

Jeremiah Chapter 30

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THREE ENCOURAGEMENTS TO ISRAEL

- I. **FIRST ENCOURAGEMENT** – From Captivity To Serving Christ, (30:1-9)
 - A. Return To The Land, 1-3
 1. This is the returning to the land of Palestine from the Babylonian captivity
 2. They will possess it again as they did before the captivity.
 - B. Time Of Jacob’s Trouble, 4-7a
 1. The voice of trembling and fear is for Israel as they receive persecution from their enemies, 4-6
 2. God uses the idea of a woman in labor to illustrate how great the pain is from the persecution, 7a
 - a. The time of Jacob’s trouble is the Times of the Gentiles, whereby Gentile nations will rule as major governments in the world rather than Israel.
 - b. This will take place from the captivity of Israel to Babylon until the coming of Jesus Christ.
 - c. First, Israel returns to the land
 - d. Then persecution will come and last until Jesus comes the second time.
 - e. More will be said about this in this same chapter.
 - C. In That Day, 8-9
 1. “In that day” relates to the “Day” that follows the return of Israel in their land after the Babylonian captivity.
 2. This is a day in which the Savior will come and redeem his people from their sins.
 3. God will, first of all, break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar, and neither Israel nor “strangers” (Gentiles) will serve the king of Babylon again, 8
 4. True salvation comes when these Israelites and Gentiles turn to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who here is given as David their king, 9
 - a. *Jer 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.*
 - b. *Eze 34:23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, [even] my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.*
 - c. *Lu 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:*
- II. **SECOND ENCOURAGEMENT** – From Captivity To The Destruction of All Nations (30:10-17)
 - A. Return From Captivity, 10
 1. This verse does not say that Israel will not have enemies, because they will
 2. This verse says that they will continue to exist as a nation, which is true.

3. They will not be afraid of their enemies; and they are not afraid.
- B. Their Continual Existence, 11-17
 1. God will make a full end of all nations. The nations of which he is speaking here are Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. They will all be destroyed to a complete end.
 2. But Israel will not be utterly destroyed – “yet will I not make a full end of thee,” 11
 3. However, he will not leave Israel unpunished; they will be corrected, 11
 4. Israel’s sin is incurable, 13-15
 - a. “Thy bruise is incurable . . .,” 13
 - b. “Thou hast no healing medicines . . .,” (14)
 - c. Israel was punished then by all these things being brought upon Israel, 15
 5. Destruction of Israel’s Enemies, 16-17
 - a. All the nations that devour Israel shall be devoured. These are Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome, the four kingdoms that will rule over the earth from Jeremiah’s time until the second coming of Jesus Christ, 16
 - b. God will heal them both nationally and spiritually. There was no medicine for their spiritual healing, but Jesus Christ came to be their Savior to heal their spiritual illness.
 - c. The Gentile nations say, “This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.” Throughout these day of The Times of the Gentiles, the nations will look negatively upon Israel and fight against her, but God will heal her spiritually through Jesus Christ.

III. **THIRD ENCOURAGEMENT** – From Captivity To The Great Tribulation, (30:18-24)

- A. The Restoration From Captivity, 18-19
 1. “The city shall be builded upon her own heap . . .,” 18
 2. God will bless them and multiply them . . .,” 19
- B. Their Children, 20
 1. Their children shall be as beforetime, prosperous and increasing
 2. Their congregation shall be established. This may have allusion to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which was established among the Jews in the times of “their children.”
- C. Their Nobles And Their Governor, 21
 1. The nobles may allude to the Apostles of the New Testament, the ones whom the Lord made the foundation of his kind of church.
 2. The Governor is Jesus Christ. He proceeded “from the midst of them.” Only Christ can approach unto God Who is he? He is the very Son of God.
- D. True Salvation Comes To Israel, 22
 1. Israel shall be the people of God in a true, spiritual sense; and he will be their God in the true and spiritual sense.
 2. Jesus Christ will make this possible.
- E. The Great Tribulation, 23-24
 1. When true salvation comes to Israel as a whole: when “all Israel shall be saved” (Rom. 11:26), then the Lord will come, and the Great Tribulation will begin to be poured out upon the wicked, 23

2. God will not return (or let up) on his anger until he has done a complete job of punishing the wicked, 24
3. The “latter days” are the Times of the Gentiles, the time between Babylon and the second coming of Jesus Christ. Following this, Jesus will return and pour out his wrath upon the wicked.

Conclusion

This is great hope for Israel, but it is also great hope for every believer in Jesus Christ, because we, too, must be born again by the Spirit of God, and we will be in the number who are saved from the captivity of sin and who will stand together with national Israel in the presence of God as God’s children. Our victory is in Jesus Christ, our great Governor.