

August 23

Jeremiah 30-33

Today we are looking at sections of chapters 30-33 from Jeremiah. After weeks of stern warning, this section is loaded with good news. Joy and gladness is the theme; restoration of the nation is the promise.

At the moment this message was given, things couldn't have been worse. The towns all around had been laid waste and Jerusalem was deserted. The Jewish nation faced extinction and loss of identity. In fact, these invasions erased from memory the nations surrounding Judah that were conquered by the Babylonian armies. Nations of peoples, such as the Edomites, Moabites, Philistines, Ammonites have all disappeared, while Israel, the Jewish people, have kept their identity through the millennia until this very day. Even the nations that conquered Israel would fade into history.

In this now desolate place, there will be celebration and shouts of joy with thanksgiving and praise to God! Let's look at some of the high points at what is in store for his people:

Their chains will be broken off.

They will serve the Lord their God, and David their king. (Jesus)

They will have peace and security.

They will be disciplined justly

Their enemies will be punished.

They will be healed.

They will prosper.

They will sing for joy.

They will increase in number.

They will be honored.

They will have a leader from their family.

They will belong to God.

They will find rest.

They will dance with joy.

The Lord will be their shepherd.

They will sorrow no more.

They will be refreshed.

They will be blessed.

They are loved with an everlasting love.

After hearing all these wonderful promises, Jeremiah wakes up. It was a sweet dream of the future the Lord had given him.

Think about these many promises and how they have been fulfilled in Christ. It will be sweet to your soul!!