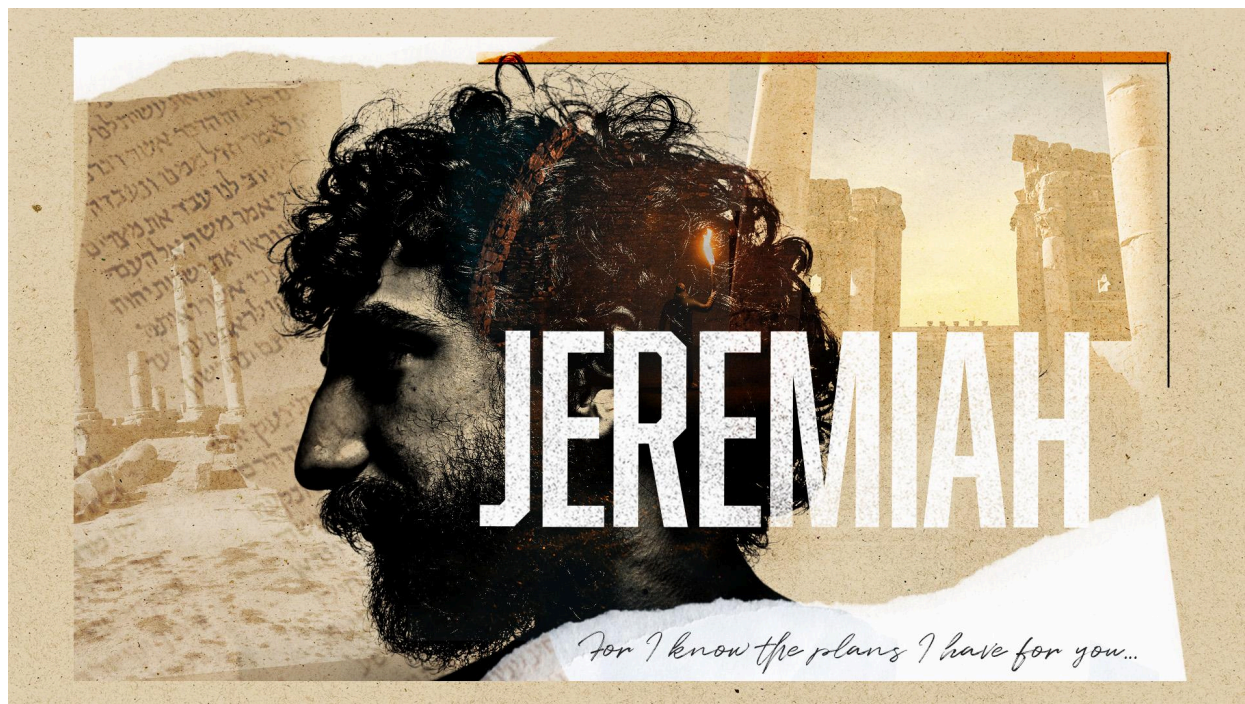


Jeremiah 32-33



Study Guide

A. STUCK!

1. Jeremiah 32:1-5. Stuck and stubborn.

Notice that king Zedekiah is stuck and stubborn. Even though he knows the prophecy of his future, he refuses to surrender to God. Reflect on some areas where you have been stubborn at times and not willing to surrender to God.

2. Jeremiah 32:6-15. Stuck and surrendered.

Notice that Jeremiah is double-stuck, in prison and in a city under siege. He is however surrendered to God, willing to buy a field in his hometown that has already been conquered by Babylon (v.6-15). What a silly thing to do. He simply obeys God because God is using that to illustrate a future and a hope for Judah. Discuss doing things in this world that don't make sense because you are a part of a future Kingdom in heaven. What does that look like?

3. Jeremiah 32:16-23a. Stuck and surrendered.

Recount this beautiful prayer of surrender. How can this be helpful when you feel stuck?

Discuss.

B. UNSTUCK! Recounting the Faithfulness of God

1. God Restores us to Himself (32:37-44).

Notice at least 10x "I will". List the things God promises to do for His people. Which one is your favorite? What does it mean to you and why? Discuss.

2. God Restores us Through Futility (33:1-5).

In the futility of siege, God tells us to keep praying and that He will show us amazing things- hidden things (v.3). How have you seen God work through times that have felt futile? Discuss.

3. God Restores Through Healing (33:6-13).

Share an example of how God has brought healing after a time of futility. How has that impacted you? Discuss.

4. God Restores us Through His Son (33:14-18).

Discuss the impact of the "righteous Branch" and what Jesus has done to secure your life.

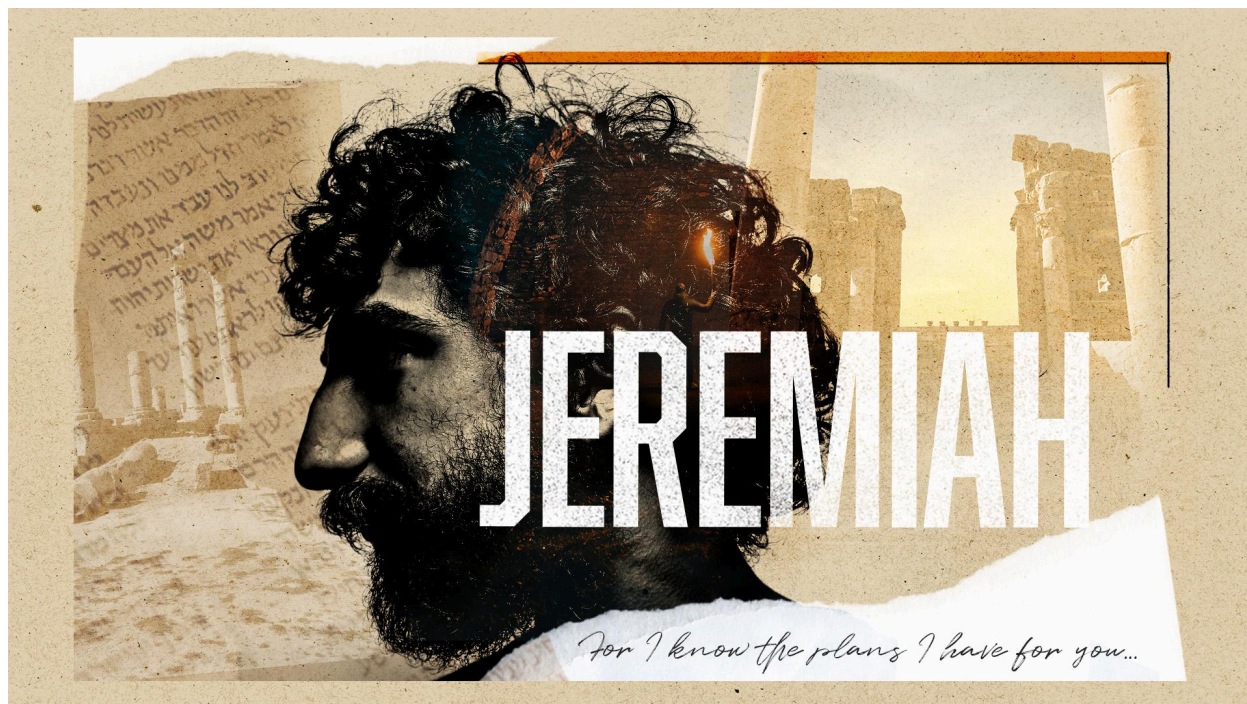
5. God Restores us Despite our Failures (33:19-26).

Notice God's covenant commitment not to reject Israel.

According to Romans 11:12, "*...if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!*"

Discuss the impact of God's love and how it can give you the faith you need trust Him.

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Sermon Notes

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Big Idea: With God, Demolition is the Sound of Restoration.

A. Stuck (Jeremiah 32:1-36)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah.

1. Stuck and Stubborn (v. 3-5)

3For Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him, saying, "Why do you prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord: Behold, I am giving this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall capture it; 4Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye. 5And he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I visit him, declares the Lord. Though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed'?"

2. Stuck and Surrendered (v. 6-23a)

a. Investing (v. 6-15)

8Then Hanamel my cousin came ... and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth ..., for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. 9'And I bought the field at Anathoth from Hanamel my cousin, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. 10I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.

Matthew 13:45-46

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

2. Stuck and Surrendered (v. 6-23a)

b. Praying (v.16-23a)

16'After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord, saying: 17'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. 18You show steadfast love to thousands, but you repay the guilt of fathers to their children after them, O great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts, 19great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the children of man, rewarding each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds.

3. Stuck and Stubborn (v. 23b-36)

But they did not obey your voice ...

Therefore you have made all this disaster come upon them.

24Behold, the siege mounds have come up to the city to take it, ...

29... and set this city on fire ...

31...their kings and their officials, their priests and their prophets, the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33They have turned to me their back and not their face.

35They built the high places of Baal ...

...offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, ...nor did it enter into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

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B. Unstuck- The Faithfulness of God (Jeremiah 32:37-33:26)

1. God Restores us to Himself (v. 37-44)

37Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them ...I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. 38And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 39I will give them one heart and one way, ... 40I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. 41I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul. ...

Galatians 3:2-3 "Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?...having begun by the Spirit are you now being perfected by the flesh?"

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2. God Restores us Through Futility (33:1-5)

"The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the guard: 2"Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: 3Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

4 ...the houses of this city ...were torn down to make a defense against the siege mounds ...They are coming in to fight...to fill them with the dead bodies...for I have hidden my face from this city because of all their evil.

3. God Restores us Through Healing (33:6-13)

6Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. 7I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. 8I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. 9And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth ...

4. God Restores us Through His Son (33:14-18)

14"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Image- Righteous Branch

5. God Restores us Despite our Failures (33:19-26)

23The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: 24"Have you not observed that these people are saying, 'The Lord has rejected the two clans that he chose'? ... 25Thus says the Lord: If I have not established my covenant with day and night and the fixed order of heaven and earth, 26then I will reject the offspring of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his offspring to rule over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them."

Romans 11:12

"Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!"

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