

**Jer. 30:1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,**  
**Jer. 30:2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.**  
**Jer. 30:3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.**

This chapter begins with the LORD instructing Jeremiah to make a formal record of all his prophecies. The reason—God wants this record to be available to the captives who will one day return home to reestablish their nation. The record will encourage them to remember that God is true to His word and in turn should strengthen their faith.

I am reminded that the LORD often encourages His people to “remember.”

*Numbers 15:38–40 “Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.”*

*Deuteronomy 7:17–19 “If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them? Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.”*

*Deuteronomy 8:2 “And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.”*

The ability to remember is important to our spiritual growth. The LORD instructed the people to put fringes in the hems of their garments to serve as a constant reminder that God is faithful to His word. Every spiritual victory provides a memory to help us understand that we have nothing to fear with God on our side. Memory is important to strengthening one’s faith during times of testing to understand that God will be just as faithful to provide in the present as He has in the past.

**Jer. 30:4 And these *are* the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.**  
**Jer. 30:5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.**  
**Jer. 30:6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?**

**Jer. 30:7** Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

At this point Jeremiah clarifies that his message is for the whole of Israel, both Northern and Southern Kingdoms.

As I read through this chapter, it became clear to me that the prophecy now jumps forward in reference to a time yet future regarding the nation of Israel. The LORD declares that He has heard a voice full of great fear and pain that He likens to a woman in childbirth.

Note that though in reference to the future, the LORD's perspective is one of omniscience and foresight. As Isaiah informs us, He knows the end from the beginning.

*Isaiah 46:9–10* "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done."

It also stood out to me that the LORD declares "We" have heard; I believe this is a direct reference to the Trinity.

The time being referenced is described as a time of "Jacob's trouble," a time that is like no other. Yet, it is a time from which "he," Jacob, will be saved. It is obvious to me that this is a reference to the people of Israel as a whole. I believe that both Daniel and the Lord Jesus referenced this same period of time.

*Daniel 12:1* "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:** and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

*Matthew 24:15 & 21* "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:). . . . **For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**"

It is because Jesus directly connected this time to the words of Daniel that the tribulation, the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel, is also often called the time of Jacob's trouble.

*Daniel 9:24–27* "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of

*the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."*

**Jer. 30:8** For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:*

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

Jeremiah continues with the LORD's wonderful words of hope for the future of Israel. The time is coming when the Jewish people will no longer have to endure abuse and mistreatment (from the Hebrew root for *yoke*) at the hands of strangers. God is going to personally deliver them from the Gentile nations that have used them as pawns to their own advantage. God is going to deliver them, and they will then serve "the LORD their God, and David their king." Ezekiel also prophesies about this time in chapter 37. This is the chapter in which Ezekiel is given the vision of the dry bones that come together again to form a great army and are identified as representing the rebirth of the nation of Israel after many years.

*Ezekiel 37:21–24 "And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them." (See journal on Ezekiel 37.)*

**Jer. 30:10** ¶ Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid.

**Jer. 30:11** For I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

The LORD once again tells Israel to "fear not," words that are often found prefacing the word of God to His people. I think it is important to note that in verse 10 Israel is addressed as "my servant Jacob." This indicates a time when the people of Israel have once again repented and turned back to God in faith and obedience.

The LORD promises that He is going to bring all the Jewish people back to the land of Israel from wherever they have been captive. Note that Israel will be delivered when “thy seed,” future generations, are regathered.

When this regathering occurs, the people of Israel will finally experience rest from the threat of danger from the nations. No one will be able to incite fear among the people, because the LORD will be with them. The nations that have mistreated them will be destroyed, but Israel will emerge from the refining fires of judgment as a nation in submission to the LORD.

This again refers back to the prophecy in Daniel referenced above, a time when Israel will be restored to “everlasting righteousness,” a time when the Lord Jesus takes His place on the throne of David.

*Isaiah 9:6–7 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.”*

*Luke 1:31–33 “And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”*

**Jer. 30:12** For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.

**Jer. 30:13** There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.

**Jer. 30:14** All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.

The sad reality is that before this wonderful time of restoration, Israel will not go unpunished. The people of Israel were guilty of great sin that could only be purged by experiencing God’s hand of judgment. It seems that they had developed a spiritual bruise on the nation, a wound that would not heal.

One of the main reasons the nation suffered spiritually was that those with responsibility for spiritual leadership were corrupt. In general, the priesthood had become a business, a means of profit for those claiming to be serving in the name of the LORD. They were in no way concerned about the spiritual health of the people.

The nations that they had turned to for protection against their enemies had proven unreliable and impotent. Why? Because God had intervened in judgment against His people. He had come against them through their enemies and judged them harshly in response to their great sin.

**Jer. 30:15** Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

The LORD notes that the Jewish people will cry out in suffering because of God's hand of judgment against them. He emphasizes again, however, that this judgment is necessary because of the greatness of their sin.

**Jer. 30:16** Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel however. The nations that have tried to destroy Israel, every one of her enemies will find themselves in captivity. They will reap what they have sown.

I believe that this prophecy will find ultimate fulfillment through the rule of the Antichrist. Until that time those that mistreat Israel do so to their own peril because of God's promise to Abraham, and history gives evidence to the truth of God's word.

*Genesis 12:1–3 "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."*

**Jer. 30:17** For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

Though the nations may have treated Israel like an Outcast, the LORD is going to heal her spiritual wounds and make her spiritually healthy once again.

It is interesting that though the nations have treated the Jewish nation of Israel as outcasts, they have coveted the land of Israel. I think that possession of the land of Israel is motivated by hatred for the Jewish people, God's chosen people. I also think that hatred of the Jewish people is a result of the influence of the god of this world—Satan, the arch enemy of God. (6/11) He knows that Israel is integral to God's plan and his ultimate destruction.

**Jer. 30:18** ¶ Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

**Jer. 30:19** And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

At this point the LORD reiterates His promise that the people of Israel will once again be restored to the land of Israel to experience peace and prosperity. The LORD will bless them with many children, and they will grow into a great nation. This again reminds me of more of God's promise to Abraham.

*Genesis 22:15–18 “And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”*

**Jer. 30:20 Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.**

**Jer. 30:21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.**

**Jer. 30:22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

The LORD is declaring His intent to bless Israel as He did in the past under David and Solomon. The people will be established in faith before God. Any who seek to harm them will suffer God's punishment.

The people of Israel will once again form their own government. Their governor will be a committed servant of God. The promise to Abraham will finally find fulfillment. His children will be established in everlasting righteousness as the children of God. I can't think of this truth without thinking of the words of Paul.

*Romans 11:26–27 “And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.”*

I decided to look at the Hebrew for “engaged” and was intrigued by the phrase “give to be a security.” In my mind this has to be a reference to Jesus, the only One qualified to pledge that type of security before Almighty God on behalf of His people. The Hebrew for the word “governor” is just another word for ruler, and Jesus will be ruling from the throne of David.

**Jer. 30:23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.**

**Jer. 30:24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.**

These verses are a declaration that God will have His day of wrath against the wicked. They once again affirm that God's word always accomplishes His will.

Those who doubt will come to understand this truth when they see His word fulfilled in every detail. Again I am reminded of the words recorded by the prophet Isaiah.

*Isaiah 14:24 "The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:"*

*Isaiah 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."*