

Homiletics of Jeremiah 30-33 And Allusions to the Messiah

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30:1-17 Ransom Captive Israel

1-3: Write that I the Lord will bring a day of restoration for my people.

4-9: Panic and distress for Jacob will result in a reversal of fortunes with the foreigners.

10-11: Fear not for I will discipline you but you will return to peace.

12-14: I will provide healing for your sins like no one else can.

15-17: Do not cry for you shall no longer be downtrodden by foes.

Summary 1-17: The Lord will ransom captive Israel and heal her wounds.

AIM: Learn that the Lord is our only real source of rescue.

App: I will rely on the Lord to heal and restore me.

30:18-31:6 Make Merry for the Lord is in Control.

18-22: I the Lord will restore and prosper my people and remove their overlords.

23-31:1: The Lord will take revenge on the wicked and his people serve him faithfully.

2-6: Due to the Lord's steadfast love, his people will make merry and all will seek the Lord on Zion.

Summary 30:18-31:6: In his steadfast love, the Lord will restore his people and take revenge on his enemies.

AIM: Learn that the Lord controls history and keeps his promises.

App: I will rely on the Lord to take revenge on evil and restore justice and peace.

31:7-26 Weep No More

7-9: Shout praises for the Lord will bring back his broken weeping people so that they can live in peace as his children.

10-14: The Lord will ransom and redeem them, restoring joy and abundance to them.

15: Rachel weeps for her children.

16-20: Do not weep for after discipline you will repent and no longer be disgraced for you are mercifully mine.

21-22: Follow the signs and return and you will see a new thing: a special man, seed of a woman.

23-25: Blessings for all and rest for the weary.

26: Jeremiah awakes from his vision, refreshed.

Summary 31:7-26: The Lord will cure weeping with a special seed planted in a woman that brings blessings and shalom.

AIM: Learn that the Lord will end the weeping of his people when the anointed one comes to redeem and restore.

App: I will praise the Lord for although there is weeping in this life, in the end the Lord will bring me peace and rest in him.

31:27-40 A New Covenant

27-30: See the future battle of the seeds when evil gets its comeuppance.

31-34: See the day of the new covenant which will transform the hearts of my people and solve the sin problem by knowing me.

35-37: If I ever depart from this pledge or mankind can elevate himself to my level, only then would I lose my people.

38-40: See the coming eternal city of God with no place for the dead.

Summary 31:27-40: See the new covenant, the triumph of the seed of the woman over evil and the coming eternal city with no place for the dead.

AIM: Learn that the Lord will bring the new covenant via the seed of the woman pointing to an eternal glory to come.

App: I will embrace having a transformed heart and a renewed hope in the eternal promise of the city of God.

32:1-25 A Buyer's Market

1-5: Near the end of his reign, Zedekiah asks his prisoner Jeremiah why he proclaims exile to Babylon for the king.

6-15: The Lord commands Jeremiah to buy his cousin's field so he does so and gives the deed to Baruch to preserve in a clay vessel.

16-24: Jeremiah praises the Lord for his power, steadfast love, justice, benevolence, protection, mercy, and his righteous judgment of his people.

25: Despite your coming wrath, you told me to buy a field to presage that you would call your people back.

Summary 32:1-25: Jeremiah buys a field that will only be of value to his relatives in the future and he praises God for his just judgment.

AIM: Learn that God judges but also redeems.

App: I am comforted that when God's people suffer God's judgment it is always for their eventual good.

32:26-44 I who judge will restore.

26-27: Is anything too hard for the Lord?

28-35: I the Lord give Jerusalem over to the Chaldeans as just punishment for the idolatry of my people.

36-41: Although the land is given over to Babylon, I will bring my people home and make a new covenant with them.

42-44: For I who bring judgment will bring mercy and restore them to the land.

Summary 32:26-44 The Lord uses the Chaldeans to judge his people but will make a new covenant with them.

AIM: Learn that the Lord restores with the new covenant.

33 Steadfast love brings lasting peace.

1-9 What the Lord has destroyed he will re-establish better than before and the enemies of his people will be in awe of the Lord's blessings.

10-11: Life will return to this land and my people will praise the Lord for his steadfast love and salvation.

12-18: I the Lord will keep my promise to David so that the people will seek their righteousness in me.

19-22: Just as I have kept my covenant with the created world, I will keep my covenant with my chosen people and multiply them.

23-26: The naysayers who doubt my faithfulness will be no more.

Summary: The steadfast Lord will bring life back to the land and establish peace via his new covenant.

AIM: Learn that the Lord keeps his promises.

App: Will you trust in the Lord's promises?

7 Thematic Divisions above reduced to 4 Divisions:

30:1-17 Rescue.

The Lord will ransom and restore his people to their inheritance:

5 parts

AIM: Learn that the Lord is our only real source of rescue.

App: I will rely on the Lord to heal and restore me.

30:18-31:26 Consolation

The people of the Lord will make merry and weep no more when the seed of the woman brings forgiveness and peace.

10 parts

AIM: Learn that the Lord will end the weeping of his people when the anointed one comes to redeem and restore.

App: I will praise the Lord for although there is weeping in this life, in the end the Lord will bring me peace and rest in him.

32: Restoration.

The Lord has Jeremiah buy land as a sign of faith in their return.

8 parts

AIM: Learn that nothing is too hard for the Lord.

App: I will be comforted in that the Lord can restore me.

31:27-40; 33: New Covenant.

The Lord will establish a New Covenant:

9 parts

Summary: The steadfast Lord will bring life back to the land and establish peace via his new covenant.

AIM: Learn that the Lord keeps his promises.

App: Will you trust in the Lord's promises?

Overall Summary: The Lord will ransom and restore his people, establishing a New Covenant via the incarnate seed of the woman, the righteous branch of David, king and priest forever.

AIM: Learn that the Lord restores us via our Messiah who will bring peace.

App: I will trust in the promised Messiah because the Lord keeps his covenants.

Allusions to the Messiah:

30:9 But they shall serve the Lord their God and **David their king, whom I will raise up for them.**

30:21 **Their prince shall be one of themselves;
their ruler shall come out from their midst;**

I will make him draw near, and **he shall approach me,**
for who would dare of himself to approach me?
declares the Lord.

31:22b For the Lord has created a new thing on the earth:
a woman encircles a man. (*Incarnation.*)

31:34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' **for they shall all know me,** from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. **For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."**

33;15-18 In those days and at that time I will cause a **righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.** ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. **And this is the name**

by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'
17 **"For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, 18 and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever." (Messiah is both king and priest.)**

33:21b *(I will not break my covenant with David for then)* **"he shall not have a son to reign on his throne,"**