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Jeremiah 33.

1 . Excellence of the Restored Nation. .

Moreover the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the guard, saying,

2 Thus says YHWH who does it, YHWH who forms it to establish it; YHWH is his name:

3 Call to me, and I will answer you, and will show you great things, and difficult, which you don't know.

4 For thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to make a defense against the mounds and against the sword;

5 while men come to fight with the Kasdim, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have killed in my anger and in my wrath, and for all whose wickedness I have hidden my face from this city:

6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal to them abundance of peace and truth.

7 I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

8 I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, by which they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, by which they have sinned against me, and by which they have transgressed against me.

9 This city shall be to me for a name of joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do to them, and shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I procure to it.

10 Thus says YHWH: Yet again there shall be heard in this place, about which you say, It is waste, without man and without animal, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without animal,

11 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 say, Give thanks to YHWH of Hosts, for YHWH is good, for his loving kindness endures forever; and of them who bring sacrifices of thanksgiving into the house of YHWH! For I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first, says YHWH!

12 Thus says YHWH of Hosts: Yet again shall there be in this place, which is waste, without man and without animal, and in all its cities, a habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, 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 again pass under the hands of him who numbers them, says YHWH!

14 Behold, the days come, says YHWH, that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah.

15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up to David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name by which she shall be called: YHWH our righteousness.

17 For thus says YHWH: David shall never want a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;

18 neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to burn meal offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

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19 . The Permanence of ELOHIM's Covenant. .

The word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus says YHWH: If you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there shall not be day and night in their season;

21 then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

22 As the army of the sky can't be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites who minister to me.

23 The word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Don't consider what this people has spoken, saying, The two families which YHWH chose, he has cast them off? thus do they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

25 Thus says YHWH: If my covenant of day and night fails, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

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

Jeremiah 34.

1 . Zedekiah Warned by ELOHIM. .

The word which came to Jeremiah from YHWH, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of it, saying:

2 Thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, Go, and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus says YHWH, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire:

3 and you shall not escape out of his hand, but shall surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and your eyes shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with you mouth to mouth, and you shall go to Babylon.

4 Yet hear the word of YHWH, O Zedekiah king of Judah: thus says YHWH concerning you, You shall not die by the sword;

5 you shall die in peace; and with the burnings of your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so shall they make a burning for you; and they shall lament you, saying, Ah ADONAI! for I have spoken the word, says YHWH!

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,

7 when the king of Babylon's army was fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah; for these alone remained of the cities of Judah as fortified cities.

8 . Treacherous Treatment of Slaves. .

The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them;

9 that every man should let his male servant, and every man his female servant, who is a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that none should make bondservants of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother.

10 All the princes and all the people obeyed, who had entered into the covenant, that everyone should let his male servant, and everyone his female servant, go free, that none

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should make bondservants of them any more; they obeyed, and let them go:

11 but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

12 Therefore the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah from YHWH, saying,

13 Thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,

14 At the end of seven years you shall let go every man his brother who is a Hebrew, who has been sold to you, and has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you: but your fathers didn't listen to me, neither inclined their ear.

15 You had now turned, and had done that which is right in my eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and you had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

16 but you turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom you had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and you brought them into subjection, to be to you for servants and for handmaids.

17 Therefore thus says YHWH: you have not listened to me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim to you a liberty, says YHWH, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 I will give the men who have transgressed my covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts;

19 the princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf;

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be for food to the birds of the sky, and to the animals of the earth.

21 Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, who have gone away from you.

22 Behold, I will command, says YHWH, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.

Psalms 135.

1 . Praise to ELOHIM in Creation and Redemption. .

Praise YAH! Praise the name of YHWH! Praise him, you servants of YHWH,

2 you who stand in the house of YHWH, in the courts of our ELOHIM's house.

3 Praise YAH, for YHWH is good. Sing praises to his name, for that is pleasant.

4 For YAH has chosen Jacob for himself; Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that YHWH is great, that our ADONAI is above all idol_gods.

6 Whatever YHWH pleased, that he has done, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps;

7 who causes the clouds to rise from the ends of the earth; who makes lightnings with the rain; who brings forth the wind out of his treasuries;

8 Who struck the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and animal;

9 Who sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his servants;

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- 10 who struck many nations, and killed mighty kings,
- 11 Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan,
- 12 and gave their land for a heritage, a heritage to Israel, his people.
- 13 Your name, YHWH, endures forever; your renown, YHWH, throughout all generations.
- 14 For YHWH will judge his people, and have compassion on his servants.
- 15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but they can't speak. They have eyes, but they can't see.
- 17 They have ears, but they can't hear; neither is there any breath in their mouths.
- 18 Those who make them will be like them; yes, everyone who trusts in them.
- 19 House of Israel, praise YHWH! House of Aaron, praise YHWH!
- 20 House of Levi, praise YHWH! You who fear YHWH, praise YHWH!
- 21 Blessed be YHWH from Zion, Who dwells at Jerusalem. Praise YAH!

Proverbs 3.

1 . Guidance for the Young. .

- My son, don't forget my teaching; but let your heart keep my commandments:
- 2 for length of days, and years of life, and peace, will they add to you.
 - 3 Don't let kindness and truth forsake you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart.
 - 4 So you will find favor, and good understanding in the sight of ELOHIM and man.
 - 5 Trust in YHWH with all your heart, and don't lean on your own understanding.
 - 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
 - 7 Don't be wise in your own eyes. Fear YHWH, and depart from evil.
 - 8 It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones.
 - 9 Honor YHWH with your substance, with the first fruits of all your increase:
 - 10 so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.
 - 11 My son, don't despise YHWH's discipline, neither be weary of his reproof:
 - 12 for whom YHWH loves, he reproves; even as a father reproves the son in whom he delights.
 - 13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gets understanding.
 - 14 For her good profit is better than getting silver, and her return is better than fine gold.
 - 15 She is more precious than rubies. None of the things you can desire are to be compared to her.
 - 16 Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor.
 - 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All her paths are peace.
 - 18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her.
 - 19 By wisdom YHWH founded the earth. By understanding, he established the heavens.
 - 20 By his knowledge, the depths were broken up, and the skies drop down the dew.
 - 21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion:
 - 22 so they will be life to your soul, and grace for your neck.
 - 23 Then you shall walk in your way securely. Your foot won't stumble.
 - 24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid. Yes, you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet.
 - 25 Don't be afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes:
 - 26 for YHWH will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being taken.
 - 27 Don't withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it.
 - 28 Don't say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it to you,"

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when you have it by you.

29 Don't devise evil against your neighbor, since he dwells securely by you.

30 Don't strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.

31 Don't envy the man of violence. Choose none of his ways.

32 For the perverse is an abomination to YHWH, but his friendship is with the upright.

33 YHWH's curse is in the house of the wicked, but he blesses the habitation of the righteous.

34 Surely he mocks the mockers, but he gives grace to the humble.

35 The wise will inherit glory, but shame will be the promotion of fools.

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