

Exegetical Notes – Jeremiah 33:14-18

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(Jeremiah began proclaiming God’s word as a young man, perhaps as young as 20. He spoke as God’s prophet until his death. He saw many changes in his life. But through all that he endured; he remained faithful to his calling. He is called “the weeping prophet,” “the prophet of loneliness,” and “the reluctant prophet.” His ministry was not easy, but he was faithful to his calling. In that, Jeremiah is an example to us all.

It is hard to jump into the middle of any Biblical book. Normally, that is not our approach to Scripture at Cornerstone. But today, on this First Sunday in Advent 2023, we jump into the middle of the Book of Jeremiah, to consider the meaning of Jesus’ coming.)

Verse 14

¹⁴ The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

- When the prophet Jeremiah wrote these words, the southern kingdom, Israel, had already collapsed in political defeat and the northern kingdom, Judah, was about to fall. Jerusalem was about to be captured by the Babylonians. Politically, it was a distressing time.
- But the prophet spoke to the people in the name of YHWH. He said, “This is what YHWH says.” This is the job of the prophet, to declare the word of God to God’s people.
- God says, “The days are coming when I will fulfill the good promise I made to Israel and Judah.” God is always faithful. In distressing times, politically and otherwise, God’s nature is constant. HE WILL REMAIN FAITHFUL. He will remember His promises. He will not forsake His people.
- But what had God promised (see Deuteronomy 28:1-14)? Centuries before the time when Jeremiah spoke, God had promised to bless Israel with overwhelming abundance. But that promise was contingent on Israel’s

obedience to God's word. The people of both kingdoms had failed to obey God miserably. God's judgment had fallen on the people. The political collapse was God's judgment on them for their disobedience.

- Jeremiah declares that despite their disobedience and their failure to be faithful to Him, God would still fulfill His promise (see 2 Timothy 2:13).

Verses 15-16

¹⁵ “In those days and at that time

***I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.***

**¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.**

***This is the name by which it will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’***

- Through Jeremiah, God says, “In those days and at that time.” The phrase means “when the time is right in the eyes of God;” not at the present moment. Not at the time when the people think God should move. When God says.
- “I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line.” At the time of God's choosing a direct descendant of King David will come forward. This “Branch of David” will save Judah and Jerusalem. His name will be called, “YHWH Our Righteous Savior.”

Verses 17-18

¹⁷ For this is what the LORD says: ‘David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel, ¹⁸ nor will the Levitical priests ever fail to have a man to stand before me continually to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to present sacrifices.’”

- This “Branch” will reign on David's throne forever and the proper worship of God will never cease.

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