

Jeremiah Thirty-Three

Few, if any of you, have understood how real these messages are. In one way or another they are being dismissed and the wake up call is going unheard.

Some who are learned in the Scriptures have said that the "time of Jacob's trouble" has already begun. That "time of great tribulation" is to come upon the lost sheep of the house of Israel and not on an unbelieving world as most Christians think. Indeed the world will continue to go merrily on its way while those who are truly Israel endure great distress.

Jeremiah chapter thirty-three tells the whole story of salvation in just twenty-six verses. In the opening verses YHWH says how He is going to side with the Chaldeans in His wrath against the house of Israel. Verses 6-17 are prophetic and refer to our time and just after the period of tribulation:

"See, I am bringing to it relief and healing. And I shall heal them and reveal to them the riches of peace and truth, and I shall turn back the captivity of Yehudah and the captivity of Yisra'el, and shall build them as at first, and shall cleanse them from all their crookedness that they have sinned against Me. And I shall pardon all their crookednesses that they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me."

While there are many today who believe in Yeshua, very few of those also believe that they are the lost sheep of the house of Israel. They mistakenly believe that the Law has been done away with and continue right on in the sins of their forefathers. They profane YHWH's Sabbaths, keep their pagan festivals and defile themselves with unclean food. When YHWH gave his wise laws and statutes to Israel, they were to set Israel apart forever and be a source of great blessing for them. No other nation had received such promises from YHWH.

Disobedience to the Torah (the books of Moses) would bring severe punishment. For another two thousand years after Yeshua, YHWH has continued to bless the scattered tribes of Israel. Indeed our people have been mixed into the most prosperous nations that history has ever known. They are the United States, Great Britain and the Commonwealth nations. But we can not go on despising the commandments that we received and not face the wrath of our Father. He will deal severely with His people in accordance with our sinful ways.

The tribulation will come at long last upon the lost sheep of the house of Israel in order to wake us up. It will make us realize who we are and set us free from our spiritual captivity. This is how our Father is going to cleanse us from our crookedness, heal us from our sinful past, and rebuild us as a nation. The outcome for the house of Yehudah and the house of Yisra'el is going to be overwhelmingly good and bring great glory to YHWH's Name.

"And it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and a pride before all nations of the earth, who hear all the good I am doing to them, and they shall fear and tremble for the goodness and all the peace I am doing to it."

This wonderful prophecy will be fulfilled after the time of Jacob's trouble and after YHWH has returned all of the scattered tribes to the land of Israel. We will then be a fully repentant nation, and, with an outpouring of YHWH's Spirit, desire to keep His commandments with all our heart and all our mind. This is the kingdom of heaven that Yeshua announced almost two thousand years ago.

You are my brethren and companions of my brethren. Don't dismiss this message. Don't dismiss this message even if I tell you that you have not yet repented, that salvation does not mean that you are going to heaven when you die, and that breaking the seventh day Sabbath is a terrible, terrible sin. These are signs of your spiritual captivity and the yoke which YHWH will remove from your neck. Dear brethren, listen to your wake up call.

PART TWO

"And it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and a pride before all the nations of the earth, who hear all the good I am doing to them, and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the peace I am doing to it." (Jer. 33:9 and following)

This prophecy refers to all the good YHWH is going to do after He has cleansed Israel from her sins. But specifically, it is directed to the good YHWH is going to do to Jerusalem. Some day that city is going to be filled with joy and will be YHWH's pride before the nations. Today Jerusalem is a stumbling block and a "cup of reeling" to the nations. The Jews believe it belongs to them, the Arabs desire it for their capitol, the Pontiff of Rome wants Jerusalem to be an international city and the nations are enraged over the city's lack of peace. Yet the day is coming when the streets of Jerusalem will filled with:

"the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who are saying, "Praise YHWH of hosts, for YHWH is good, for His kindness is forever," of those who are bringing the offering of praise into the House of YHWH. "For I shall once again turn back the captivity of the land , as at first," declares YHWH."

The test for us is in whether or not we believe that this is a literal prophecy. Is YHWH going to make Jerusalem a praise in the earth and the capitol of His own everlasting kingdom? Most of us are quick to say that Yeshua was YHWH in the flesh. But do we really believe that the kingdom of heaven will be here on this planet? Do we believe that the city of Jerusalem will be YHWH's future dwelling place. Or do we spiritualize these verses out of their literal meaning? Which is it?

"See, the days are coming," declares YHWH, "when I shall establish the good word which I have promised to the house of Yisra'el and to the house of Yehudah: In those days and at that time I will cause a Branch of righteousness to spring forth for Dawid. And He shall do right-ruling and righteousness in the earth."

How many of you believe in the absolute literalness of those two verses? Do you really believe that Yeshua Messiah will come and establish His righteousness in Jerusalem and for all the earth?

PART THREE

I am sure you will find Part 3 of my study on Jeremiah very disturbing. Part 1 was about how Israel is to be released from her present captivity and cleansed from all her sin in the later days. Part 2 proclaims how Jerusalem will be a joy to the nations in the time of the Messiah. I will end this short series by dealing with the issue of covenant denial.

"Thus said YHWH, "If you could break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there be no day and night in their season, then My covenant could also be broken with Dawid My servant --so that he shall not have a son to reign upon his throne -- and with the Lewites, the priests, My attendants."" (Jer 33:20f)

The literalness of this covenant is hard to deny since there is hardly anything more absolute than the reality of day and night. In the practical realm, we never doubt that the sun will rise and set, day after day and season after season. These are the laws that the Creator has ordained and set in place.

"As the host of the heavens is not counted, nor the sand of the sea measured, so I increase the descendants of Dawid My servant and the Lewites who attend upon Me".

This is YHWH's covenant with David and the Levites, that He would multiply their seed over and over to insure their survival. Again the promise can only be understood in the literal sense. YHWH would insure that these two clans remain by increasing their seed to number as the stars and the sand. There will always be some of David's clan to rule over Israel and some of Levi's clan to serve in the temple. To make this meaning doubly certain, the covenant is repeated:

"Thus said YHWH, "If My covenant is not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the laws of the heavens and earth, then I would also reject the descendants of Ya'aqob and Dawid My servant, so that I should not take of his descendants to be rulers over the descendants Abraham, Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob. For I shall turn back their captivity, and have compassion on them.""

Where is the deeply disturbing issue?

"Have you not observed what these people have spoken, saying, "The two clans which YHWH has chosen have been rejected by Him"? So they have despised My people, no more to be a nation before them."

The modern equivalent is what is called "Replacement Theology" Universally, the Christian belief is that YHWH has set aside His covenant with Israel and Judah, and established a new covenant with the Church. Although this may sound self evident by now, nothing could be further from the truth. Replacement Theology is just another way of denying YHWH's promises to Abraham, David, Levi.

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My friends, I know that you don't believe that YHWH is going to call Israel out from the midst of the Protestant Church. I know that you don't believe that most of you are the literal seed of Abraham, the very same people that YHWH delivered out of physical Egypt. I know you don't believe that YHWH will keep His promises to a thousand generations. You don't believe that our YHWH made personal promises to David and Levi that He will keep. My friends, you are denying the covenant that Elohim has made with us and with our brother Judah. You are even denying that all the tribes of Israel are going to reign with Yeshua our Messiah in His set-apart city, Jerusalem.

Repent of your covenant denial, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. My fellow Israelites, you are NOT yet saved, but your Salvation is drawing near.