

Jeremiah Ch 30-31 • “The Time of Jacob’s Trouble ”

- Background Ch 30-33 = “Book of Consolation” (uniquely hopeful section within Jeremiah)
- 30v1-3 This section written to Jeremiah individually more than Judah collectively.
- v4-7 This is long-term (end-times) prophecy: “That day is great” (Day of the Lord)
- v8-9 “Yoke” was used by God to refer to Nebuchadnezzar, but v9 makes it clear a long term fulfillment is in view (ie when Jesus returns).
- v10-11 Israel has had (still has) much reason to be afraid. Wars, Holocaust, etc. God’s promise ≠ bad things won’t happen. Promises nation will survive.
- v12-15 Again, could be specifically about Babylon / Jeremiah’s day. Except phrase “multitude of your iniquities” isn’t best translation. Really it’s *magnitude* of iniquity (singular). “Enormous guilt” (CSB). Idea is great sin (singular) and many sins (plural). Great sin = rejecting Messiah, which has led to many sins w/o forgiveness!
- v16-17 The gospel! That which was incurable (v12) is cured! How? Jesus!
- v18 Reference to Israel driven into wilderness (caves) (cf Matt 24, Micah 7).
- v19-21 Rebukes Israel’s leaders: should have recognized Antichrist as false messiah.
- v22 Leader will come from among you (Jewish) – ie Jesus! When repent / call!
- v23-24 Jesus’ first order of business: judge the nations that persecuted Israel.
- 23v1 Flows directly from Ch 30 (chapter breaks are human invention).
- v2-6 2/3 of Jews killed during Tribulation (Zech 13:8) many beheaded (sword). Those who survive will prosper. Note again the gospel in the OT ☐ Israel no longer adulterous wife but once again a virgin bride.
- v7-10 Remnant returning from Babylon (seat of Antichrist) and beyond! God drawing / shepherding. Israel pictured as prodigal returning home! Note: v10 demolishes replacement theology. This is literal, physical Israel!
- v11-14 Antichrist was strong; God is stronger! And when He delivers Israel, even the land will rejoice (and the people will be comforted).
- v15-17 Rachel (Jacob’s wife) poetically mourning for lost sons of Israel won’t have to mourn for them anymore. Note better translation of “future” is “latter-end” (cf Ch 29). Again, points to long-term fulfillment.

- v18-19 God punished (chastened) – not to destroy but to correct. And it worked!
Israel acknowledges: “We brought the Tribulation on ourselves!”
- v20-21 God reaffirms – Israel is the firstborn (prodigal) son returning home.
- v22 Cryptic – best guess: wife (Israel) will embrace husband (God).
- v23-25 Back around to results of Israel’s repentance (and Jesus’ return) ☐
Safety, prosperity, productivity, rest, revival.
- v26 Almost parenthetical: God gave Ch 30v1–Ch 31v25 to Jeremiah in a dream.

*Application Replacement theology is satanic. It denies God’s mercy!
If we believe the church has replaced Israel, we’re saying that it’s possible to sin
beyond God’s willingness to forgive. Everything we just read says otherwise!*

*Israel’s great iniquity AND many sins will be forgiven!
The adulterous wife will once again be the virgin bride.
The prodigal son will be embraced and celebrated.*

We must recognize the depth of God’s mercy.

And we must realize that same mercy is available to us!