**Jeremiah 30:1-17**

**“Encouraging Words in Dark Days”**

Introduction:

1. Jeremiah 30-33 has been called *A Book of Comfort.* Jeremiah 33:1 gives the historical background of these prophecies. Jerusalem was in the final stages of an 18 month siege by the Babylonians. The remarkable feature of chapters 30-33 is that though a time of dark distress, they foretell a glorious future! The general theme is that Israel will not perish as a nation: He speaks of the coming Tribulation (Jacob’s troubles)…the second coming of the Messiah…the glorious reign of Messiah.

2. Are you facing dark days?

3. Jeremiah has the most encouraging words: *“God has a plan”*

**I. RESTORATION 30:1-3**

 ***A. God Is The Author 1,2***

**1.** *The word came to Jeremiah from the Lord*. That is Inspiration. Inspiration means,

 *God breathed.*

**2.** *Thus speaks the Lord* saying *Write (not speak) all the words that I have spoken.* That is

 Revelation. Revelation is God using a human agent to write His thoughts. **It looks and sounds**

 **like any other book.** God’s Word looks like it was merely written by man.

 ***B. God Is The Authenticator 3***

**1.** Jeremiah then gives a summary of the remainder of chapters 30-33.

 **2.** *Lo the day comes…*the days are coming. This is a clue that He speaks of

 eschatological days, future days. This is the keynote of this section and restricts the

 material in *The Book of Comfort.*

**3.** To bring any people back from captivity indicates a restoration of their fortunes…a

 restoration of their homeland…a glorious message in a gloomy hour. This hope

 relates to Israel and Judah.

***Dark Days?***

1. Get back into the Word. It’s a sure way of getting a new perspective.

 2. God has an overall plan that is for our good.

 3. Listen to what God says...not circumstances or man’s opinions.

 4. Present circumstances can be very deceiving. What is happening NOW is no indication

 of the future.

 5*.* *“I will cause”*  God is the prime mover in our lives.

**II. RUIN 30:4-6**

v. 7*That day…“The time of Jacob’s trouble”* These are prophetic words that refer to the Tribulation Period, which is the 7 years after the Anti-Christ signs a peace treaty with Israel.The Tribulation is for the entire nation of Israel. They are regathered for two reasons: one is chastisement and the other is salvation.

 ***A. A Fateful Day 4***

**1.** Some see this only as the Babylonian Captivity and Israel’s restoration.

 **2.** It involves Israel and Judah and discipline before restoration.

 ***B. A Frightful Day 5a***

**1.** The *voice of terror* means, trembling.

 **2.** What a description of the Tribulation!

 ***C. A Fearful Day 5b***

**1.** Fear is evident and not peace that is promised by the Anti-Christ. *“Peace, Peace”*

 *where there is not peace.*

**2.** *Fear…men’s hearts will fail them because of fear.*

 ***D. A Fatal Day 6***

**1.** *A man travails with child* is a figure of extreme distress!

 **2.** As with the birth of a baby…it is going to happen!!

 ***E. A Final Day 7***

**1.** There has never been a day like that day.

 **2.** This is not a single day of 24 hours. It is a period of time. In light of the context, the Babylonian

 Captivity is not great or grave enough.

 **3.** *That Day* was not immediately at hand. This is *Jacob’s Trouble* not the Babylonian

 Captivity. Jacob is Israel!!

 *\*(Mt. 24:21) There is none like it nor shall be…*nearly 2/3 of the world’s population

 will be wiped out!

 *\*(Zech. 12:10-13:1) He shall be saved out of it.* This time is not only for

 chastisement, but salvation. That liberation will be such that never again will Israel

 be enslaved by any nation. That could never be said of any deliverance to this hour.

***Dark Days?***

1. It may get worse before it gets better.

 2. You may be right in the center of God’s will and suffer deeply.

 3. Sometimes you think that things could not get worse, and then it does.

 4. Things can always be worse!

 5. God never seems to be in a hurry.

 6. Better days are coming. One day the clouds will lift. WHEN GOD HAS ACCOMPLISHED HIS

 PURPOSE!

**III. REVITALIZATION 30:8-11**

 ***A. Release*** 8 *No more enslave them*

1. Only in a preliminary way could this apply to the Babylonian Captivity.
2. Jesus is the One who comes and breaks the yoke in which Israel will never again be enslaved.

 ***B. Raise 9*** *I will raise*

**1.** Notice the pairing: *the Lord their God/David their king*

**2.** It is significant. A resurrection of David is predicted. The rule of his Son, the

 Lord Jesus Christ will be on the Davidic throne!

 **3.** The person spoken of here is the future ideal king, so called the second David.

 **4.** The Jewish Targum is correct in identifying this ideal King as *Messiah, Son of David*. Among

 Jews David came to be used of royalty, much as the word czar, pharaoh, or Caesar, but only in

 the highest and final sense. ***Messiah is reigning!!***

 ***C. Return 10a*** *Peace, rest, glory*

 **1.** In 1948 Israel was regathered. In fact, the government of Israel has a special cabinet

 member in charge of collecting Jews from all around the world. His official title:

 Minister of Absorbtion.

 **2.** I get excited when I see a regathering. The Bible is coming true. Today is not the

 final return. **It’s only preliminary.** We haven’t begun to see Ez. 37:1-14 and the

 *Valley of Dry Bones.*

**3.** *None shall make him afraid…*this is yet to come.

 ***D. Remove 11a******Never!!!***

**1.** All the nations around Israel will be gone!

 **2.** Israel though scattered *will I not make a full end of thee???*

 ***E. Reprove 11b*** *I will not leave thee unpunished*

***Dark Days?***

1. Deliverance / freedom is part of God’s plan. v. 8

 2. Deliverance / freedom is in a Person v. 9

 3. *‘Therefore’...’Rest’...’I will save thee’*  He must do it…you can’t!

 4. *None shall make thee afraid…*Ultimate rest is possible.

 5. *“I am with thee’* Practice the presence of God.

 6. *To save thee v. 11* Let God take care of your enemies.

 7. If sin has occurred...there are always consequences to sin. God has a plan!!

**IV. REDEMPTION 30:12-17**

Sin must be paid for...either I pay or Someone has paid the price for me.

 ***A. Condition 12,13******Sin Is Incurable***

**1. Helpless**

 **2. Hopeless** There is none to plead their cause.

 ***B. Calamity 14a******Satisfaction Is Incomplete***

**1.** *All thy lovers have forsaken thee…they seek thee not.*

**2.** The pleasures of sin are short lived. Soon they all leave!!

 ***C. Chastisement 14b***

**1.** *Multitude of iniquities…*God’s punishment is because of sin.

 **2. Sin is a cruel taskmaster!!**

***D. Catastrophe 15******Sorrow Is Inevitable***

**1.** Sorrow is inevitable because of sin.

 **2.** Heart break after heart break line the funeral parlors, because of sinful choices!

 ***E. Cure 17******Salvation Is Incredible!***

**1.** God does what no one or nothing else can do. **He cures the incurable.**

 **2. God takes the one that no one wants.**

***Dark Days? It takes Jesus Christ to answer the real darkness...SIN!***