**Jeremiah 33:10-16**

***“I Would Like To Introduce You To A Person”***

Introduction:

1. Have you been introduced to Jesus Christ?

2. In Jeremiah 33:10-16 Jeremiah describes some amazing events and then beginning in v. 13

 he introduces you to the Person who makes it possible. *Him that cometh v. 13* the Jewish

 Targum has a messianic interpretation here and substitutes the word *Messiah* for *the one*

 *who courts them The days come v. 14* describes Messianic times and the immediate return

 from Captivity is not the primary time frame, but ***when Messiah comes.*** *In those days…vs.*

 *15, 16* ***when Messiah comes to sit on His throne.*** That will be the ultimate fulfillment of

 this passage.

3. In Jeremiah 33:10-16 Jeremiah introduces you to a Person…that person produces change!

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**I. THE PRAISE TO A PERSON 33:10-11**

*Thus saith the Lord*

 ***A. Helplessness Without The Person 10***

**This is what they were.** Two words describe Judah and Jerusalem:

1. **Without…***without man…without beast…without inhabitant*
2. **Desolate…***waste…deserted…the land is grown up in weeds.* The city is deserted. The people have been transported to Babylon. God’s people would be skeptical about their future.
3. What a description of those who do not know Jesus Christ! ***Desolate:*** they are empty. There is a God shaped emptiness and we try to fill it with everything. With what are you trying to fill that emptiness?

 ***Without:*** those without Christ…without hope…without purpose…without peace.

***B. Hopeful With The Person 11***

**This is what they will be.** *Again there shall be heard v. 10* The country and city will

 be restored. In 535 b.c. this began to take place. Ezra and Nehemiah were written.

**1. The Audibility: The Voice Will Be Heard 11a**

There was no voice and now there is a voice. 5 times *voice* is mentioned. Each

 is positive…each pleasant…each pronounced. ***The voice of joy/gladness…the***

 ***voice of the bride/bridegroom…voice of them who say:*** *praise the Lord of host*

 and then the reasons are given: *for the Lord is good…for His mercy endureth*

 *forever.* ***Voice of those who shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of***

 ***the Lord.***

 **2. The Agent: The Victor Will Be Heeded 11b**

 **\***Who He is: *For I will cause*

 *\**What He does: *To return the captivity of the land…*when Jesus sets the captive

 free: He does it…we can’t! (The home is restored. The alcoholic no longer

 desires a drink. The drug addict is no longer bound. The unwed mother no

 longer lives in shame. The life torn apart by wrong choices is restored.) They

 can give the voice of joy/gladness. I am married to Jesus Christ: praise the

 Lord of hosts. He is good and He doesn’t give me what I deserve. He gives me

 something better! There is a sacrifice of praise!

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**II. THE PEACE FROM A PERSON 33:12-14**

*Thus saith the Lord…*you can count on it! *Shepherds* there is a future time of serenity.

 The soldiers would become shepherds once again.

 ***A. The Prospect Of Peace 12***

**1.** The *desolate and without* shall be *an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks*

 *to lie down.*

**2.** When Messiah comes, those *desolate* and *without* will be at peace.

 ***B. The Place Of Peace 13***

**1.** Shepherds would count noses…*under the hand of Messiah.*

**2.** *The cities of the mountains…*the very places that were *without* and *desolate.*

**3.** *The house turns into a home…*the rebellious child turns into an obedient,

 thoughtful helper.

 ***C. The Performance Of Peace 14***

*The days come…saith the Lord…when voices are heard…*shepherds are at peace and

 the whole land has been healed. Perhaps that is why angels first came to shepherds in

 Luke 2.

1. *I will perform…that good thing.* The *good thing* was to bring back Israel, but more importantly God would send the Messiah.
2. *I have promised to Israel and Judah.* Only God, the Prince of Peace can do it. **What He promises He will do!**

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**III. THE PREDICTION ABOUT A PERSON 33:15-16**

When will all of this occur?

 ***A. It Is Prophetic***

 *“In those days” (v. 15) “In those days” (v. 16) “At that time” (v. 15)*

1. It is nearly a repeat of (23:1-6) and parallels the great Messiah passage. *Judah shall be saved…Jerusalem shall dwell safely.*

**2.** This looks ahead to the Millennial reign of Christ. Jesus is coming back!!

***B. It Is Providential***

 *“I will cause...” “He shall execute...”*

1. The fulfillment is according to God’s time table.
2. The fulfillment is a man…a Jewish man!

 ***C. It Is Pointed***

**A King is coming to sit on the throne of David!**

**1. A Rightful King**

 *“The Branch of righteousness to grow up into David...”*

 *\**That is the reason for the genealogies of Matthew and Luke.

 \**Righteousness*…Jesus was sinless because He was God! One of David’s sons

 would reign forever! No mortal could fulfill *forever!*

**2. A Right King**

 *He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land...*

 \*Jesus is going to rule with a rod of iron.

 \*Everything He does will be right. The Lion will lie down with the Lamb. The

 child will be able to play with poisonous snakes.

1. **A Ruling King**

 *In those days:*

 **\****Judah will be saved* that has never happened.

 **\****Jerusalem shall dwell in safety*  Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 a.d. The Jews

 were scattered until 1948 and this will not occur until Jesus rules!

 **4*.*  A Righteous King**

 \*Jerusalem will be called: *The Lord, Our Righteousness*

 \*She becomes what He is because of her identification with Him.

 \*So His righteousness is imputed (put of our account) to us by identification.

 He became what we were (sin) so we could become what He is (righteous).

 *For He hath made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us that we might be made*

 *the righteousness of God in Him. (II Cor 5:21)*

***Peace and Praise comes from a Person!***

Have you ever been introduced to Jesus Christ?