

Prophesy Of The New Testament Church Jeremiah 33

Jer 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, 2 Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. 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; 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."

Jeremiah has been in prison for some time and has already prophesied to the remnant of Israel, that God is going to restore the cities of Judah and Jerusalem. Once again Jeremiah is given a prophetic message to the remnant of Israel, which message is a message of hope for Israel. Since it is the second time the message has been sent it is more to be believed. It is sad to think that God must send a message more than one time. However, God is speaking to a people who are in the captivity of an enemy, and they need to be doubly encouraged in their sad state of depravity.

Jeremiah pointed out in chapter 32 that because of their former sins: they abandoned God by turning their back to him; and they even carried the idols of Baal into the Jerusalem temple: God has given them into captivity to the Babylonians, and God is going to send the Chaldeans to decimate their cities. God has told Israel to submit to the Chaldeans, but they will fight, and God will slay many of Israel in his judicial wrath.

Jeremiah is preaching the message of hope that God has given him. In the previous chapter, to prove the validity of his prophesy, Jeremiah has purchased land from his uncle and had the record laid up in storage, which is to be opened when God fulfills his promise.

Christ Jesus established a land of promise on earth, the church of salvation by grace, in a world that is not only polytheistic but also atheistic. As we observe the religious world today, we see many that have done as Israel, they have turned their backs to God and have brought their idols into the church. How have they done this you ask. By disregarding God's commandment to not change any thing he has written in the bible. Many churches have rejected the King James bible and are using versions of the bible which are made by men to suit their own fleshly desires. They have brought idols of Baal into the church realm, by accepting into the church those who are living lives that are an abomination to God. I have heard men confess that they joined the biggest church they could find, not because they were saved by God's grace, but because it is a source of revenue for them, because the church would support their business and they would become financially successful. This reminds us of the scripture in: **1Ti 6:10 "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."**

As we see all this happening in the realm of religion, God's true ministers are weeping as Jeremiah did when he had to deliver the news of the great destruction and captivity that was coming because of the people's idolatry. This is a sad situation in the world of organized religion, demonstrating that God has allowed the infiltration of the enemy into the church, because the church people have abandoned him and turned to idolatry. Yet, just as with Israel in their state of captivity, there is a message of hope for God's remnant, the true believers, who are the children of God.

Jer 33:2 "Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name;" God was the one who took Israel captive and led them to the land of promise. God is the one who established the Old Testament church, in the land of promise. Jesus Christ is the one who takes God's people captive and brings them to a land of promise, the church. Christ Jesus is the one who established the New Testament Church.

Jer 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." God's message is to pray unto me, that is turn to me with your whole heart and mind, and I will answer your prayer and deliver you out of this state of captivity. This is the same message to God's people today. We are still living in a world that is captivated by sin, yet, in the confusion of this world, there is a message of hope and deliverance for God's people, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is delivered to the Church of Salvation by the Grace of God. If we wish to see Jesus in the fulness of his glory, we, like Israel, must turn to God with our whole hearts and minds, and we must pray that God will reveal Jesus, and his glory, to us.

We can be assured that with the coming of Christ, God is going to reveal to Israel "**great and mighty things.**" God will, through Jesus Christ, reveal "**things, which thou knowest not.**" Because we have the New Testament scriptures, we know that this prophecy came true when Jesus was revealed as the Messiah, and the New Testament church came into existence. When we are born again, and we are given understanding that we have been delivered from the captivity of sin and Satan, God is revealing to us things which we knew not heretofore.

How do these verses pertain to the church today? Just as Israel, God's chosen people, had not believed God's word of truth and had rejected God as their leader, so when the church begins to doubt the validity of God's word of truth, and lean to their own understanding, they are given over to the enemy in the judicial wrath of God. We see organized bodies of believers today that are in such a state, seeing they have been infiltrated by disbelief and doubt in God's word. The Chaldeans, a figure of sin and Satan, have come in and taken their minds captive and they now have lost their hope, which was once so sure and steadfast.

We, like Israel, need to be reminded again of the power of our Christ. This was revealed to us once when we were born again and became a part of God's people on earth. However, when we realize that we have been taken captive by unbelief in God and his word, in Christ and his finished work, we need to be reminded again of the great and mighty things that Christ has already done and recognize; if we turn back to him with our whole hearts, Christ will renew our hope and show us again that he is our Saviour and Lord.

As we consider these truths, we realize that we are no different than Israel was in their state of captivity. When the devil and sin is prevalent in our lives, it brings confusion of mind to us. In this state of confusion, we need to hear the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ over and over.

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."

The "**it**" here is the city of Jerusalem, and the land of promise. Do you understand that this verse alone speaks to us today of both the coming of the New Testament Church and the prophetic picture of eternal resurrection?

God told captive Israel what he was going to do, and God performed his promise. As individual Christians, we are living in bodies which were captivated by sin and its influences. Being born again we are delivered out of this state. However, if we do as Israel did and forget what Christ has done, we have become sin sick souls in need of the great physician to make us whole again.

God tells Israel, this second time, I will restore Jerusalem, the temple of God, and the cities of Israel, and it will be as if I have cured you of a terrible disease and restored you to perfect health. God tells Israel, when I have done this work of restoration, you will see again the abundance of my mercy and have peace in your hearts and my truth in your minds.

When we as Christians fall in sin, we become sick with that disease which we cannot cure, sin. However, God has given us a message of hope in the promise of his word seen in: **1Jo 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** When God sends us the renewed message of hope, and we turn to him in prayer and confession, God effects a cure for our sin disease and restores our health. When we are restored, we see again the abundance of God's grace, and our hearts are once again filled with the peace of God that passes all understanding, and the truth of God's word, the King James Bible, is firmly rooted in our minds again.

Surely, we have the best news that can be had, Christ will come a second time and take us away from this world of sin and sorrow. Wherefore, let us obey the commanded given in: **Jer 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."** We cannot imagine what it will be like to go to the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for us. A place where there is no sin. A place where our hearts will always be true to our Redeemer, and we will never turn to idolatry again. Thank you, King Jesus, for our eternal salvation. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!