

The Great Faith Needed in the Coming Days

Jeremiah 32:26–44

***Jeremiah's prayer heard by God:
An example of the sure faith
needed in God's Word***

1. God's assurance to Jeremiah:
He is the LORD —
all powerful
2. God's power to execute judgment
 - a. The power of God to use Babylon as His agent of judgment
 - Will capture Jerusalem
 - Will destroy, set fire to the city
- 2) The cause of God's judgment:
The people...
 - Were false worshippers, idolaters
 - Were stubborn, stiff-necked against the LORD and continually committing evil: Even from the earliest days of their youth
 - Had continually sinned and aroused God's anger — from the very beginning of Jerusalem's history

26 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah:

27 "I am the LORD,
the God of all mankind.
Is anything too hard for me?"

28 Therefore this is what the LORD says:
I am about to give this city into the hands
of the Babylonians
and to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,
who will capture it.

29 The Babylonians who are attacking this city
will come in and set it on fire;
they will burn it down,
along with the houses
where the people aroused my anger
by burning incense on the roofs to Baal
and by pouring out drink offerings
to other gods.

30 "The people of Israel and Judah
have done nothing but evil in my sight
from their youth;
indeed, the people of Israel have done
nothing but arouse my anger
with what their hands have made,
declares the LORD.

31 From the day it was built until now,
this city has so aroused my anger and wrath
that I must remove it from my sight.

• Had provoked God: The kings, officials, priests, and prophets were all guilty of provoking God — due to all their evil • Had rejected, turned their backs to God • Had refused to listen to God’s Word or to respond to His discipline • Had defiled the temple • Had built false worship centres and altars where they could make human sacrifices to false gods 3. <i>God’s power to free His people from captivity and return them to the promised land: The judgment would not be the final act of God</i> a. God will rather His people from all the nations and bring them back to the promised land b. God will establish a personal relationship with His people	32 The people of Israel and Judah have provoked me by all the evil they have done — they, their kings and officials, their priests and prophets, the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem. 33 They turned their backs to me and not their faces; though I taught them again and again, they would not listen or respond to discipline. 34 They set up their vile images in the house that bears my Name and defiled it. 35 They built high places for Baal in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to sacrifice their sons and daughters to Molek, though I never commanded — nor did it enter my mind — that they should do such a detestable thing and so make Judah sin. 36 “You are saying about this city, ‘By the sword, famine and plague it will be given into the hands of the king of Babylon’; but this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 37 I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. 38 They will be my people, and I will be their God.
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• Will give them unity of heart and behaviour • Will instil the fear of God in them: To stir righteousness and restrain evil c. God will make an everlasting covenant with them • Will always bless them • Will stir them to fear him: To keep them faithful d. God will plant, establish them in the promised land e. God will give them property — all the good things He has promised f. God will restore business transactions in the very land Jeremiah had pronounced judgment upon: Israel will be restored g. God will give the people peace and security: They will conduct normal day-to-day business transactions throughout the entire nation 4. <i>God's power to guarantee Israel's return and restoration: By His promise, His Word</i>	39 I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them. 40 I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. 41 I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul. 42 “This is what the LORD says: As I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will give them all the prosperity I have promised them. 43 Once more fields will be bought in this land of which you say, ‘It is a desolate waste, without people or animals, for it has been given into the hands of the Babylonians.’ 44 Fields will be bought for silver, and deeds will be signed, sealed and witnessed in the territory of Benjamin, in the villages around Jerusalem, in the towns of Judah and in the towns of the hill country, of the western foothills and of the Negev, because I will restore their fortunes, declares the LORD.”
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