

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 317 – Second Time In Prison Through Mercy On Them (Jeremiah 33:1-26)

1. What great things concerning the iniquities of Israel did God show unto Jeremiah?

That He was going to cleanse them from all their iniquity and pardon them: *“(1) Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying, (2) Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; (3) Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. (4) For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword; (5) They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city. (6) Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. (7) And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. (8) And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me”* (Jeremiah 33:1-8).

- The beginning of this chapter indicates this is the second revelation in the court of the prison (**Jeremiah 33:1**), whereas the last chapter was the first (**Jeremiah 32:1-2**).
- The Lord is the maker (**Psalms 95:6, Proverbs 22:2, and Isaiah 45:11**).
- The Lord formed it (**Genesis 2:7, Isaiah 43:1, and Isaiah 44:24**).
- The Lord established it (**Deuteronomy 32:6, Proverbs 3:19, and Isaiah 45:18**).
- The Lord is His name (**Exodus 15:3, Exodus 34:14, Psalms 8:1; 9, and Jeremiah 16:21**).
- Calling on the Lord and being heard had qualifiers (**Deuteronomy 4:29, Proverbs 15:8, Proverbs 15:29, Proverbs 28:9, Isaiah 1:10-18, Isaiah 59:1-3, John 9:31, and I Peter 3:12**).
- God used the Chaldeans to punish Judah, but had planned on restoring them afterward (**Jeremiah 25:8-14 and Jeremiah 29:10-11; cf. Micah 7:18-19**).

2. What did God say all nations of the earth would do when hearing of the good He did for Israel?

They would fear and tremble at a time where God would have a name of joy, praise, and honor: *“And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it”* (Jeremiah 33:9).

- **Micah 7:14-16; cf. Psalms 9:20.**

3. What change did God plan for the desolate cities of Judah?

From desolation to habitation with joy and gladness: *“(10) Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, (11) The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD. (12) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down. (13) In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the LORD. (14) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:10-14).*

- Judah had been desolate (**Jeremiah 9:11, Jeremiah 10:22, Jeremiah 25:27-28,** and **Ezekiel 25:3**) because of their transgressions (**Ezekiel 15:8**).
- Joy and celebration had been removed (**Jeremiah 7:34**).
- People and joy would return (**Ezra 3:11** and **Nehemiah 12:43**).
- Good would keep His promise (**Numbers 23:19**) to restore His people and their flocks (**Isaiah 65:8-10**).
- For us, seeing these promises comes true, is a learning tool in that we can see God will keep His promises to us (**Titus 1:2**).

4. In those days, what was God going to cause to grow up unto David?

The Branch of righteousness [Christ]: *“(15) In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. (16) In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness” (Jeremiah 33:15-16).*

- We discussed this being Christ earlier in our study of Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 23:5-6**).
- This is a prophesy about Christ (**Matthew 1:1, Matthew 1:21-23, Luke 1:31-32, Revelation 22:16, II Timothy 4:8, Luke 19:1-10,** and **I Corinthians 1:30**).

5. What two things did God say would never be lacking?

A king on the throne or priest a man to offer sacrifices: *“(17) For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; (18) Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer*

burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually” (Jeremiah 33:17-18).

- The promise concerning the throne of David (**I Kings 9:1-9**).
- They need for a priest under the Law of Moses for offerings and such would continue after captivity (**Nehemiah 10:28-39**). This ceased with Christ as the priesthood changed along with the Law (**Hebrews 7:1-10:22**).

6. What accusations were made against God and how did He answer those?

He was accused of not continuing the throne of David and the priests of the Levites. God doesn't lie. He did not cast off the seed of Jacob/David: *“(19) And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, (20) Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; (21) Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. (22) As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me. (23) Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, (24) Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. (25) Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; (26) Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them” (Jeremiah 33:19-26).*

- First point... You cannot stop the sun from rising or seasons from coming (**Genesis 8:22**, **Psalms 104:19**, and **Jeremiah 31:35**), therefore you cannot stop any of God's promises from coming true (**Psalms 115:3**, **Psalms 135:6**, and **Isaiah 46:10**).
- God set forth a promise to David as sure as the rising sun (**Psalms 89:35-37**). FYI, that is still true to this day (**Luke 1:31-33** and **Acts 2:29-36**).
- Innumerable hosts of Heaven (**I Kings 22:19**; cf. **Hebrews 12:22-23**).
- The Levities were in place when Israel erred (**Ezekiel 44:15**).
- God was NOT going to cease the seed of Israel [Jacob; **Genesis 32:28**] because of what that would mean about ending His plan for Jesus to come into the world (**Genesis 28:10-15**; cf. **Acts 3:13-26**). Specifically, out of the tribe of Judah (**Hebrews 7:14**).
- Again, because of God's covenants with the fathers, He would have mercy on Israel as in times past (**Exodus 2:24-25**, **Exodus 6:5-6**, and **Psalms 106:45**).