

Jer. 31:2-3a Thus says the Lord: "The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away.

Jer. 31:3b-4 I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Jer. 31:7a, 9b For thus says the Lord:

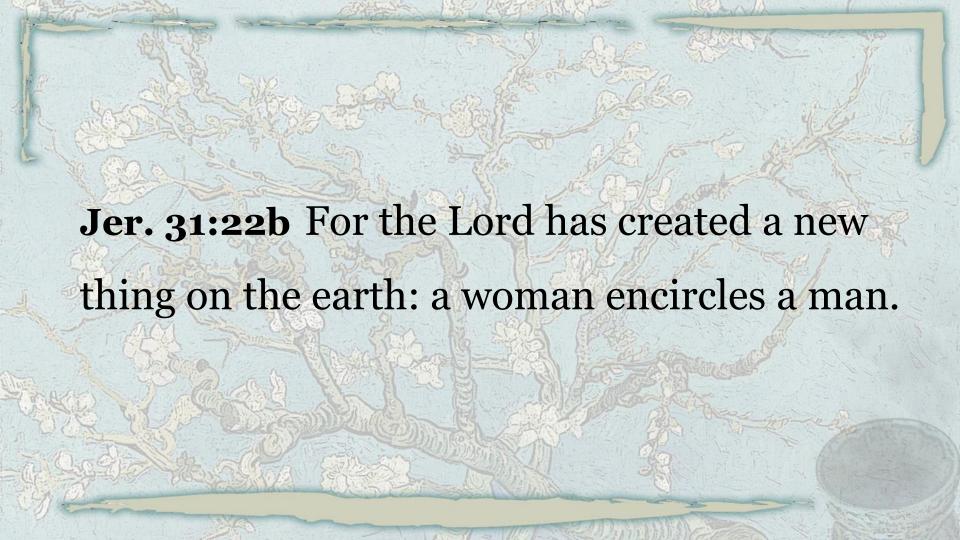
"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of nations...

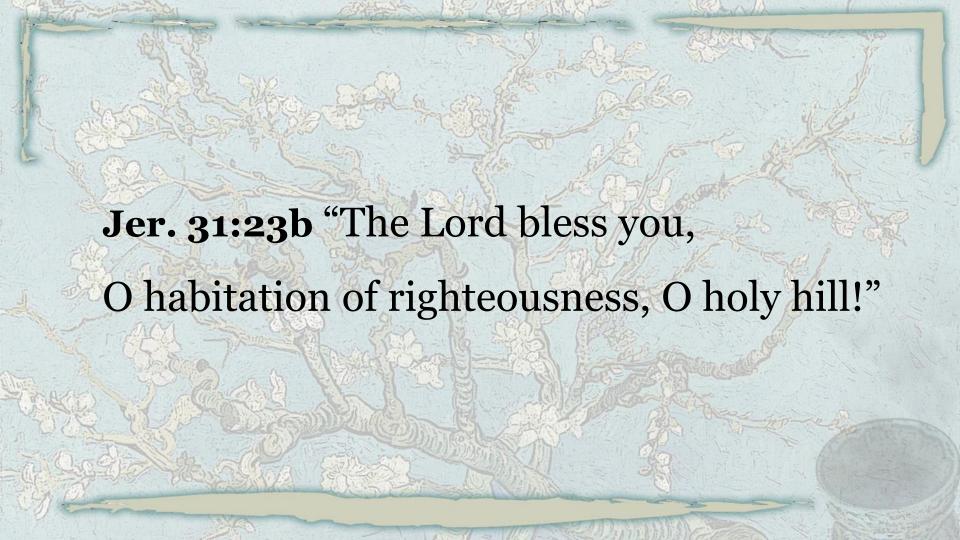
For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

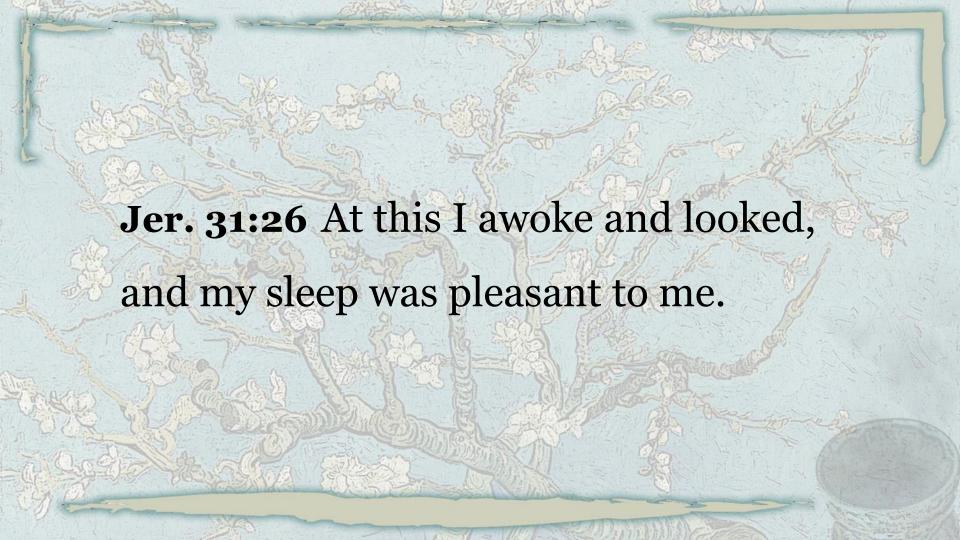
Jer. 31:10-11 "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

Jer. 31:20 Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he my darling child? For as often as I speak against him, I do remember him still. Therefore my heart years for him; I will surely have mercy on him, declares the Lord.







Jer. 31:28 And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring harm, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, declares the Lord.

