### Jeremiah

## Chapter 33

1Then the Word of Jehovah came to JeremiAh a second time while he was still shackled in the courtyard of the guard.  
  
2He said:  
  
 ‘The Lord who shaped and created the earth  
 Whose Name is Jehovah, says this:  
  
 3‘Call out to Me and I will reply…  
 I’ll report of things both mighty and great  
 About which, you’ve never known!’  
  
4Then the Lord God of IsraEl told me how the houses of the city [of JeruSalem] and the [palace] of the king of Judah would be demolished for use as siege mounds and fortifications 5in their fight against the Chaldeans, and of how they would then be filled with the [bodies] of those whom [He will] strike down in His anger and rage when He turns His face away from the city because of all its wickedness.  
  
6[He said]:  
  
 ‘{Look!} Then I’ll bring a cure and a closing of wounds…  
 I’ll treat them, and then I’ll make sure  
 That they will all hear and then come to know  
 That I’ll bring them peace they can trust.  
  
 7‘I’ll return those of IsraEl and Judah  
 That were [carried away] and resettled,  
 And I will rebuild them as they once were.  
  
 8‘I will cleanse them of all their errors,  
 And from the ways that they’ve sinned against Me.  
 No way will I remember their errors,  
 Or all the ways that they left Me.  
  
 9‘Then, before all those who live on the earth,  
 I’ll give them a joyful, praised name.  
 For, all will hear of the good things I’ll do,  
 And they will be humbled and fearful  
 Because of the good and the peace  
 That I will be bringing upon them.’  
  
10Then the Lord said to me:  
  
 ‘In this place that you’ll call desolation,  
 You’ll hear [the sounds of] both men and beasts  
 Once more in the cities of Judah.  
  
 ‘And then, outside of JeruSalem,  
 In those desolate places where the sounds of men and beasts are not heard,  
 11There’ll be the voices of gladness and joy…  
 The sounds of grooms and their brides,  
 And the sounds of men who are saying:  
  
 ‘Praise the Almighty God;  
 For Jehovah really does care,  
 And upon us, He’ll show mercy throughout the ages!’  
  
 ‘Then they’ll carry gifts to the House of Jehovah;  
 And those taken from the land, I’ll return,’ said the Lord.  
  
 12‘And Jehovah of Armies said:  
  
 ‘But this first must become a desolate place,  
 And its cities will be void of cattle and men…  
 It will be a place where shepherds will lodge,  
 And a place for them to bed down their flocks.  
  
 13‘In all the cities in the mountains…  
 In the cities of the ShepheLa and Negev…  
 Throughout BenJamin’s land…  
 In the places outside of JeruSalem  
 And in all the cities of Judah,  
 There will just be those who count sheep,’ said Jehovah.  
  
 14‘Look! The days are coming,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘When I’ll [fulfill] all the good words I’ve spoken  
 About the houses of IsraEl and Judah.  
  
 15‘Yes, in those days and at that time;  
 From David, a shoot that is righteous will sprout,  
 And a king will reign who’ll bring understanding,  
 As well as what’s righteous and fair to this land.  
  
 16‘In those days, upon Judah, salvation will come,  
 And JeruSalem will be lived in securely.  
 Then they’ll call [Me] ‘Jehovah Our Justice.’  
  
 17‘And Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘There’ll always be a man of David’s [line]  
 That will sit on IsraEl’s throne.  
  
 18‘And from among the Levites and Priests,  
 There will always be a man who will stand  
 To bring burnt offerings before Me,  
 Along with sacrifices, incense, and gifts  
 Throughout the rest of the days.’  
  
  
19Then the Word of Jehovah came to JeremiAh saying:  
  
 20‘This is what Jehovah has said:  
  
 ‘If you could annul My Sacred Agreement  
 – My Agreement with the day and the night –  
 So there’d be no day and night in that time;  
 21Then, there would be no more need  
 For [David’s] sons to reign from his throne,  
 Nor for Levites and Priests to serve before Me.  
  
 22‘For the offspring of My firebrand, David,  
 Will become too many to be counted  
 – Like the armies of the heavens and the sands of the seas –  
 And the same will be true for the offspring of the Levites  
 Who will be serving before Me.’  
  
  
23Then the Word of Jehovah came to JeremiAh and said:  
  
 24[‘Jehovah says:]  
  
 ‘Don’t you hear what those people are talking about?  
 They’re saying that the Lord selected two families,  
 And then, He threw them both out…  
 That [I am oppressing] My people,  
 And they’re no longer a nation before Me.’  
  
 25‘So, this was said by Jehovah:  
  
 ‘If My Agreement with the day and the night hadn’t been,  
 And if I hadn’t sent them all of My Laws  
 [To govern] the lands and the skies;  
 26Jacob’s offspring wouldn’t have been chosen,  
 Nor would the offspring of My servant David,  
 And the offspring of the rulers [which came] from the offspring  
 Of AbraHam, IsaAc, and Jacob…  
 So no way could they come back to Me.  
  
 ‘But I’ll bring them back from their captive condition,  
 And upon them, I will show mercy.’