

## Jeremiah 32-33 – 6 July 2014

Chapter 32 – Buy an Israeli field, I am faithful to bring you back!

1. Vs 1 – This is 587 BC the final year that Jerusalem falls.
2. Vs 3 – Dan 2:38 – Daniel was confessing the same thing over in Babylon.
3. Vs 4-5
  - a. He will speak with and see King Nebuchadnezzar.
  - b. Eze 12:13 – Bring him to Babylon yet he won't see it.
  - c. Explained – Read Jer 39:5-6 – His eyes were put out.
  - d. **It's an amazing life, when we start believing in and having faith in God regarding all aspects of our life.**
    - i. **He has so many specific things to reveal to us if we would but walk by faith.**

1. **Specific things in our own life experience.**
  - a. Trust Him for money.
  - b. Trust Him for witnessing chances.
2. **Specific things in the Bible for understanding His global plan.**
  - a. Trust Him to explain the right way to conquer sin.
  - b. Trust Him to explain the righteousness of Christianity over false religions.

**In today's study, God reveals to us that our faith needs to contain 3 characteristics.**

-----OPEN IN PRAYER-----

4. Vs 6-15

- a. **The 1<sup>st</sup> characteristic of our faith is that we need our faith to be consistent with God's revealed truth.**
  - i. Way too loosely do people use the phrase, "I have faith."

ii. Whether easy or hard to do, is it what God wants from us?

1. Faith in anything else is useless.

2. If we're acting in line with His Word, then that's a faith that we please God.

b. He very openly bought stock in the land of Israel. This required lots of faith and he was probably mocked for it.

c. Put your money where your mouth is.

i. Know His Word so we can act upon it.

ii. Acting upon it, proves our belief.

5. Vs 16-25

a. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> characteristic of our faith is that we need it to be reasonable. We have excellent reasons to believe that the things God says are true.**

b. Jeremiah's faith was ground in the fact that God had proven that nothing is too difficult for Him.

i. Vs 17-19 – Creation proves it.

ii. Vs 20-22 – Bringing them out of Egypt proves it.

iii. We today can add to this list, that He has wrought redemption thru Christ.

c. When we choose to not repent of sin today, is it b/c we don't believe that God is true of the subject?

i. Hasn't He proven that He's worth trusting?

ii. His way IS reasonable, have faith and repent.

6. Vs 26-35 – A reminder that this captivity is b/c of their own evil that they have committed.

7. Vs 36-44

a. Gathering you for your safety and your eternal good.

b. I told you that I would punish you... and I did. I'll regather you.

## Chapter 33 –

### 1. Vs 1-3

a. Jeremiah, now in a quiet place, can hear from the Lord.

i. Have you ever been forced into a quiet place, but had the blessing of hearing from the Lord?

ii. Why don't we choose to find that quiet place?

**b. The 3<sup>rd</sup> characteristic of our faith is that we need it to be active in our lives.**

i. We need to DAILY walk by faith, not by sight.

ii. We default back to doing what makes earthly sense. Live in the spirit/faith.

1. Matt 16:6-12

iii. By faith we'll experience things that we would never have seen before.

1. By his faith, now Jeremiah is a big part of God telling Israel of His future plans!

## 2. Vs 4-9

- a. I picture a broken vase that's been kicked to the basement. Now the Lord takes it, shines it up and puts it on the mantle for all to see.
  - i. Who gets the glory when someone sees the vase?
  - ii. But it also brings esteem to the vase.
- b. Also look at iniquity, sin and transgression.
  - i. Psalm 32
  - ii. The Lord has taken them all away.

## 3. Vs 10-15

- a. The BRANCH
  - i. Isa 11:1 – Isaiah prophecy to the North that the BRANCH would come from Jesse.
  - ii. Jer 23:5 – says the BRANCH would be king.
  - iii. Zec 6:12-13 – says the BRANCH will build the temple and be a priest.
- b. All blessing to Israel and their return of worship to the Lord is put to the timing of when the Messiah comes back.

- i. Don't expect Israel as a nation to accept Christianity until He comes.

#### 4. Vs 16-18 - Levites offering sacrifices?

- a. The Millennium is specifically spoken of as having sacrifices.

- b. Ezekiel 40-48

- i. 40-43 – Describes the Millennium Temple.
  - ii. 44-46 – Describes serving in the Temple with sacrifice, offerings, and the feasts.
  - iii. 47-48 – Division of the land during the Millennium.

- c. Phinehas the grandson of Aaron was given an “everlasting priesthood” in Num 25:13 for his hatred of sin at Baal-Peor in the wilderness.

- d. These sacrifices will be in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice, not b/c they atone.

- i. Just as communion is a remembrance.
  - ii. Why celebrate Tabernacles during the Millennium? To remember.

## 5. Vs 19-26 – Multiply the seed of David

a. Ezekiel speaks of the prince during the Millennium.

- i. Eze 44:3 – He shall enter thru the east gate
- ii. Eze 45:22 – He prepares a sin offering for himself. This proves that he's not the Messiah.
- iii. Eze 46:16-17 – Possess lands with his sons.
- iv. Just as Levites will serve, there will be those of Judah that will rule during the Millennium.



## Conclusion:

1. To be used of God in great ways, as Jeremiah was, we need to have these “faith” characteristics
  - a. **It needs to be consistent with God’s revealed truth.**
  - b. **It needs to be reasonable or intelligent.**
  - c. **It needs to be active in our lives.**
2. How can we change?
  - a. Is your faith consistent with His Word?
    - i. Challenge yourself about your beliefs.
  - b. Is your faith reasonable?
    - i. Read and read His Word to be ready to give an answer for the hope that is within you.
    - ii. Learn Apologetics or talk to some Christian about the “hard” subjects in the Bible.
  - c. Is your faith active in your life?
    - i. Do you pray about decisions that you should?
    - ii. Do you daily ask God to guide you into spiritual activities for that day?
3. True faith is consistent, reasonable and active!!!