

Jeremiah Chapter 33

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I. THE RETURN OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH (33:1-7)

- A. The Lord speaks to Jeremiah here, and Jeremiah credits to God the creation of the world, (See 32:17 for antecedent to “it” here—the earth), 1-2
- B. God is speaking specifically to Jeremiah in verse 3. These things are spiritual things not known by human knowledge.
- C. God gives a prophecy concerning “this city” (Jerusalem) that will be destroyed, 4
- D. The inhabitants of Jerusalem desire to fight against Babylon (Chaldeans), but they are actually fighting with them, because God is not looking graciously on Jerusalem, 5
- E. God has hid his face from “this city,” 5
- F. In the same breath God says he will bring “it health and cure,” 6
- G. So, there must be “destruction in order to rebuilding”¹
- H. God will cause both Israel and Judah to return from the 70-year captivity, 7

II. THE CLEANSING AND JOY OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL (33:8-14)

- A. The New Covenant was to go into effect when Judah returned from their captivity
- B. Then God will cleanse them from all their iniquity. This is a spiritual cleansing of the soul, bringing it to Christ, 8
- C. This will bring joy, praise and honor, 9-12
- D. Destruction in order to rebuilding, and then cleansing in order to spiritual joy.
- E. God expresses in somewhat spiritual language what it will be like when the captivity is over. Some of this has spiritual significance, not just literal, 13-14

III. A PROMISE OF A MESSIAH (33:15-18)

- A. Jesus is the Branch of Righteousness, and he will come in this second period of Jewish history, 15
- B. Judah will be saved (spiritually), and Jerusalem will dwell safely, which indicates true salvation in Jesus Christ in whose righteousness we dwell safely.
- C. God’s people will be called by the name “The LORD our righteousness.”
- D. David will never want for a man to sit on his throne, because Jesus will sit on his throne forever, 17
- E. All burnt offerings and meat offerings will be stopped, and there will be no need for a continual sacrifice when Jesus comes and dies on the cross, 18

¹G. Campbell Morgan uses three phrases to summarize this chapter: (1) destruction in order to rebuilding, (2) moral cleansing in order to spiritual joy, and (3) spiritual joy in order to material prosperity. *Studies in the Prophecy of Jeremiah*, Fleming H. Revell Company, Old Tappan, New Jersey, 1969, page 203.

IV. A SURE COVENANT (33:19-22)

- A. If night and day can stop, then God's covenant will be broken, 19-21
 - 1. See Genesis 8:22 *While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*
- B. As the host of heaven, so the seed of David, 22

V. HAS GOD CAST AWAY HIS PEOPLE? (33:23-26)

- A. The people think that God has cut off the two families which will make Judah a great nation again (David, the king; and Aaron, the priest). Therefore, the kingdom is gone and the priesthood is gone.
- B. But God can bring something out of nothing if he so desires.
- C. To forsake David as king and stop that line would be to make nought the work of Jesus Christ as our king. To forsake the house of Aaron would be to forsake the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ.
- D. But Jesus fulfilled the offices of Prophet, Priest and King; therefore, these offices were not forsaken.