

# Jeremiah Study

Chapters 30-33 (~40 min) ...

- Jeremiah is writing Chapters 30-33 from Prison
- ~ 588 BC
- Jerusalem has been under siege for ~ 18 months.
  - People are starving, bad times.

NOTE: For decades Jeremiah has been telling them this would happen. It *is* happening (and has been for over a year) and yet, they put Jeremiah in prison for his words and still want to believe the false prophets that have been wrong all along.



## Examine

In the early chapters, we explored the context of Jeremiah's early ministry where he was saying "doom", the false prophets were saying "peace" & from the people's perspective all seemed well/normal. Day after day they woke up, went to work, status quo.

- We discussed that from *that* perspective, the false prophets would have *appeared* to be correct as their immediately reality did not appear to align with words that Jeremiah spoke for years.

But at this point, we see an opposite example & yet they *still* reject Jeremiah in favor of their false prophets.

- They've been under siege for 18 months. They are starving, resorting to cannibalism (even of their own children). The reality around them very much matches what Jeremiah has been saying. And yet, he is in prison because they still don't want to hear it. Even more, they continue to trust the false prophets saying "peace, peace", but now in *faith* rather than by simple comparison of the world around them.

## Chapter 30

- NOTE: This chapter *likely* is an End-times prophesy

(30:3) This is a multi-layer prophesy (fulfilled 3 times *so far* in history)

- 586 BC : fulfilled after 70 week captivity (some Jews returned)
- 1700s: Migration from Europe
- May 14<sup>th</sup> 1948: Isreal became a nation again (in a day)

(30:7) "Jacob's trouble" = tribulation period

(30:9) This is referring to the Millennial Kingdom where Jesus (Davi's lineage) rules.

(30:11) Refers to Tribulation. "a full end of all nations where I have scattered you".

(30:17) We see a drastic increase of antisemitism & anti-Isreal ideology today.

	<p><b>Cultural Context:</b> the Mound</p> <p>As civilizations fell, new civilizations were built on top of them. They didn't have bulldozers &amp; landfills, so they just built on top of ruins.</p> <p>For areas like the middle east where there was a very long history of civilization in a consistent area, this resulted in "mounds" as layer upon layer of civilization were built on top of those that were there before it.</p>
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(30:21) This is likely referring to Jesus ruling the millennial kingdom here.

- The Hebrew used for "governor" & "draw near" more specifically refer to "entering the Temple & leading ministry & worship".
  - Unlike to today where we have governance which is sperate from spiritual leaders, priests, etc... but Jesus will rule all of these things.

(30:24) This tells us "latter days", indicating the "End-Times".

## Chapter 31

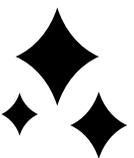
(31:1) "At the same time"... (Continuation of what God is telling us in chapter 30)

(30:3): God loves Isreal with an "everlasting" love.

- Beware replacement theology that attempts to replace Isreal with the Church. That would not be an "everlasting" love.

(30:9) Ephriam was the *second* born son of Joseph, (son of Jacob)

- Remember, God renamed Jacob to "Isreal".
- Before Jacob (Isreal) died, he blessed Joseph's sons, however, he blessed Ephriam as the 1<sup>st</sup> born even though he was the younger. (This was unusual). However, that blessing held.

	<p><b>Symbolism:</b> Jacob, Ephriam &amp; Rachel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jacob is sometimes used to reference Isreal (i.e. "Jacob's Trouble" being the tribulation of Isreal)</li><li>• Rachel was Jacob's wife (Mother to Joseph, Ephriam's grandmother)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ "Rachel's Children" are the tribes of Isreal</li></ul></li><li>• Ephriam is often used to represent the Norther Kingdom of Isreal (10 tribes).</li></ul>
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(31:15) Ramah was a city in ancient Israel. Likely somewhere in the West Bank today.

(31:15) Rachel's children refers to the tribes of Israel

(31:20) God's heart "yearns". Even though He spoke against them, He remembers them & "yearns" for them. He says He will surely have mercy on them.

(31:38-40) We know this is the Millennium Kingdom:

- It is built over the field of "dead bodies & ashes" (likely a reference to the carnage in Ezekiel 39)
- "It shall not be plucked up or thrown down **anymore forever**"

## Chapter 32

- ~ 587 BC

(32:1-15) Jeremiah is in prison. Jerusalem is besieged. God has told Jeremiah that He is delivering this whole land into the hands of Babylon... but now God is telling Jeremiah to buy land. (What?!)

- Fun Fact:
  - Title deeds had writing on both sides (unusual for scrolls) and they often had multiple seals which represented obligations that had to be completed before that seal could be broken & the buyer move onto the next seal.
  - When we read about the Scroll in revelation, it sounds very much like a title deed. (i.e. the Title Deed to earth?)

(32:16-25) Jeremiah is asking God (in a very polite way) why he had to buy land that will be captured soon.

- It's ok to ask God "why" from a genuine heart.

(32:26-44) God is gracious and He answers.

- Note: He doesn't say that Jeremiah will possess the land that he purchased. But He does say that He will return his people to this land.
- Perhaps this was just an object lesson, but maybe it was a symbol of "Investing in God's Plan".

## Chapter 33

(33:3) Prayer is powerful

(33:4-9) Operation Restoration. God will:

- Restore the land to the people

- Restore the people to Himself
- Restore the nation to honor

(33:8) Points to Jesus: "cleaned them from all their iniquity" & "pardon all their iniquities"

(33:10) Desolation

- This is one of the great miracles in the bible. The richest land "flowing in milk & honey" became absolutely desolate! Perhaps even *more* miraculous is that after being desolate, it has came back (healed) to be very fruitful again.
  - 586 BC: Sat Desolate for 70 years
  - 70 AD: After the Romans it was empty & desolate for ~ 1500 years

(33:11-18) Jesus is ruling the Millennium Kingdom

(33:19-26) God is saying that is NOT possible for Him to break His covenant