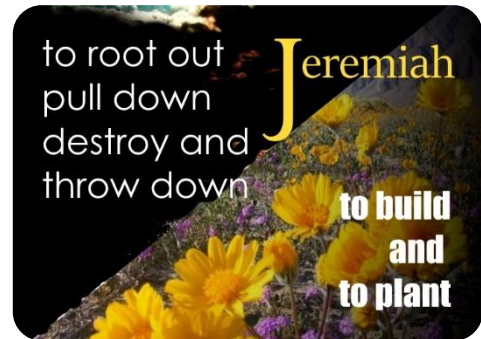


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¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying / when the word of the Lord came to the prophets, they were all ears; they were not distracted, they were wide awake,

² Thus says the LORD God of **Israel**, Write all the words I have spoken to you in a book.

³ For, lo, **the days come** / this phrase is often a dual marker; indicating double fulfillment; the first time indicating an event 2500 years ago; the second time indicating the **3 Days still on the Lord's calendar**, specific days; days equal to Passover and Pentecost; Paul called them, shadow of things to come, fulfilled in Christ / the Messiah -- **Colossians 2**; without Christ, these days have no meaning. So instead of writing things twice, the Lord gets more accomplished as He layers and multi-tasks; the prophet speaks to us, too.



the days come, says the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of My people **Israel** and **Judah**. The LORD says: I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they will possess it / which we know the Zionist movement in Europe started in the late 1800s and was officially recognize at the UN, in 1948.



⁴ And these are the words that the LORD spoke

concerning **Israel** / who had 12 sons: the 10 **northern** tribes, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali and Joseph's 2 sons: led by **Ephraim** -- carrying with them ALL the birthright promises: nationalistic promises of God given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to become a commonwealth of nations... and Manasseh promised to become a great nation at the end of the time of the Gentiles; they all went into **captivity in Assyria** – thought lost to history, but not lost to God, who resettled in a different place: Isaiah says: **Israel in the isles**.

and concerning **Judah** / the 2 **southern** tribes of Judah and Benjamin who 150 years later... went into **captivity in Babylon** but a remnant returned to their land after 70 years.

⁵ For thus says the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and **not** of peace.

⁶ Now ask, and see whether a man can give birth? why do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and why have all faces turned *deadly pale*?

⁷ Alas! for **that day is great** / in Hebrew: **gadol**; Ezekiel 38 tells us: a **great** spoil coming... a **great** company and mighty army coming... in the day that there is a **great** shaking coming... speaking of the terrible day that the whole foolish, broken world knows is coming... the Lord God has given fair warning,

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so that none is like it: **it is even the time of Jacob's trouble** / who is Jacob? he is the grandson of Abraham, who for most of his life was a **scoundrel** and a **cheat** making deals to satisfy his desires... until Jacob was 100 years old; and one night wrestled with God and lost the contest walking away with a limp... but Jacob also walked away with a new name: **Israel**... **isra = governed + El = God**,

Jacob's trouble / instead of being ruled by God; acting more like a faithless scoundrel: making alliances with everyone... but not trusting the Lord, who is not on trial; He has told us what is best for His creation. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Joel, Zechariah, and Malachi... they all gave **both Israel** and **Judah**... acting more like **Jacob**... fair warning:

but he will be saved out of it / Daniel says, it will be a time of distress such as never occurred to that time; many will be whitened and brighten and purified; they are slapped awake; taken to the cleaners.

⁸ **For it will be in that day** / the **6th** great, terrifying **Day of the Lord**, when souls will be afflicted, **says the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will cut your bonds, and strangers** / faithless foreigners... **he will serve no more:**

⁹ **But they will serve the LORD their God, and their Beloved king** / David's greater Son, **whom I will raise up to them.**

So Jeremiah, spokesman for the Lord... having told God's people **Israel**... and **Judah**... how the story will work itself out in reconciliation to our great God; sort of like reading the last chapter first; Jeremiah says, but back to reality... the course is set in conformity to the nature of Father God, the lesson will be learned:

¹⁰ **Therefore says the LORD: fear not, O my servant Jacob** / acting like a faithless scoundrel; **do not be dismayed, O Israel** / even the few governed by God, doing what is right:

for, lo, I will save you from afar and your seed from the land of their captivity / which doesn't sound like some progeny in the middle eastern locality, does it? The first group headed to Assyria and to places beyond; and the second group to Babylon, as later the romans destroyed Jerusalem;

and Jacob / still a scoundrel after their captivity... **will return, and will be in rest, and be quiet, and none will make him afraid.**

¹¹ **For I am with you, says the LORD, to save you:**

though I make a full end of all nations where I scattered you / Jesus told us the time of the Gentiles will come to a close; but not before **both** faithless **Israel**... and faithless **Judah** learn the simple lesson that our FatherGod can be trusted, and in His presence is joy and peace; unlike allegiance to the lawless who prefer to smash and destroy until the world is broken; who do not embrace the Lord,

yet I will not make a full end of you: but I will correct you in measure,

and will not leave you altogether unpunished.

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And some might wonder why the Lord God is so angry toward an arrogant, lawless world seeking their own deadly agenda. Simple, listen...:

12 For thus says the LORD,

Your injury is incurable, and your wound is grievous / the same word used of the Suffering Servant who came to take away our pains and diseases, for our hideous guilt, He was put to grief.

13 There is none to plead your cause that you may be bandaged: you have no healing medicines / Jacob and company are on their own, none will come to administer justice; Jacob has no advocate; you are on the gurney in the hallway waiting hopelessly; your best science and medicine still leaves you incurable.

14 All your lovers have forgotten you; none seek for you / your allies, they don't care what happened to you;

for with the wound of an enemy I have wounded you, with the chastisement of a cruel one for the multitude of your iniquity; because your sins were increased / unlike the chastening the Suffering Servant endured... in order that the people of God might have peace -- **Isaiah 53**.

15 Why do you cry over your affliction? / after all, this is the **6th** day; **the Day of Affliction**

your sorrow is incurable for the multitude of your iniquity because your sins increased, I have done these things to you / same words: the Suffering Servant took our sorrows and carried away our diseases as our substitute in His sinless body -- **Isaiah 53**; they had rejected their faithful commitment to the Lord; yet their hideous guilt remained. They were on a deadly course rejecting the Suffering Servant, the only Messiah sent by God in humility... to substitute His righteous life for them.

16 Therefore all who devour you will be devoured; and all your adversaries, every one of them, will go into captivity, and those who plunder you will be plundered, and all who prey on you I will give for a prey / which smacks of some heavenly humor; the adversaries will go to hell.

17 For I will restore you to health, and I will heal you of your wounds, says the LORD; because they called you an Outcast, saying, This is Zion / the City of David? no one cares for her / whoever said this; Herodians, the neighbors: they found out somebody does care.

18 Thus says the LORD; Behold, I will restore the fortunes of **Jacob's tents, and have compassion on his dwelling places;**

and the city will be built on its ruin;

and the Stronghold will stand in its rightful place / most cannot imagine one final ruin coming to Jerusalem; and remember: this is quite elegant: their Stronghold is a one Man army... Messiah!

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19 And from them will proceed thanksgiving, and the voice of them that make merry / the 7th Day of the Lord will be a day of thanksgiving and great joy before the Lord... [who has come to rule the world with a rod of iron](#) -- Zechariah 14:

and I will multiply them, and they will not be few; I will also glorify them, and they will not be small / insignificant.

20 Their children will also be as in former time, and their congregation will be established before Me, and I will punish all who oppress them / it's interesting, all the people and nations of the Middle East have known these words of prophet Jeremiah long before the West.

21 And their nobles will be of them, and their Governor will proceed from among them / their great men and women will come out of great tribulation; with their Leader, Messiah... like His first triumphal entry into Jerusalem, that was a seismic event, and earthshaking experience so long ago;

I will draw Him near, and He will approach Me: for who would dare to approach Me? says the LORD / prophet Daniel wrote: they brought the Son of man near Him -- Daniel 7

22 And you will be My people, and I will be your God.

And the Lord God could have stopped there; and all that prophetic vision was revealed because God is full of mercies to the 1000th generation of those who love Him and keep His commandments. But that was 2700 years ago, and what was happening at the time... also needed to be addressed. The Lord says to Jeremiah, Let's get back to business.

For a second time, Jeremiah says...

23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goes forth with wrath, a continuing whirlwind / like a sweeping cyclone: it will fall with pain upon the head of the evildoer.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD will not return, until He has done it, until He has performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days / in the last and final days of the Gentile nations; the days all the prophets clearly spoke about,

you will understand it.

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