

## **Jeremiah 32-33 – 6 July 2014**

Chapter 32 – Buy an Israeli field, I am faithful to bring you back!

1. Vs 1 – This is 587 BC the final year that Jerusalem falls.
2. Vs 3 – Dan 2:38 – Daniel was confessing the same thing over in Babylon.
3. Vs 4-5
  - a. He will speak with and see King Nebuchadnezzar.
  - b. Eze 12:13 – Bring him to Babylon yet he won't see it.
  - c. Explained – Read Jer 39:5-6 – His eyes were put out.
  - d. **It's an amazing life, when we start believing in and having faith in God regarding all aspects of our life.**
    - i. **He has so many specific things to reveal to us if we would but walk by faith.**

- 1. Specific things in our own life experience.**
  - a. Trust Him for money.
  - b. Trust Him for witnessing chances.
- 2. Specific things in the Bible for understanding His global plan.**
  - a. Trust Him to explain the right way to conquer sin.
  - b. Trust Him to explain the righteousness of Christianity over false religions.

**In today's study, God reveals to us that our faith needs to contain 3 characteristics.**

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#### **4. Vs 6-15**

- a. The 1<sup>st</sup> characteristic of our faith is that we need our faith to be consistent with God's revealed truth.**
  - i. Way too loosely do people use the phrase, "I have faith."

- ii. Whether easy or hard to do, is it what God wants from us?
  - 1. Faith in anything else is useless.
  - 2. If we're acting in line with His Word, then that's a faith that we please God.
- b. He very openly bought stock in the land of Israel. This required lots of faith and he was probably mocked for it.
- c. Put your money where your mouth is.
  - i. Know His Word so we can act upon it.
  - ii. Acting upon it, proves our belief.

## 5. Vs 16-25

- a. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> characteristic of our faith is that we need it to be reasonable. We have excellent reasons to believe that the things God says are true.**
- b. Jeremiah's faith was ground in the fact that God had proven that nothing is too difficult for Him.
  - i. Vs 17-19 – Creation proves it.

- ii. Vs 20-22 – Bringing them out of Egypt proves it.
- iii. We today can add to this list, that He has wrought redemption thru Christ.

c. When we choose to not repent of sin today, is it b/c we don't believe that God is true of the subject?

- i. Hasn't He proven that He's worth trusting?
- ii. His way IS reasonable, have faith and repent.

6. Vs 26-35 – A reminder that this captivity is b/c of their own evil that they have committed.

7. Vs 36-44

- a. Gathering you for your safety and your eternal good.
- b. I told you that I would punish you... and I did. I'll regather you.

## Chapter 33 –

### 1. Vs 1-3

a. Jeremiah, now in a quiet place, can hear from the Lord.

i. Have you ever been forced into a quiet place, but had the blessing of hearing from the Lord?

ii. Why don't we choose to find that quiet place?

b. **The 3<sup>rd</sup> characteristic of our faith is that we need it to be active in our lives.**

i. We need to DAILY walk by faith, not by sight.

ii. We default back to doing what makes earthly sense. Live in the spirit/faith.

1. Matt 16:6-12

iii. By faith we'll experience things that we would never have seen before.

1. By his faith, now Jeremiah is a big part of God telling Israel of His future plans!

## 2. Vs 4-9

- a. I picture a broken vase that's been kicked to the basement. Now the Lord takes it, shines it up and puts it on the mantle for all to see.
  - i. Who gets the glory when someone sees the vase?
  - ii. But it also brings esteem to the vase.
- b. Also look at iniquity, sin and transgression.
  - i. Psalm 32
  - ii. The Lord has taken them all away.

## 3. Vs 10-15

- a. The BRANCH
  - i. Isa 11:1 – Isaiah prophecy to the North that the BRANCH would come from Jesse.
  - ii. Jer 23:5 – says the BRANCH would be king.
  - iii. Zec 6:12-13 – says the BRANCH will build the temple and be a priest.
- b. All blessing to Israel and their return of worship to the Lord is put to the timing of when the Messiah comes back.

- i. Don't expect Israel as a nation to accept Christianity until He comes.

4. Vs 16-18 - Levites offering sacrifices?

- a. The Millennium is specifically spoken of as having sacrifices.
- b. Ezekiel 40-48
  - i. 40-43 – Describes the Millennium Temple.
  - ii. 44-46 – Describes serving in the Temple with sacrifice, offerings, and the feasts.
  - iii. 47-48 – Division of the land during the Millennium.
- c. Phinehas the grandson of Aaron was given an “everlasting priesthood” in Num 25:13 for his hatred of sin at Baal-Peor in the wilderness.
- d. These sacrifices will be in remembrance of Christ’s sacrifice, not b/c they atone.
  - i. Just as communion is a remembrance.
  - ii. Why celebrate Tabernacles during the Millennium? To remember.

5. Vs 19-26 – Multiply the seed of David

a. Ezekiel speaks of the prince during the Millennium.

- i. Eze 44:3 – He shall enter thru the east gate
- ii. Eze 45:22 – He prepares a sin offering for himself. This proves that he's not the Messiah.
- iii. Eze 46:16-17 – Possess lands with his sons.
- iv. Just as Levites will serve, there will be those of Judah that will rule during the Millennium.

## Conclusion:

1. To be used of God in great ways, as Jeremiah was, we need to have these “faith” characteristics
  - a. **It needs to be consistent with God’s revealed truth.**
  - b. **It needs to be reasonable or intelligent.**
  - c. **It needs to be active in our lives.**
2. How can we change?
  - a. Is your faith consistent with His Word?
    - i. Challenge yourself about your beliefs.
  - b. Is your faith reasonable?
    - i. Read and read His Word to be ready to give an answer for the hope that is within you.
    - ii. Learn Apologetics or talk to some Christian about the “hard” subjects in the Bible.
  - c. Is your faith active in your life?
    - i. Do you pray about decisions that you should?
    - ii. Do you daily ask God to guide you into spiritual activities for that day?
3. True faith is consistent, reasonable and active!!!