

Jeremiah 30-31 – 22 August 2024

“Hope Of Israel’s Rebirth - Part 1 of 2”

Introduction

- *1st Section (Chap 1-6): Reasons for Judah’s fall
- *2nd Section (Chap 7-10): Temple Sermon
- *3rd Section (Chap 11-20): Following a prideful heart
- *4th Section (Chap 21-29) has Jeremiah present much more personal letters to individuals or small groups
- *In Section 5 (Chap 30-44) the main events unfold
- *In chapter 30-33, before the destruction even come, God gives the hope of their promised restoration
- *Now we will read of a near and distance fulfillment of Israel’s restoration – After Babylon & in the end
- *The restoration spoke of here is such a complete restoration that it can only be referred to as a rebirth

*We know this ultimately happens in the last days

Today, we’ll see 3 aspects of the nation of Israel’s last days restoration

#1 – Israel’s brokenness is turned into wholeness (Chap 30:1-24)

Read Chap 30:1-3

1. A primary source of evidence to gain trust and faith in God is fulfilled prophecy
2. Seems this is for all Israel to be strengthened at their return from Babylon in many decades
3. But this is also for all of us until the end to be strengthened in faith by prophecy (cf Jer 30:24)

Read Vs 4-7

1. Notice it’s restoration of Judah AND Israel
2. This time of great trouble is connected to all Israel returning to their land
 - a. Happened after Babylon, after WWII, after fleeing to Petra during the Tribulation
3. Tribulation is called the time of Jacob’s trouble

Read Vs 8-9

1. At each of these returns Israel will be free to serve the God of Israel

2. This can only be speaking of the ultimate fulfillment at end of the 7-yr tribulation b/c “King David” wasn’t raised up after Babylon or WWII
3. Now this isn’t David but the One who has the right to sit of David’s throne (Read Luke 1:32-33)

Read Vs 10-11

1. God corrects Israel but will never destroy them
2. Only nation on planet earth w/ this promise

Read Vs 12-15

1. Notice it’s not talking about the correction or the punishment being intolerable
 - a. It’s the condition of Israel being incurable
 - b. It’s the people themselves can’t recover
2. God tells them not to cry out b/c of God’s correction, but rather cry out b/c of their sins

Read Vs 16-17

1. As Israel, our natural condition is incurable, but if we’ve come to Jesus, He says, “*I will*” do it!
2. God promises complete destruction of all that come against His people then and now

Read Vs 18-20

1. The promise is that the people and the land will return again with joy and honor

Read Vs 21-22

1. Israel no longer is forced to have a vassal King like Zedekiah imposed by Babylon or a political King like Herod but one of their own...like Jesus
 - a. (Read) Is 9:6 tells us the govt shall be upon Jesus' shoulders – *govt = ruler* in vs 21

Read Vs 23-24

1. God's judgement of evil is certain yet mysterious
 - a. Why does He wait?
 - b. Why so much judgement? Etc
2. He says it will all make sense in the last days

#2 – Israel's mourning is turned into joy (Chap 31:1-26)

Read Chap 31:1-2

1. At *what* same time? The latter days from vs 24

2. Salvation happens for Israel that finds help in the wilderness of Petra
 - a. Dan 11:41 says Edom, Moab & some of Ammon will escape Anti-Christ's control
 - b. Isa 16:1-4 says Petra shall be their shelter
 - c. Zec 14:4-5 says the Lord Himself will come gather them back from their hiding
3. Then what happens? All Israel accepts Jesus
 - a. Read Rom 11:26-27

Read Vs 3-6

1. Notice this is from the north (mountains of Samaria) to Mt Zion or Jerusalem in the south
2. This all happens not b/c of Israel's great worthiness, but b/c of God's great love
 - a. This's God's heart to all that come to Him

Read Vs 7-9

1. The great gathering of Israel back to their homeland began in the early 1900s
 - a. But this is the final gathering after their fleeing to the wilderness of Petra in the Trib
 - b. This gathering is worthy to tell ALL nations

- c. So complete even their weakest will return
- 2. Notice they come w/ weeping in vs 9
 - a. Turn to Zec 12:9-11 & 13:6 – mourn for not seeing Jesus sooner

Read Vs 10-12

- 1. Again, this great gathering of His sheep back to their homeland began in the early 1900s
 - a. Eze 34 speaks much of the Lord providing for Israel as His sheep to come back in 1948
 - b. But this is the final gathering after the Trib
- 2. He never speaks of a Master/Slave relationship, but of a Father/Son, Shepherd/Sheep relationship

Read Vs 13-14

- 1. Although initially painful & mournful, Israel will move into a joyful response for all God's work

Read Vs 15-17

- 1. Rachel is the mother of Joseph & Benjamin
- 2. Ramah's her burial site, so what's this picture?
 - a. This may have occurred to her as Benjamin was taken to Egypt & Joseph was already 'dead'

- b. This did happen in Jesus' time, quoted by Matthew (2:18) of slaughter in Bethlehem
- 3. In these verses, God tells Israel to stop crying b/c Israel will return with a future and a hope

Read Vs 18-20

- 1. So God has compassion on a repentant Israel
- 2. Israel is God's son – they're not a slave God throws away, but one of His own image & family

Read Vs 21-22

- 1. God marks a clear path for Israel to return to their homeland
- 2. Now even the women of Israel seem more capable than the surrounding men of the nations

Read Vs 23-26

- 1. At Babylonian exile, Israel started speaking their Aramaic
 - a. Even during Jesus time, the primary spoken language was Aramaic, Greek and Latin

- b. Hebrew ceased as a spoken language after their Roman exile around 200 AD
 - c. It was still used as a written liturgical language thru the centuries though
 - d. Finally in the 1900 Zionist Movement, they brought back their spoken language!!
2. The revival of a dead language has never otherwise happened in all of human history!!

#3 – Israel’s outward religion is turned into inward relationship (Chap 31:27-40)

Read Chap 31:27-30

- 1. Israel will enter a time of prosperity and righteousness
- 2. In this new time, if a man is suffering troubles, it will be of his own doing & not from identity politics or family reputation

Read Vs 31-33

- 1. We know all about this covenant that Israel will enter, b/c we’ve already entered in

- a. Began w/ Jesus' explanation at the Last Supper in (Read) Matt 26:27-28 – blood of new covenant
2. As Jeremiah describes, it's not like the Mosaic Covenant of the Law which they couldn't keep
 - a. This is covenant on their heart & inner being
 - b. Read II Cor 3:6 Law kills, Spirit brings life!

Read Vs 34

1. Under the Law, sins were only atoned for, (*to cover*); under the New Covenant sins can now be forgiven, removed & remembered no more

Read Vs 35-37

1. God has an everlasting love for Israel that cannot be broken; Replacement Theology=gabrage

Read Vs 38-40

1. We read of the changes to Jerusalem in Zec 14 when Jesus touches down & split the mountain
2. The apportionment of the land during the Millenium in recorded in Eze 47-48
3. And this will be the final state for the land of Israel – until the New Heavens & New Earth

Conclusion

Since the days of old, Israel's last days restoration has been assured. God has not put away His people

- 1. Their brokenness will be turned to wholeness**
- 2. Their mourning will be turned to joy**
- 3. Their outward religion will be turned to inward relationship**

After all this time, if God won't give up on Israel; then He certainly won't give up on you & me either!

Have you come to the cross for your restoration?

1. Have your brokenness turned to wholeness
2. Have your mourning turned to joy
3. Have your outward efforts turned to inward relationship with Jesus Christ!