Jeremiah Outline

Unlike Ezekiel, the oracles in Jeremiah are not arranged in chronological order. Had they been so arranged, the sequence of sections within the book would have been approximately as follows: 1:1 -- 7:15; ch. 26; 7:16 -- 20:18; ch. 25; chs. 46 - 51; 36:1-8; ch. 45; 36:9-32; ch. 35; chs. 21 - 24; chs. 27 - 31; 34:1-7; 37:1-10; 34:8-22; 37:11 -- 38:13; 39:15-18; chs. 32 - 33; 38:14 -- 39:14; 52:1-30; chs. 40 - 44; 52:31-34. The outline below represents an analysis of the book of Jeremiah in its present canonical order.

I. Call of the Prophet (ch. 1)

II. Warnings and Exhortations to Judah (chs. 2 - 35)
   A. Earliest Discourses (chs. 2-6)
   B. Temple Message (chs. 7-10)
   C. Covenant and Conspiracy (chs. 11-13)
   D. Messages concerning the Drought (chs. 14-15)
   E. Disaster and Comfort (16:1; 17:18)
   F. Command to Keep the Sabbath Holy (17:19-27)
   G. Lessons from the Potter (chs. 18-20)
   H. Condemnation of Kings, Prophets and People (chs. 21-24)
   I. Foretelling the Babylonian Exile (chs. 25-29)
   J. Promises of Restoration (chs. 30-33)
   K. Historical Appendix (chs. 34-35)

III. Sufferings and Persecutions of the Prophet (chs. 36-38)
   A. Burning Jeremiah's Scroll (ch. 36)
      A. Imprisoning Jeremiah (chs. 37-38)

IV. The Fall of Jerusalem and Its Aftermath (chs. 39-45)
   A. The Fall Itself (ch. 39)
      A. Accession and Assassination of Gedaliah (40:1; 41:15)
      B. Migration to Egypt (41:16; 43:13)
      C. Prophecy against Those in Egypt (ch. 44)
      D. Historical Appendix: Promise to Baruch (ch. 45)
V. Judgment against the Nations (chs. 46-51)

. Against Egypt (ch. 46)

A. Against Philistia (ch. 47)

B. Against Moab (ch. 48)

C. Against Ammon (49:1-6)

D. Against Edom (49:7-22)

E. Against Damascus (49:23-27)

F. Against Kedar and Hazor (Arabia) (49:28-33)

G. Against Elam (49:34-39)

H. Against Babylon (chs. 50-51)

VI. Historical Appendix (ch. 52)