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### **The LORD will bring His People back to Jerusalem.**

Jeremiah 30:1-4 ----- <sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you. <sup>3</sup>For behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the LORD, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall take possession of it." <sup>4</sup>These are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah:

Jeremiah is told to write in a "BOOK" all the words the LORD speaks in this chapter and the LORD says, "He will restore the fortunes of Israel and Judah."

Israel, the Ten Tribes in the land of Samaria called the Northern Kingdom were taken captive by Assyria, then Judah the Two Tribes at Jerusalem called the Southern Kingdom were taken captive by Babylon. Later Babylon conquered Assyria so both Israel and Judah were brought together under Babylonian rule for 70 years.

### **Men with their Hands on their Stomach like a Woman in Labour.**

Jeremiah 30:5-7 ----- <sup>5</sup>"Thus says the LORD: We have heard a cry of panic, of terror, and no peace. <sup>6</sup>Ask now, and see, can a man bear a child? Why then do I see every man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor? Why has every face turned pale? <sup>7</sup>Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it.

**We have heard a cry of panic of terror;** refers to the Empire of Babylon.

Every man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labour; is a symbol of people being in extreme pain and suffering.

The context of this chapter; is the LORD restoring the fortunes of Israel therefore the time of distress refers to Cyrus the King of Media Persia conquering the entire empire of Babylon.

### **CYRUS THE LORD'S ANOINTED SHEPHERD.**

#### **The LORD calls Cyrus His Anointed Shepherd.**

Isaiah 45:1 ----- <sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

God calls Cyrus (the secular king of Persia) His anointed shepherd and Isaiah pictures the LORD holding Cyrus's right hand while he opens all doors that no man can shut while Cyrus subdues all nations (Isaiah 45:1, 28).

#### **The LORD calls Cyrus by Name.**

Isaiah 45:2-3 ----- <sup>2</sup>"(the LORD) will go before you (Cyrus king of Persia) and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you (Cyrus king of Persia) by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you (Cyrus king of Persia) by your name, I name you, though you do not know me.

The LORD says, even though Cyrus (a secular king) does not know Him, He calls Cyrus by name and will go before Him (Isaiah 45:2-3).

### **The LORD will equip Cyrus.**

Isaiah 45:5-6 ----- <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you (Cyrus king of Persia) though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

### **God is in Cyrus.**

Isaiah 45:14 ----- <sup>14</sup>Thus says the LORD: "The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you (Cyrus) and be yours; they shall follow you; they shall come over in chains and bow down to you (Cyrus). They will plead with you, saying: 'Surely God is in you (Cyrus), and there is no other, no god besides him.'

Isaiah is speaking to Israel who is held captive in Babylon. The focus is Cyrus King of Persia. God used Cyrus His anointed shepherd to set His people free, Cyrus after Conquering Babylon gave Israel written permission to return to their beloved city and rebuild the Temple of God. Obviously Isaiah's message also transcends the era of Isaiah and Cyrus and echoes a future King who the LORD also calls His anointed shepherd, and his name is not Cyrus, but the Lord Jesus Christ, in who God is also building a Temple made up of Jews and Gentiles (also called a new nation or new creation in Christ).

### **For further information see: -**

- Isaiah chapter 45 in, Commentary Old Testament (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- Commonwealth of Israel (at the end of this Chapter).

### **"Men with their Hands on their Stomach like a Woman in Labour" (v6).**

Is a perfect analogy for the prophetic and historical events that will take place in 70 years-time and that Jeremiah has written in, "the BOOK" (v1). Though a woman in labour experiences great pain out of her suffering comes, "New Life" and tremendous joy. This is exactly what happened when Cyrus Conquered the Babylonian Empire and set Israel and Judah free, out of war and suffering came the "New Life" of Israel and triumphant shouting as they joyfully marched back to their beloved city singing songs of praise and victory.

### **The LORD will Break Babylon's Power.**

Jeremiah 30:8-9 ----- <sup>8</sup>"And it shall come to pass in that day, declares the LORD of hosts, that I will break his (Babylon's) yoke from off your (Judah and Israel's) neck, and I will burst your bonds, and foreigners shall no more make a servant of him. <sup>9</sup>But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

I will burst your bonds; means God will totally break the power Babylon has over Judah and Israel, they will be set free, foreigners will never again make the people of Israel their servants, in fact it will be the foreigners who will serve Israel.

The Resurrection of David; Jeremiah's prophetic words, "they will serve the LORD their God and David their king," have for a very brief moment travelled at the speed of light to that great and awesome day when God's majestic power will be manifested in the resurrection of the faithful.

### **The Apostle Paul says of that Day: -**

1 Thes 4:10-18 ----- <sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord

himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- **For further information see:** - Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

### **The LORD will Save and Deliver Israel from their Captivity.**

Jeremiah 30:10 ----- <sup>10</sup>"Then fear not, O Jacob my servant, declares the LORD, nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and none shall make him afraid.

This was fulfilled through Cyrus the LORD'S anointed shepherd who opened doors for Judah and Israel that no-man could shut (see title Cyrus the LORD'S Anointed Shepherd) (v5-7). When Israel had finished re-building the Temple of the LORD there was a time of a peace and rest in the land.

### **Israel will return to Jerusalem.**

Jeremiah 30:11 ----- <sup>11</sup>For I am with you to save you, declares the LORD; I will make a full end of all the nations among whom I scattered you, but of you I will not make a full end. I will discipline you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished. <sup>12</sup>"For thus says the LORD: Your hurt is incurable, and your wound is grievous. <sup>13</sup>There is none to uphold your cause, no medicine for your wound, no healing for you.

God's desire is to save Israel, but just as a human parent has to discipline their rebellious children, the LORD is forced to discipline His children because of their gross sin and their blatant rebellion at God's word, the prophets and God Himself. To achieve this God masterfully gathered Israel and Judah together for 70 years during which time they were under Babylonian authority. Having been cast into a foreign land and stripped of everything they owned the two nations grew together in marriages and friendship and once again became the united nation they were originally called to be, one people faithful to only one God the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

### **I will make a full end of the Nations among Whom I Scattered You (v11).**

When Assyria's armies invaded Israel and Babylon's armies' invaded Judah multitudes of God's people fled to the surrounded nations to escape the terror of Assyria and Babylon's cruel armies, also during the 70 year captivity many of the exiles had established their homes amongst foreign nations throughout the land.

### **Israel's Wound is Incurable and their Wound Grievous.**

Jeremiah 30: 14 ----- <sup>14</sup>All your lovers have forgotten you; they care nothing for you; for I have dealt you the blow of an enemy, the punishment of a merciless foe, because your guilt is great, because your sins are flagrant.

All your lovers have forgotten you; they care nothing for you; means all the nations they traded with have forsaken them.

**An interesting principle;** though it was Assyria's armies who slaughtered the people of Israel and left their dead bodies lying on the surface of the earth for the birds and wild animals to eat and Babylon's armies that surrounded the walls of Jerusalem so that no-one could go in or out to get food causing a famine within the walls of Jerusalem was so great that parents ate their own children to survive, yet the LORD says, "He was the one who treated Israel and Judah like a merciless enemy." This is because God used both the armies of Assyria and Babylon to bring His judgment and punishment on the people of Israel and Judah. Many times events may appear to our human understanding as simply being the result of a series of choices a government or a person makes or a result of their actions, when in actual fact it is God that is behind the events.

## **The LORD says, “Israel’s and Judah’s Sins are Flagrant” (v14).**

The following are some of the sins that were in the land of Judah and Israel: -

Gross idolatry---Baal altars, Asherim, star and planetary worship, Moloch deity acknowledged in the sacrifice of children in the Hinnom Valley, astrology, occultism, altars for worshiping the host of heaven in the Temple court, and the shedding of innocent blood.

Drunkenness, violence, robbery and gross sensuality permeated the land and those in authority oppressed the less fortunate for their own gain. The rich cheated the innocent out of justice, and showed no sense of responsibility towards the poor, instead of relieving their economic distress seemed bent upon devising new means of depriving them of their property.

This idol worship and indiscriminate, indulgent and excessive luxurious living resulted in the division and decay of social unity in the land of Judah (the Two Tribes at Jerusalem) and Israel (the Ten Tribes in the land of Samaria).

### **Every Nation who Devours Israel will be Devoured.**

Jeremiah 30:15-16 --- <sup>15</sup>Why do you cry out over your hurt? Your pain is incurable. Because your guilt is great, because your sins are flagrant, I have done these things to you. <sup>16</sup>Therefore all who devour you shall be devoured, and all your foes, every one of them, shall go into captivity; those who plunder you shall be plundered, and all who prey on you I will make a prey.

This is a principle throughout the Old Testament; God uses secular nations to punish His people, but then judges and punishes those nations for oppressing and treating His people cruelly.

### **The LORD will restore Israel.**

Jeremiah 30:17-22 --- <sup>17</sup>For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the LORD, because they have called you an outcast: 'It is Zion, for whom no one cares!' <sup>18</sup>"Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob and have compassion on his dwellings; the city shall be rebuilt on its mound, and the palace shall stand where it used to be. <sup>19</sup>Out of them shall come songs of thanksgiving, and the voices of those who celebrate. I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will make them honored, and they shall not be small. <sup>20</sup>Their children shall be as they were of old, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all who oppress them. <sup>21</sup>Their prince shall be one of themselves; their ruler shall come out from their midst; I will make him draw near, and he shall approach me, for who would dare of himself to approach me? declares the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

### **The LORD will: -**

- Heal their emotional wounds and their sicknesses.
- Restore everything they have lost.
- Have compassion on the people and greatly multiply them.
- Raise up kings from their midst and leaders who will be from among them.
- Cause their kings and leaders to seek the LORD.
- Make them honoured amongst all nations.
- Establish their children and their congregation before Him.
- Be their God and they will be His people.
- Punish all who oppress them.

### **The People will: -**

- Rebuild the city of Jerusalem on its hill and the king's palace.
- Be full of celebration, joyful songs and praises of thanksgiving.

All of these promises were fulfilled when Cyrus the LORD'S anointed shepherd conquered the empire of Babylon and gave the people of Israel and Judah written permission to return to their beloved land and rebuild the city of Jerusalem and the Temple of God (see title Cyrus the LORD'S anointed shepherd) (v5-7).

**But;** the LORD'S promises are not limited to the time of Cyrus, the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem and the LORD'S Temple. The comforting words of the LORD in verses 21-22 also echo a future time when the LORD will raise up another ruler and prince from amongst Israel's midst whose name is the Lord Jesus Christ, who through his death and resurrection will not only unite Israel to the LORD their God, but also the Gentiles.

**But;** The comforting words of the LORD do not stop at Christ's death and resurrection, they majestically continue to travel through time and history until they reach their final destination, the second return of the Lord Jesus Christ when he comes as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS ruling and reigning from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his millennial reign. Jesus will unite the faithful of Israel and the Gentiles who belong to him, the LORD will be their God and they will be His people. Steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace and the glory of God will cover the earth.

Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever, and will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth, or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the lion and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

**For further information see the title: - New World Order Established on Earth.**

- In, Various Topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).

### **The Storm of the LORD has gone Forth.**

Jeremiah 30:23-24 --- <sup>23</sup>Behold the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>24</sup>The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intentions of his mind. In the latter days you will understand this.

The storm of the LORD; refers to Cyrus King of Persia invading and conquering Babylon.

In the latter days you will understand; this means at the end of their 70 year captivity when Cyrus conquers Babylon and allows Israel and Judah to return to their beloved city they will understand the things God has spoken and everything Jeremiah has written in, "the BOOK" (See Verse 1).

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### **The Commonwealth of Israel.**

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It is important to understand that the promised 'SEED' of Abraham and David is Christ, all the promises to Israel are now fulfilled in Christ therefore they are not limited to Israel only but extend and embrace all those who belong to Christ because God is now creating one "New Nation" in Christ made up of both Jew and Gentiles. (Gentiles are everyone who is not a Hebrew or Jew).

## **Jews and Gentiles become One “New Nation” in Christ.**

The Apostle Paul said: -

Ephes. 2:11-22 ----- <sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision (Jews), which is made in the flesh by hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you (Gentiles) were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you (Gentiles) who once were far off (from God) have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our (Jews and Gentiles) peace, who has made us (Jews and Gentiles) both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he (Jesus) might create in himself one new man (Nation) in place of the two (Jews and Gentiles), so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us (Jews and Gentiles) both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility (between the Jews and Gentiles). <sup>17</sup>And he (Jesus) came and preached peace to you (Gentiles) who were far off (from God) and peace to those who were near (Jews). <sup>18</sup>For through him (Jesus) we both (Jews and Gentiles) have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you (Gentiles) are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints (Jews) and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure being joined together (Jews and Gentiles) grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you (Jews and Gentiles) also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Gentiles were separated from Christ, alienated from the, ‘Commonwealth of Israel’ and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus they have been brought to God by the blood of Christ. Jesus has made Jews and Gentiles both one by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances so that Jesus might create in himself one new man (Nation) in place of the two (Jews and Gentiles). In Jesus both Jews and Gentiles are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Christ is the head of this ‘New Nation’ and its Jewish and Gentile citizens are now equal in status before God since in Christ we are all brothers and sisters in the same eternal family that God is now establishing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **The practical application of what this means to YOU: -**

If you belong to Christ, all the future and eternal promises God made to Israel also apply to ‘YOU.’ The book of Revelation states, “When Christ returns everyone will see him (the Gentiles) and those who pierced him (the Jews). And tells us, Jesus the faithful witness and the ruler of kings on earth loves us (Jews and Gentiles), freed us from our sins by his blood and ransomed a people for God from every tribe (Jews) and language and people and nation (Gentiles) to be a kingdom and priests to God and they and will reign on the earth (Revelation 1:5-10).

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End.