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The scope of this chapter is the same with that of the prior chapter – to confirm the promise of the restoration of the people of God, in particular the House of Judah; and these promises have both in type and tendency a reference as far forward to the gospel church in our time. It is here promised that the city will be rebuilt; that the captives having their sin pardoned, will be restored; and that this will redound to the glory of God – Matthew Henry.



¹ **The word of the LORD** came to Jeremiah a second time,

while he was yet jailed in the court of the prison / even while the Babylonians began to besiege Jerusalem, saying,

² Thus says **the LORD**, MAKING, **the LORD**, FORMING, ESTABLISHING **it**; / notice the 3 action words: the LORD is busy, making, forming, establishing **it**... whatever needs to be made, formed and established. Definitely, He is not snoozing...

the LORD is His name;

³ Call Me, and I answer / aren't you glad that our GOD speaks; The LORD says, I will respond, showing *what is* great, and mighty ___ / all the way to highest heaven... **what you do not** know.

⁴ For **thus says the LORD God** of **Israel**, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of **Judah** which are broken down... by the siege mounds and sword;

⁵ The Chaldeans come to fight, but to fill them / all the houses... with dead corpses of Adam's race **in this city**, who I killed in My anger and fury, all whose wrongdoings I hide My face.

⁶ Behold / pay attention,

I will bring **it** health and cure,

curing and revealing to them abundance of peace and truth.

⁷ And **I will** return the captivity of **Judah** and the captivity of **Israel**, to build, as at the first / in other words, let's start again... this time let's get it right.

⁸ And **I will** cleanse them from all their iniquity, by which they sinned;

and **I will** pardon all iniquities, by which they sinned, and they transgressed against Me.

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⁹ And **it** / Jerusalem...

It will be to Me a name of joy, of praise and honor... before all the nations of the **earth**,

while they hear all the goodness that I do to **it**:

they will tremble in awe for all the goodness; for all the prosperity that I procure for **it**.

¹⁰ **Thus says the LORD;**

Again there will be heard **in this place**, which you called desolate... without Adam's race, and without cattle in the cities of **Judah**, in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without Adam's race, without occupants, and without cattle,

¹¹ the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride,

the voice of them who say: **Praise** the LORD of hosts:

for the LORD is good; for His compassion is forever:

They will bring the sacrifice of praise to the house of the LORD.

For I will return the captivity of the land, as at the first, says the LORD.

¹² **Thus says the LORD of hosts;** Again **in this place**, which is desolate without Adam's race and without cattle, and in all the cities, will be dwellings shepherding, and resting the sheep / and this has not yet happened.

¹³ **In the cities of the northern highlands, in the cities of the lowlands, and in the cities of the Negev / in the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah,**

the sheep will pass again under the hands of Him who numbers says the Lord / this is the work of Messiah, the only Good Shepherd there is, the One who promised to come and do the job Himself.

His sheep hear His voice and they follow Him

¹⁴ **Behold,** / pay attention...

the days come, says the LORD, that I will perform that good which I have promised to the **house of Israel**... and the **house of Judah**

/ **3 Days are still on the Lord's calendar**

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the **House of Israel** is the 10 northern tribes who went into Assyrian captivity, and carried with them ALL the birthright promises of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... **later to become the great Commonwealth of nations and the great Nation**... at the end of the time of the gentiles -- **Genesis 48 and 49**....

the House of Judah **is the Jewish people today**; 150 years after the **House of Israel** disappeared the House of Judah went into Babylonian captivity for 70 years.

So, can we once, for all time remember?

ISRAEL is not JUDAH

No matter what you or I think. We all need to change our thinking until we think correctly!

But let's move on because God has not forgotten what He promised to **both** the House of **Israel** and the House of **Judah**

the days come... that I will perform that good which I have promised.

15 In those days, and at that time I will cause the Branch of Righteousness to grow up unto David / in those final days of the gentiles; the Messiah, the Rightful King... related to David; He is from David's lineage. He is no usurper; He will come; and when He comes...

He will execute judgment and righteousness in the land / He is righteous in enacting laws... the greatest law being: **To love the LORD with all our heart, soul, mind and being**; and the second great law: **To love one another as He loved us**.

He is righteous in waging war; He is righteous in vindicating those who suffer wrong;

and He is righteous in punishing those who do wrong.

16 In those days / those final days of the gentiles,

Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell safely / that's good news for the House of **Judah**. in light of the daily, international news briefs of those that seek to gang up... and utterly destroy them! The **House of Judah** will be saved,

but without the help of the **House of Israel**, without **Ephraim**, the once great commonwealth of nations...and **Manasseh** the great nation... all the prophets tell us: that won't happen!



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Next, the Chaldea, Syriac and Old Latin versions say...

and this is the Name whereby they will call Him:

The LORD our Righteousness / so eliminate any self-righteousness... because the LORD is willing to be our Righteousness.

17 For thus says the LORD, David will never lack a man

/ in Hebrew: **ish**...

just like: Scott**ish**... Irish... English... Span**ish**... Dan**ish**... Finn**ish**... even Swed**ish**... that's for Grandma... Ya you betcha! Which reveals something curious about the ancient history of those nations, doesn't it? But that's a whole other story.

the righteous Lord says...

David will never lack for an — ish — to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel / and the Lord knows... what *never*... and *forever* means; better than any of us! Notice the Lord tells Jeremiah: **ISRAEL**... not **Judah**! HE could have said, Ephraim, the once great commonwealth of nations. After all, he received the birthright from Israel... and for that matter, from Abraham and Isaac, too! **Israel** is the northern Kingdom; led by Ephraim who would become the great commonwealth. Got it?!

David will never lack for an — ish — to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel.

18 Nor will the priests, the Levites lack an — ish — before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meal offerings, and to sacrifice continually / notice there are NO sin and transgression offerings mentioned! The Lord our Righteousness... took care of that! That's why HE is our Righteousness.

The LORD said what He's looking for: The voice of joy and the voice of gladness; not the voice of gloom and doom! The voice of those who say, Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good and His mercy endures forever. That's what He's listening for: Praise and thanksgiving to Him; for His goodness and mercies to us.

19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus says the LORD / the Lord of Creation is speaking;

If you can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night / if you can cancel the agreement I made with the sun and the moon and the stars... of My creation, **so that there should not be day and night in their season;**

21 Then My covenant can also be broken with David My servant;



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Said differently: look out your window. Are the sun and moon and stars still there? So where is the ruler from the lineage of David sitting upon the throne of the **House of Israel**? ... located in the great (or once great) commonwealth of nations? ... in the last days?

Don't change the metaphors. Jeremiah is talking about a **real** sun, and a **real** moon; as well as a **real** ruler... and a **real** kingdom; a **real** monarch and a **real** monarchy – which has nothing to do with whether they are corrupt or not; and the Lord says

If you can break My covenant... with the day and the night...

Then My covenant can also be broken with David My servant,

that he should not have a son / the Hebrew word is: **ben**. In the previous chapter in Jeremiah... this word is translated: **children** -- seven times; meaning: sons and daughters

Then can My covenant also be broken,

that he will not have children... to reign upon his throne;

and with Levites, the priests, My ministers / workers guarding the Tabernacle and Temple; selected by God to teach His word and His ways; to offer the sacrifice of praise to Him; to dwell in the cities of refuge and keep clear the access to all those cities. They were ministers and servants; not priests who slaughtered little animals. We have a High Priest; who finished the bloody work, and He sat down; who now intercedes with His Spirit for us.

²² As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured so I will multiply the seed of David My servant, and the Levites who minister to Me.

/ and that sounds like God's promise to Abraham, doesn't it? Abraham blessed Isaac, and Isaac blessed Jacob... whose name changed to Israel... and Israel gave that blessing and his name to **Ephraim who was promised to become the great Commonwealth of Nations; and added to his brother Manasseh, the great Nation**... they total a population group of over 2 billion people. You know, if they ever wake up to their heritage, that could be really exciting! Perhaps, they will need to be shaken awake!

In Luke 1 we read: They will call His name JESUS; He will be great and will be called: the Son of the Highest -- **that's true!**

And the Lord God will give unto Him the throne of His father David -- **and that's true!**

And He will reign over the **House of Jacob** forever -- **and that's true, too!**

And of His Kingdom... there will be no end -- and that makes you want to shout: **Glory to our God! That is true, too!**

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But that is not what the LORD is saying here.

David will never lack an — **ish** — to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel / so where is an **ish** – man or woman doing that in the world today?

In **Ezekiel 21**, said of that same kingdom, **it will overturn ... overturn ... overturn ... three times, and then NO more until He comes... whose right it is to reign** ; and that is pretty specific.

In **2 Samuel 7**, The Lord God says to David... **your house, and your kingdom... and your throne... will be established forever**. So, where is it?!

²³ Moreover **the word of the LORD** came to Jeremiah,

saying,

²⁴ Have you not considered

what this people have spoken / and we understand the LORD is telling Jeremiah,

what this people have *wrongly* spoken...

saying,

The **two families** which the LORD has chosen,

He has even cast them off? / He has thrown them away. Well, the Church has done that. They don't know how to deal with those TWO families: the **House of Israel** ... and the **House of Judah**. So they just closed their eyes and cross their fingers when flipping through these chapters;

saying... He has despised His people,

that they should be no more a nation / and again, the Lord GOD is pointing out... they wrongly spoke!

They did not represent Him correctly.

²⁵ **Thus says the LORD;**

If My covenant is not with day and night,

and if I have not appointed the fixed orders of heaven and earth;

²⁶ then I will throw away the seed of Jacob... and of David My servant,



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so that I will not have to take *any* of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob / if I the Creator cannot keep My agreement with My creation... then it sounds like the LORD is the first to admit... He would gladly throw away... at least some of David's hardheaded descendants – tragically, will the last royals of David... be the most corrupt? The Lord God would do it in a minute! BUT, HE made a promise... HE gave His word... and He is not like us; because to His own hurt... HE will accomplish what He said He would do.

Dr. Moffat's translation of these verses is very clear; he puts in the positive... what the Lord says:

As surely as I created day and night, and fixed the frame of heaven and earth;
so surely, I will never cast off the race of My servant David,
or fail to choose descendants of his to rule the race of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
For I will restore their fortunes, and have mercy on them.

because His mercies endure forever -- and that's true, too! Thanks be to our God!

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