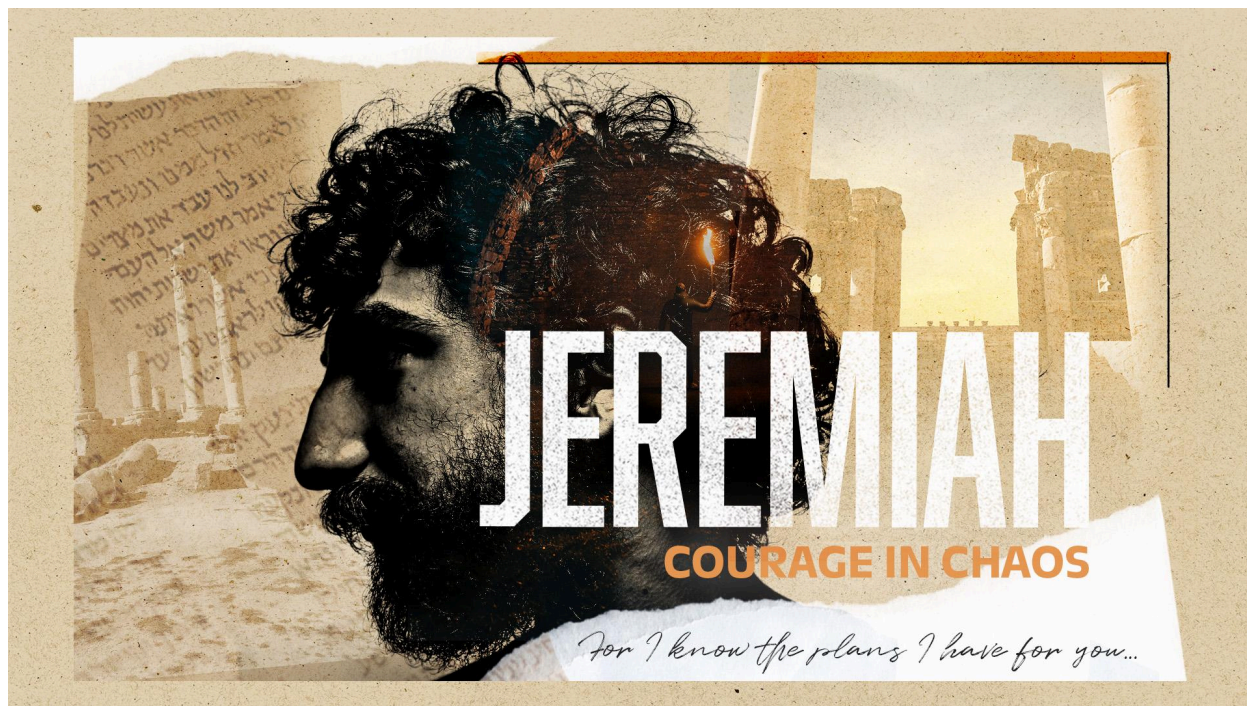


# Jeremiah 30-31



## Study Guide

### Introduction:

It's a dark hour! Judah has been under siege for months and they have begun cannibalizing their own children (Lamentations 2:20; 4:10). In the midst of this dire situation, comes a message of love and comfort.

*(Note: This is an extensive study; don't feel obligated to cover every point with your group.)*

### Big Idea: The Everlasting Love of God Changes Me!

Discuss the ways in which you have experienced God's love for you, and how it has affected you.

#### 1. Read Jeremiah 30:1-3.

Notice the encouraging message of restoration to both Judah and Israel, and being brought back to the land. In 31:40b they are promised "...shall not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever." So why were they overthrown and destroyed by Rome in 70AD? Did God not keep His promise? Discuss. Consider that this is referring to a future promise at the end of the ages.

#### 2. Read Jeremiah 30:4-7; Daniel 12:1b; Matthew 24:21.

Notice that this refers to a day so great that there is none like it. Consider that this is referring to the tribulation period- the "time of Jacob' trouble." See that Israel will be saved out of it (v.7 AND Romans 11:26).

3. Read Jeremiah 30:8-11.

Note that there is a finality of God breaking off the yoke of other nations. Consider that this is referring to Armageddon.

4. Read Jeremiah 30:12-20.

Discuss why God had to 'chastise' Israel. Why does He allow hard things for us at times? Discuss.

5. Read Jeremiah 30:21-24

Discuss the likeness of this description to Jesus, our Prince of Peace.

How does it impact your life to think that the wrath of God was appeased on the cross? Discuss.

6. Read Jeremiah 31:1-3.

Consider how God gave 'grace in the wilderness' coming out of Egypt, Babylon and after Armageddon. How has God shown you grace in your wilderness? Discuss. How does this message of God's everlasting love affect how you treat others?

7. Notice the Fresh start God offers:

- a. A fresh start with God (31:4-5).
- b. A fresh start in the land (31:6-14).
- c. A fresh start from grieving (31:15-25).
- d. A fresh outlook from darkness (31:26-30)

How does it help you to know that the bad things we see are part of a good story. Discuss.

8. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

Imagine how the disciples felt when they heard Jesus speak of this new covenant predicted by Jeremiah and Ezekiel!!

<sup>33</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make ...

...I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

...I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>...I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

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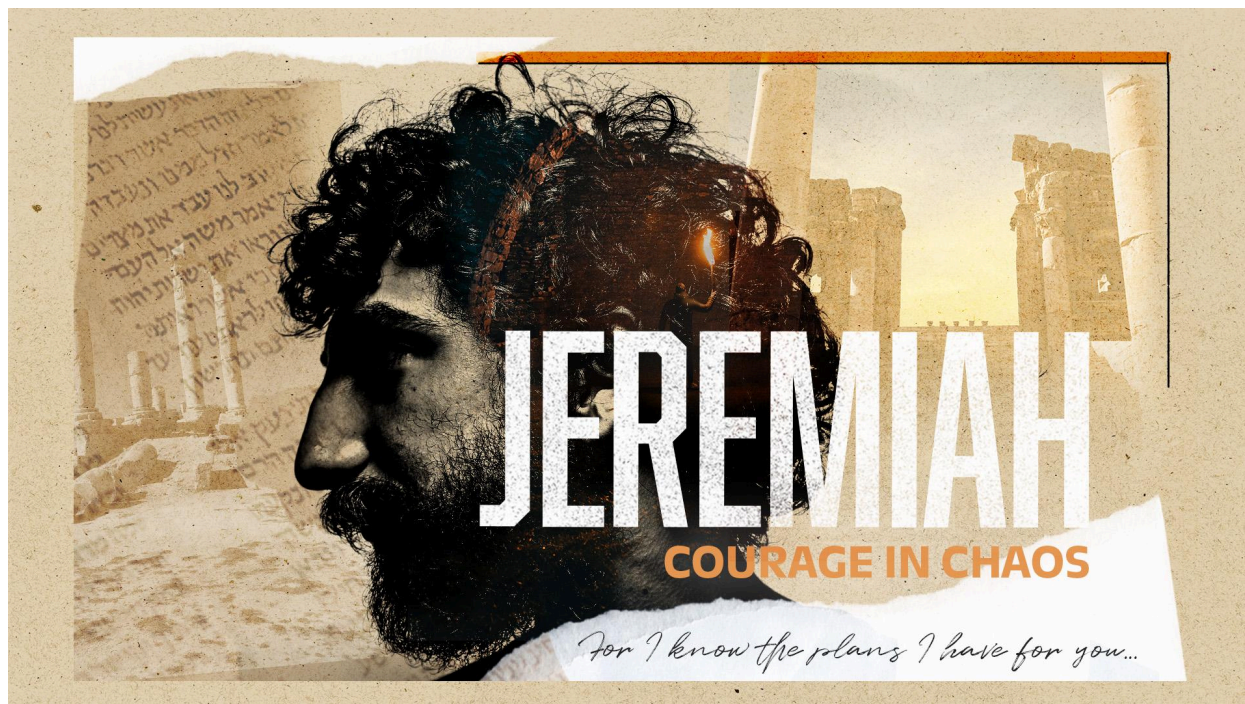
Discuss the impact that this covenant has made on your life.

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2. A personal relationship
3. Complete cleansing

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Application: Take time to pray as a group and thank God for His everlasting love. Be specific in how He has loved you. Then begin to pray for people you know who have failed or walked away from God and pray for them to know His eternal love.

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## Sermon Notes

Lamentations 4:10

"The hands of compassionate women have boiled their own children."

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I. Great News for Bad Times (Jeremiah 30)

A. Message of Restoration (v.1-3)

1" The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2" Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you. 3For 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."

Jeremiah 31:40b- It [Jerusalem] shall not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever."

B. Saved out of Distress (v.4-7)

4...concerning Israel and Judah:...5We have heard a cry of panic, of terror, and no peace. 6... Why then do I see every man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in

labor? 7Alas! 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.

Daniel 12:1b

And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time.

Matthew 24:21

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

Romans 11:26 "All Israel will be saved"

C. Breaking of the Yoke (v.8-11)

8"And it shall come to pass in that day, declares the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and I will burst your bonds, and foreigners shall no more make a servant of him. 9But they shall serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. 10"Then fear not, O Jacob my servant, ...11For 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. ...

Revelation 20:6b- "...and they will reign with Him for a thousand years."

D. Restoring the Incurable Wound (v.12-20)

12"For thus says the Lord: Your hurt is incurable, and your wound is grievous....

15...Your pain is incurable. Because your guilt is great, because your sins are flagrant, I have done these things to you. ... 17For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, ...

D. Restoring the Incurable Wound (v.12-20)

18... 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. 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. 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.

Restore; compassion; rebuild; stand; songs; celebrate; multiply; honor; established!

E. The Prince to Come (v.21-24)

21Their 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. 22And you shall be my people, and I will be your God." 23Behold the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it

will burst upon the head of the wicked. 24The 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.”

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## II. Everlasting Love (Jeremiah 31)

1“At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.” 2Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, 3the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

### A. A Fresh Start with God (v. 4-5)

4Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. 5Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit.

### B. A Fresh Start in the Land (V. 6-14)

6For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.’ 7For thus says the Lord: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, ...

8Behold, I will ... gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, ...

9With weeping they shall come,... ”

10...declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him...’

### C. A Fresh Start from Grieving (v. 15-25)

15Thus says the Lord: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.” 16Thus says the Lord: “Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. 17There is hope for your future, declares the Lord, and your children shall come back to their own country.

Matthew 2:17

“Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:”

### C. A Fresh Start from Grieving (v. 15-25)

18I have heard Ephraim grieving, ‘You have disciplined me, and I was disciplined, like an untrained calf; bring me back that I may be restored, ...

20Is Ephraim my dear son? ... Therefore my heart yearns for him;

#### D. A Fresh Outlook from Darkness (v.26-30)

26At this I awoke and looked, and my sleep was pleasant to me. 27“Behold, the days are coming, 28... as I have watched over them to pluck up ... so I will watch over them to build and to plant, ...

#### E. A Fresh Covenant (v.31-34)

31Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, ...

#### E. A Fresh Covenant (v.31-34)

33For this is the covenant that I will make ...

...I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

...I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34...I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

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#### F. From Death to Life (v. 35-40)

36If this fixed order departs, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever...

38“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when the city shall be rebuilt ...from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. 39And the measuring line shall go out farther, ... hill Gareb, ... to Goah. 40The whole valley of the dead bodies and the ashes, ... brook Kidron, ... Horse Gate ... shall be sacred to the Lord. It shall not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever.”

#### Ephesians 2:1-7

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 ...made us alive together with Christ...6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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