

The Book of Jeremiah

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we continue studying the book of **Jeremiah** – this time reading **chapters 26-38**. In this section, Jeremiah prophesies the coming Babylonian captivity and has to contend with false prophets who speak the opposite. Yet in the midst of this portent of doom, the theme of redemption and hope still rings clearly.

Read Jeremiah 31:3-6

The message of **Jeremiah** is clear. Israel would indeed experience a day of redemption, but not before judgment. We see this truth clearly expressed in **29:11**:

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’

Chapter 31 is a pivotal chapter in the entire book of prophecy. In **31:30**, we find this declaration:

“In those days people will no longer say, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’ Instead, everyone will die for his own sin; whoever eats sour grapes – his own teeth will be set on edge.”

God’s pending judgment against Judah was not just because of that generation’s sin, but also because of the accumulated iniquity of the generations proceeding. This is what Jeremiah means when he says: “The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” But in the days of the New Covenant that was to come, all this would change.

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

Out of the ashes of prophesied judgment, God had plans to start afresh with a brand new covenant. This is the hope of **Jeremiah**, a hope that has now been experienced by us! Let’s read **chapters 26-38**, then, with the anticipation that Jeremiah himself felt. In the face of sin and judgment, redemption is foreseen.

Memory Verse

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the
riches of God's grace that he lavished on us
with all wisdom and understanding.

Ephesians 1:7-8

Your Fishing Kit

This is the fourth scripture in your fishing kit. **Ephesians 1:7-8** is like an overview of salvation. It follows on from **John 3:16**, **John 3:18** and **John 3:36**, and tells us exactly what this new life in Christ is all about. **Verse 7** tells us *what* we receive in Christ – redemption through his blood and forgiveness of sins. **Verse 8** tells us the *extent* to which God has given us this redemption and forgiveness – “in accordance with the *riches* of God's grace that he *lavished* on us with *all* wisdom and understanding.”

Here are the other verses in your “fishing kit”:

John 3:16

John 3:18

John 3:36

Ephesians 1:7-8

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Isaiah 53:5

Isaiah 53:6

Isaiah 59:1-2

Isaiah 54:6

Proverbs 14:12

Romans 5:8

1 John 4:10

Acts 2:38

Acts 3:19

Acts 4:12

John 14:6

1 John 1:8

1 John 1:9

1 John 1:10

John 1:12

John 3:3

John 5:24

John 6:37

John 10:10

John 10:28

Romans 10:9

Romans 10:13

2 Corinthians 5:17

2 Corinthians 5:21

Matthew 10:32-33

1 Corinthians 10:13

1 John 5:10

1 John 5:11

1 John 5:12

Romans 2:4-5

Acts 17:30

John 14:1-3

John 16:33

Revelation 3:20

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an “on the tip of your tongue” familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.