and wrote out his messages given during 23 years (ch. 36). After Jehoiachin

and others were taken in 597, he warned the exiles to accept their fate and advised the remnant to submit Babylon (ch. 27). Following the fall of Jerusalem in 580 the Jews who fled to Egypt took Jeremiah along (ch. 43)