

Journey through Jeremiah Part 33 The Incurable Bruise

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† Jeremiah 30:12-24

Last week we looked at the Lord's promise to restore Israel back to the land in which He had given them. We focused heavily upon the Tribulation period and how it is going to be a "time of Jacob's trouble," in other words a time of tribulation for the Jews, not the Church. We looked at the prophecies in Jeremiah, Daniel, and Ezekiel that are revealed in the Book of Revelation during the Apocalypse.

We pick up tonight where we left off last Wednesday evening with verse 12 of Jeremiah chapter 30.

(12) For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise *is* incurable, and thy wound *is* grievous.

(13) *There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.*

No greater explanation of the condition of the sinner than we find in these verses. While the LORD is speaking to the children of Israel, this same great truth applies to all sinners everywhere, even today.

Ever since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, all of mankind has **an incurable bruise and grievous wound**. We have a disease that courses through our blood that there is no worldly cure for. There's no chemotherapy or radiation that can even touch the incurable bruise that we have.

The Children of Israel had become so engrossed in their sins that they had completely forsaken the LORD. They sinned so much that they no longer even blushed over it. Now that they were being taken into captivity and the consequences of their sins are pouring out upon them, they frantically look for a cure, a way out, some person or remedy to cure them... but there are none to be found.

The Bible says in

Romans 3:23: For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; ...but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Just as in the days of Babylonian captivity, we too have an incurable bruise that cannot be helped by any earthly means. There is only one source for our cure.

1Peter 2:24 (talking about Christ) *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

The LORD Jesus took upon Himself the iniquity of us all and it is through Him that we can be cured of this "incurable bruise."

(14) All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; *because* thy sins were increased. (15) Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow *is* incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: *because* thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

All of those that Israel had aligned themselves with and sinned with have now left them. They had their way with them and then dropped them. The LORD Himself has caused this to happen to them. He has made them to be undesirable to everyone.

This has all happened to them because of their multitude of sins. It does them no good to cry over what is happening to them, they have brought it upon themselves and must suffer the consequences. Once again the LORD informs them that it was HE Himself that caused them to suffer.

(16) *Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.*

Although Israel must suffer because of their sins, the LORD is also going to take vengeance out upon those foreign nations that have come up against them. Their enemies will be destroyed as well. This should be a warning to all nations that fight against God's people. Even though the LORD is causing them to suffer for their sins, He still protects them and will deal with anyone that comes up against them. That is why it is so important that the United States remembers that Israel is our greatest ally.

On February 15th of this year, President, Donald Trump visited Jerusalem and had a joint press conference with Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu and our president said this: *"With this visit, the United States, again, reaffirms our unbreakable bond with our cherished ally, Israel. The partnership between our two countries built on our shared values has advanced the cause of human freedom, dignity, and peace.*

These are the building blocks of democracy." -- It was so refreshing to hear those words from our President.

(17) For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, *saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.*

Remember that the LORD said in verse 12 that Israel's bruise was "incurable" and their wound was "grievous." But He has a cure for them. He and He alone is the only source for their healing and to take away their grief. Just as it is He and He alone that can take away OUR sins and grief. Just as Peter proclaimed to the Jews in

Acts 4:12: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

(18) Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

Again, the LORD promises that He will restore them to their beloved Land of Judah. We know for a fact that it was rebuilt by Zerubbabel as we read in **Ezra 5:2** *Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.*

(19) And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. (20) Their children also shall be as aforesaid, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

If you remember in our earlier studies the LORD had ceased all celebrating and ceremonies in Israel and Judah. They had nothing to rejoice in. We studied it in **Jeremiah 7:34** Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

But here in Jeremiah chapter 30, He promises them that they will once again rejoice and celebrate with thanksgiving and be merry. He is also going to multiply their numbers and they will once again raise families and thrive and things will be like they once were.

(21) And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.

No more will they be ruled by foreigners but their rulers will come from among them and they will be obedient to the LORD and will draw near him.

(22) And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The LORD renews His old covenant, His promise to them that they are His people and He is their God. He first made this covenant with them in **Deuteronomy 26:16-19** This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. 17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice: 18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments; 19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

(23) Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. (24) The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.

The LORD will take vengeance upon the enemies of His people. He will utterly destroy the Babylonians and Chaldeans. The armies of the Medes and Persians will sweep in, in 539 BC, headed up by the Persian King, Cyrus, and they will take over as the dominant world empire. By that time Nebuchadnezzar had been dead for 25 years and the ruling king was Belshazzar who saw the hand writing on the wall.

† All Scripture from the Authorized King James Version of the Bible