

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 314 – Word From The Lord Through Latter Days To Consider (Jeremiah 30:1-24)

1. Why did God want all the words He had spoken written in a book?

For when the people came out of captivity: *“(1) The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, (2) Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. (3) For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it” (Jeremiah 30:1-3).*

- Jeremiah’s role at this time in delivering the word of God to the people of Israel was significant (**Jeremiah 26:15**).
- As a prophet of God, whom knows what God has said (**I Corinthians 14:37**), the expectation from the Lord was that he write ALL OFF THE WORDS that God had spoken in a book (**Deuteronomy 4:2, Deuteronomy 27:1-8, Proverbs 30:5-6, Jeremiah 36:2, and Jeremiah 36:28-32**).
- The same was true of the spoken word as well (**Jeremiah 1:7-9**; cf. **I Kings 22:14, Titus 2:1, and Revelation 22:18-19**).
- What was written in the past was written for future lessons as well (**Romans 15:4 and I Corinthians 10:1-12**).
- All of the Scriptures are profitable unto us (**II Timothy 3:15-17**).
- The written word of God was intended to last (**Isaiah 30:8**).
- Ezra and Nehemiah speak of Israel’s restoration (**Ezra 3:1-15 and Nehemiah 7:1-8:8**).
- What Jeremiah wrote was to remind them of things at this point (i.e. **II Chronicles 36:21-22**).

2. Did God have a future plan for His people’s freedom?

Yes: *“(4) And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. (5) For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. (6) Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? (7) Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. (8) For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: (9) But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them” (Jeremiah 30:4-9).*

- When the Lord speaks concerning Israel and Judah His desire is that they look on His words in the future. Josiah did such (**II Chronicles 34:1-21**).
- The message – pain and fear (**Jeremiah 13:21 and Jeremiah 49:24**) followed by freedom (**Jeremiah 24:1-7**). More later on this (**Jeremiah 30:18-22**).
- They will serve God and their king (**Ezekiel 34:23-24 and Ezekiel 37:23**).

3. Was God's correction on His people full destruction or correction by measure?

By measure: *"(10) Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid. (11) For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished"* (**Jeremiah 30:10-11**).

- For the faithful (**Deuteronomy 11:22-32**), don't fear what is going on (**Deuteronomy 31:6**).
- Why not be dismayed? Answer; **II Chronicles 32:7-8**
- God was going to correct them "in measure" (**Luke 12:43-48**).
- They would not be left unpunished (**Numbers 14:18** and **Nahum 1:3**).

4. Why was Israel struck with an incurable wound?

Because of the increase of their sins: *"(12) For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous. (13) There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines. (14) All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased. (15) Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee"* (**Jeremiah 30:12-15**).

- Who could possibly undo a wound that God caused as an act of judgment (**Job 33:13, Job 38:1-3, Job 40:1-9, Isaiah 45:9, Jeremiah 18:1-10, Romans 9:20-21, and I Corinthians 10:22**)?
- No one wanted to help them anyway (**Lamentations 1:1-2**).
- Their incurable wound was caused by their increased sins (**Ezra 9:6-13** and **Isaiah 1:1-4**).

5. What was to happen to those that devoured God's people and called them outcasts?

They would be devoured themselves: *"(16) Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. (17) For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after"* (**Jeremiah 30:16-17**).

- **Ezekiel 25:1-17, Ezekiel 29:9-16, Micah 4:11-13, and Zephaniah 2:8-15**; cf. **Isaiah 33:1**

6. Was God going to allow thanksgiving to return to Israel and allow them to be once again His people?

That was His plan: *“(18) Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof. (19) And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. (20) Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them. (21) And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD. (22) And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God” (Jeremiah 30:18-22).*

- We addressed this in verses 4-9 of this chapter.
- God didn't want this separation to occur (**Jeremiah 7:23**).
- God's efforts continued in even the work of Christ (**Matthew 1:21**, **Matthew 10:5-7**, and **Acts 3:25-26**).

7. When would the fierce anger of the Lord cease?

When He performed the intents of His heart upon the wicked: *“(23) Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. (24) The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it” (Jeremiah 30:23-24).*

- When He was finished carrying out His intents (**Isaiah 5:21-25** and **Isaiah 9:8-10:4**; cf. **Isaiah 55:11**).