## Two Deportations and Two Returns - Jeremiah 33

**Text:** The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. **Deuteronomy 28:9-10** 

There is nothing like the Word of God. The LORD does not do anything except He prophesies it first (Amos 3:7; Isaiah 42:9). Now faith is believing that God will do as He says. (Romans 4:15-21) This is important, because the greatest faith builder is the Word of God. (Hebrews 11:6-10) The Word of God has 66 books full of prose, poetry, prophecy, history; and all of it agrees – No contradiction.

God spoke through Moses using two methods, prophesying that He would raise up a prophet from among the Jews, give this Prophet the Father's Words, and that the Father would hold the hearer responsible for them. (<u>Deuteronomy 18:15-19</u>). We see Jesus fulfill this in Himself as He proclaims to the world that He is not giving them His own Words, but rather the Words of the Father. (<u>John 14:24</u>; <u>John 12:47-50</u>) These Words are the very Words of life. (John 6:66-68) These speaks these Words to us today. (Hebrews 1:1-3)

We will begin today with another Mosaic prophecy concerning Israel's two removals from the land promised to Abraham in a covenant. This prophecy from about 2500 years ago foresaw a time when Israel would not be walking with God, not obeying His commandments. God must remove them from the land and God warns the people far in advance of His judgment. First in the first fourteen verses (Deuteronomy 28:1-14) Moses explains the blessings the people would enjoy if they obeyed God's Word. In chapters fifteen to forty-six, Moses taught the curses that would follow Israel if they refused to obey God's Word. (Deuteronomy 28:15-46) Beginning with verse forty-seven, the Babylonian Captivity is prophesied with starvation, (Il Kings 25:1-3; Lamentations 2:20) (Deuteronomy 28:47-62) and finally 5 verses foretell the world-wide scattering of the people when they rejected Messiah. (Deuteronomy 28:63-68; 32:1-26) These two deportations were fulfilled 900 years apart, and Moses prophesied both removals in the same chapter of Deuteronomy.

I. The LORD formed by covenants: Jacob (Abrahamic) and the King (Davidic) – Both formations not obedient Jeremiah 33:1 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

**Jeremiah 33:2** Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD *is* his name;

**Jeremiah 33:3** Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

**Jeremiah 33:4** For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword;

**Jeremiah 33:5** They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but *it is* to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

A. Jeremiah prophesies about the first return to the land and the Messiah's First Advent Jeremiah 33:6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

**Jeremiah 33:7** And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

Jeremiah 33:8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

Jeremiah 33:9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

- 1. The last chapter prophesied about this return: <u>Jeremiah 32:26-36</u>; <u>John1:11</u>
- 2. Moses and Isaiah prophesied God's method: Deuteronomy 32:1-26; Isaiah 49:1-12

## B. Jeremiah prophesies about the second return to the land

<u>Jeremiah 33:10</u> Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say *shall be* desolate without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

**Jeremiah 33:11** The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD *is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: *and* of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

**Jeremiah 33:12** Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.

**Jeremiah 33:13** In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth *them*, saith the LORD.

## C. Jeremiah prophesies about the Kingdom that follows - Davidic covenant

<u>Jeremiah 33:14</u> Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

**Jeremiah 33:15** In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

**Jeremiah 33:16** In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

**Jeremiah 33:17** For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

**Jeremiah 33:18** Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

II. Can you break the covenant of the day and night? - Neither can the Davidic Covenant be broken Jeremiah 33:19 And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

**Jeremiah 33:20** Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

**Jeremiah 33:21** *Then* may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

**Jeremiah 33:22** As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

III. The LORD will never cast away the seed of Jacob – Romans 11:1-36

Jeremiah 33:23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

**Jeremiah 33:24** Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

**Jeremiah 33:25** Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant *be* not with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

**Jeremiah 33:26** Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, *so* that I will not take *any* of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

Psalm 69 seems to give the sum of the matter: Psalm 69

## Additional Notes

<u>Hebrews 11:8</u> By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

**Hebrews 11:9** By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Hebrews 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

The important *Word* in the above Passage is a word neglected from much of today's civilization. But Abraham obeyed even if he did not understand it. If Abraham knew it was the Word of God, he obeyed because he believed God's Word:

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

**Romans 4:18** Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

**Romans 4:19** And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

**Romans 4:20** He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Romans 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

For what city was Abraham looking? What was his promises?

Covenant with Abraham	Covenant Extensions
Promise of a National Land – (Land) Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-18	Palestinian Covenant – God will regather Israel from the scattering, circumcise their heart and give eternal restoration Deuteronomy 30:3-5; Ezekiel 36:16-38
Promise of Numerous Descendants – A Great Nation – (Seed) Genesis 12:3; 13:16;17:1-22	Davidic Covenant – David's Seed on the throne of Israel forever II Samuel 7:1-16; Jeremiah 33:19-26; 31:35-37; Exodus 3:15
Promise that God will bless the world through Abraham– (World-wide Blessing through Abraham) Genesis 12:3; 22:1-19	New Covenant – To Israel & Judah, No psychology, Law written in the heart, all will know God Jeremiah 31:31-40; Hebrews 8:1-13; Luke 1:26-38; Amos 9:11-15
Christ and the Gentiles – Scripture with foresight preached the Gospel to Abraham Galatians 3 Interprets the Abrahamic Covenant in the New Testament	

Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

**Galatians 3:8** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

**Galatians 3:9** So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The city in which Abraham's eye was focused while being a sojourner in the land of promise was not of Abraham's time or Christ's first Advent. No, Abraham was able by faith to look forward in time to the Millennial city thousands of years in the future where he will receive the promises God gave. To participate in God's eternal unconditional covenant Abraham as well as, God's people of all times must:

<u>Genesis 17:1</u> And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

**Genesis 17:2** And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Genesis 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

**Genesis 17:4** As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

**Genesis 17:5** Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. (**Read through to verse 8**)