### Jeremiah

## Chapter 30

1These words came to JeremiAh from the Lord. He was told that Jehovah the God of IsraEl said this:  
  
 2‘You must write all these words [of Jehovah] that I’ve spoken to you in a scroll:  
  
 3‘{Look!} The days are coming,’ said Jehovah,  
 ‘When I will return those of IsraEl and Judah  
 (All those who’ve been moved away)…  
 Yes, I’ll bring them back to this land  
 That I gave to their fathers,  
 And once more, they will be its lords.’  
  
4And after that, these were the words that the Lord spoke concerning IsraEl and Judah:  
  
 5‘Jehovah says:  
  
 ‘[But first], you will hear fearful sounds…  
 You will hear fearful sounds and there’ll be no peace.  
  
 6‘So, ask if a male has ever given birth…  
 Yet I see all men with their hands on their hips  
 As though they are women about to give birth,  
 And their faces are [yellow with] jaundice.  
  
 7‘For, that will be a great day of woe,  
 And there couldn’t be any days worse…  
 Yet, Jacob will still be returned to his land.’  
  
 8‘For thus says Jehovah of Armies:  
  
 ‘In that day, I’ll break all the yokes from their necks…  
 I’ll also tear off their bonds,  
 And they’ll no longer be toiling for strangers.  
 9At that time, they’ll work for Jehovah, their God,  
 And I will raise David to be their king.  
  
 10‘So you, O My servant Jacob;  
 Don’t be afraid,’ says Jehovah…  
 ‘O IsraEl, do not be in terror,  
 For {Look!} I’ll bring you back from those far-away lands!  
  
 ‘I’ll bring your offspring from that captive place…  
 Jacob will be returned and find rest.  
 Then he’ll receive an abundance of good things,  
 And he will have nothing to fear.  
  
 11‘Because I’m with you, I’ll save you,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘And I will appoint a conclusion  
 To those nations where you have been scattered,  
 For no way have I appointed your end.  
 But I will correct you in fairness,  
 And I’ll scrub you until you are clean!’  
  
 12‘Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘I’ll remove the pain of destruction;  
 13For, no one else will be judging your case,  
 And no one else will be treating your [wounds]  
 To bring consolation to you.  
  
 14‘But by your friends, you will be forgotten,  
 And none will ask why I struck you…  
 Why I let your enemies beat you.  
  
 ‘For My discipline will be very substantial,  
 Because the things that you did were so bad!  
 15So don’t yell [to Me] about your destruction,  
 And the incurable state of your misery!  
  
 ‘It will happen because your sins were so great,  
 And because of the harsh things you’ve done…  
 This is why I’m bringing these bad things upon you.  
  
 16‘But those who [are now] eating you  
 Will find themselves being consumed,  
 And your enemies will be taken as captives…  
 Those scattering you, will be scattered,  
 And those looting you, will be plundered.  
  
 17‘Then your grievous wounds, I will cure…  
 Yes, I will treat all your ailments,’ says God,  
 ‘Then Zion will be called ‘The Replanted Place,’  
 And none will [attack] her again.’  
  
 18‘Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘{Look!} I’ll return those of Jacob who’ve been taken away…  
 All that were led off as captives.  
 Then, I will show mercy upon them  
 And rebuild their city there in the heights,  
 Where I will seat all the people  
 According to the ways they’ve been fair.  
  
 19‘And from among them, there will come singers,  
 As well as the music of musicians  
 That will grow in super abundance,  
 And no way will it be diminished.  
  
 20‘Each man will then enter [the Temple]  
 Along with all of his sons,  
 Just as they’ve done in the past,  
 And their praises will rise up to Me,  
 When I come against those who’ve oppressed them.  
  
 21‘From among them, I’ll then choose a leader…  
 Yes, their ruler will be one of them.  
 I’ll collect them and bring them to Me  
 All those whose hearts will want to return,’ says Jehovah…  
 22‘Then they’ll be My people and I’ll be their Lord.’  
  
 23‘For this is why the rage of Jehovah was sent…  
 To change the godless, His anger went out  
 In order to make them turn back to Him.  
  
 24‘But no way will [God’s] anger and rage be turned back  
 Until He has taken some action…  
 Until He’s done what His heart has decided…  
 And in the last days, you’ll understand why.’