



INTRODUCTION:

In **Jeremiah 29:24-32** Shemaiah, the Nehelamite was a prophet in Babylon who protested to the letters that Jeremiah sent to the people in exile, and asked that Jeremiah be reprimanded; silenced. Zephaniah, the priest read the letter to Jeremiah. Then the Word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, and this letter went out to all in captivity concerning Shemaiah. God rebukes him because he had prophesied to the people, but God did not send him. He made the people believe a lie; therefore, God would punish Shemaiah, the Nehelamite. *“He will not have anyone [born] to live among this people, nor will he see the good that I am about to do to My people.”* Certainly, none of Shemaiah, the Nehelamite’s descendants will see the promised restoration because he taught (preached) rebellion against the Lord.

LESSON:

I. JEREMIAH 30:1-3

RESTORATION OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

30:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,—Jeremiah, the true prophet was to only speak what God spoke to him.

30:2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. The LORD’s message to Jeremiah was: *“Write all the words that I have spoken to you and put it in a book.”* This would only include chapters 30-33 of Jeremiah, frequently called *“The Book of Consolation or The Book of Comfort.”* These are not all of Jeremiah’s prophecies. Writing would mean that it would be preserved and documented of the hope God gave while His people were in exile, and a glorious hope of restoration for anyone to read! Jeremiah was not to add to nor alter God’s Words! Even as Jeremiah had written letters, now the Words will be in Book form.

30:3 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. This is a promise from the LORD, that He will bring back His people Israel and Judah from the nations to which they went into exile. The people from the northern kingdom of Israel went into Assyria as prisoners in 722 BC. The people in Judah went into exile in Babylon in 597 B.C and 587 BC. The LORD said that they would return from exile to their own country. And He will bring them back to the country that He gave to their ancestors and that they shall possess the land!

II. JEREMIAH 30:4-7

A TIME OF TROUBLE

30:4 And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. God is still delivering His Word to Jeremiah concerning Israel and Judah.



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30:5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

After Jeremiah gives them God's promise of restoration, he shifts over to God's presence in despair, judgment, and a day they had never witnessed before that will come. The message of the LORD begins with "We" and I heard a voice trembling, which speaks of a troubling voice; a cry of panic, and terror, and not of peace. ¹In verses 5-7 initiate a unit describing the coming catastrophe—"the time of Jacob's distress"—to highlight the dramatic reversal God will accomplish in verses 8-11. "Fear and trembling," introducing the judgment that makes the subsequent salvation unmistakably divine. Yes, God sees, knows, and planned the playbook.

30:6 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?—

These verses describe the great trouble and pain that people would experience. NIV says, "Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale?" We already know that a man cannot give birth which points to something unnatural. So, why is a man's hands clutching his stomach acting like a woman in labor and every face has turned deadly pale? ²This phrase suggests that the coming judgment is so severe that it causes even the strongest to be overwhelmed with fear and pain, and the "paleness of face" is a common biblical expression for fear and terror (e.g., Nahum 2:10). It indicates a loss of color due to shock or fright, symbolizing the dread that has gripped the people. The LORD's people would have troubles in exile. They would suffer pain like a woman who was having a baby. People's faces grew pale because they were so afraid. These are consequences we never want to go through.

30:7 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. We think it's bad now, but it says "for that day is great...none is like it." There is a severity here that is not like any other day. "Jacob" symbolizes the people of Israel facing a time of great distress. But he shall be saved out of it. It ended on a good note.

III. JEREMIAH 30:8-9

30:8 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:— There are verse promises of freedom in this and a king in 30:8-11. In that day (a future day; a time of judgment and salvation) Jeremiah is giving the message that the LORD of hosts (the sovereign, powerful, warring LORD; God's authority over all heavenly and earthly armies) 1.) will break the yoke (liberate; free His people from binding slavery) off their necks, 2.) burst (tear off) their bonds (a forceful removal of oppression), 3.) and strangers will no longer make them their slaves (this is a reassurance of God's protection and restoration). Jesus Christ paid the price for us, therefore our Messianic hope of our ultimate freedom is found in Christ, who breaks the spiritual bondage of sin.

30:9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them. God promises a king in whom He will raise up. The people who had been in exile will have

¹ https://biblehub.com/q/Significance_of_fear_and_trembling.htm

² <https://biblehub.com/jeremiah/30-6.htm>

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freedom to serve the LORD their God, and the descendant of David their king. However, this prophecy looks forward to a time in the future. The LORD would send an ideal King to them. That does not refer to king David himself, but one of David's royal descendants where God promises David that his throne will be established forever (Davidic Covenant). That King would be the LORD's servant, who would come to look after His people. Ezekiel spoke about the servant as the Shepherd of the nation (Ezekiel 37:24-25). Luke spoke about how that servant would rescue the LORD's people (Luke 1:69). Those prophecies happened when Jesus came to earth. He did not come as a political ruler. He came to give freedom from the 'yoke' of sin (Acts 2:30, 38). Jesus told Pilate that He would not be the king in any one country (John 18:36). Jesus is King of everyone who follows Him.

IV. JEREMIAH 30:10-11

30:10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid. Jeremiah writes to Israel, my servant of Jacob (Northern Kingdom), to not be afraid nor be dismayed (discouraged), for hope is given. They shall return home from the distant place they're in. The LORD will do this, and they will be at rest in Israel. The LORD will bring them back to their descendants from the country where enemies took them. They will have quietness and peace, and no one will make them afraid.

30:11 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. The people will not be afraid, Why? - The LORD says that He is with Israel to save them. He will destroy completely all the nations that they were scattered to (held in captivity). There is judgment on the nations that have oppressed Israel. Despite Israel's disobedience, God will not completely destroy them, but He will correct (discipline) His people in measure (a limited amount; fairly), but they will not leave any unpunished. Though they are God's covenant people, does not mean they will not be disciplined when they mess up, God will use wisdom justly as a Father training a child.

V. JEREMIAH 30:18-20

RESTORATION OF JACOB

30:18 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof. God gives a description of His restoration of those days to come. This is speaking of the rebuilding of Jerusalem, the rebuilding of the temple, and of a people being rebuilt. Every possible level of society will be renewed, for clans living in tents, to city dwellers living on towns built on a mound of rubble, the temple or palace restored. This prophecy that Jerusalem would be rebuilt was not completely fulfilled by the work of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Zerubbabel. The city was indeed rebuilt after the captivity, but the final restoration will occur when all believers are gathered in Christ's kingdom. This will include buildings (30:18), people (30:19), rulers (30:21), and a region (30:22).

God's love will ultimately be expressed when His wrath has accomplished its purpose. God is restoring. Four things stand out here:

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1. God will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents (Jacob's clan once lived in tents),
2. God will have mercy on his dwelling places (have compassion; take pity on Jacob's homes);
3. The city shall be built upon her own heap (the city shall be built upon the former ruins; old foundations; old mounds),
4. The palace shall remain after the manner (refers to the Temple, God's palace reconstructed anew as it was before).

30:19 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. Singing will replace sorrow, growth will replace decimation (ruin), and honor will replace shame. Out of the people will come thanksgiving, and sounds of merry-making. God says He will multiply (increase) them and He will be the One to glorify them (make them honored), meaning they will not be just a few nor will they be small.

30:20 Their children also shall be as aforesaid, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them. This means that their children shall prosper as in a time when Israel was united and flourishing. They would be secure and happy, and their congregation (the assembly of God's people) shall be established before God, meaning, their religious assemblies shall be established. The communities will be reestablished in God's favor. ...and I will punish all that oppress them, meaning God will punish anyone who will hurt them.

VI. JEREMIAH 30:21-22

30:21 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. God's people will be governed by their own rulers. The times of the lording Gentiles will be over.

- Their nobles and judges shall come from among themselves, of their own nation, and they shall no longer be ruled by strangers and enemies, and not from the Gentiles who had lorded over them for many centuries.
- Their governor (ruler of God's people) shall proceed from the midst of them, shall be one that has been a sharer with them in the afflictions of their captive state. He is of ourselves, in all things made like unto his brethren.
- He will have access to God's presence and approach Him, for who else has the boldness on his own initiative to approach God? This either refers to the Millennial time of the Messiah who will be over all resurrected saints in the coming ages.

30:22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. The Word of the Lord God of Israel was spoken to Jeremiah from the beginning of this chapter, and concludes with God declaring that Israel shall be His people and He will be their God! Jeremiah expresses the Covenant to be renewed, especially after the exile.



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GJW **SUMMARY:**

1 Jeremiah, the true prophet was to only spoke what God speaks to him. **2** The LORD's message to Jeremiah was *"Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book."* **3** *"Behold, The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their ancestors to possess,' says the LORD."*

4 God is still delivering His Word to Jeremiah concerning Israel and Judah. **5** There is terror a voice trembling; a troubling voice; a cry of panic, and terror, but there's no peace. **6** Ask and see whether a man can bear (give birth) to children? Because God is asking why does He see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and every face has turned pale as a dead person? **7** This will be an awful time, and there will be none like it, for it will be a time of trouble for the people of Jacob. But God will save them out of this trouble.

8 It's going to happen in a future day that the LORD of hosts will break the yoke from off their neck, burst their bonds, and strangers shall no longer make them slaves. **9** But they will serve the LORD their God, and the descendant of David their king whom God will raise up. **10** Jeremiah writes to Israel, my servant of Jacob (Northern Kingdom), to not be afraid nor be dismayed (discouraged), for hope is given. They're gonna return home; be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make them afraid. **11** The LORD says that He is with Israel to save them. He will destroy completely all the nations that they were scattered to, yet He will not fully destroy Israel, but He will correct (discipline) His people fairly and will not leave any unpunished.

18 The LORD says He will give back success to Judah's people again. He will show Israel that He loves her. The people will rebuild Jerusalem, where people once had destroyed the city, and the palace will stand in its proper place. **19** Out of the people will come thanksgiving, and sounds of merry. God says He will multiply (increase) them, and He will be the One to glorify them (make them honored), meaning they will not be just a few nor will they be small. **20** Their children shall prosper as in a time when Israel was united and flourishing. The LORD will establish their society, and will punish everyone who acts badly towards them.

21 The ruler would not come from the powerful countries of Assyria, Egypt or Babylon. Instead, He would come from among the LORD's own people. The LORD would bring that ruler. **22** The purpose of all those promises was that they would be His people, and He would be their God.