

October 26–November 1
Jeremiah 30–33; 36; Lamentations 1; 3
“I Will Turn Their Mourning Into Joy”



Jeremiah Warns of Babylon's Conquest

Jer 32:1-4

What did Jeremiah make clear would happen to Zedekiah and Jerusalem if they refused to surrender?

Gathering of Israel

Jer 23:1-4

Who did the Lord hold responsible for scattering His people?

What will the Lord provide for Israel when He gathers them from the nations?

Gathering of Israel

Jer 30:3,8-11

What will the Lord do to the nations that have captured, scattered, and oppressed Israel?

Lorenzo Snow

“By and by the nations will be broken up on account of their wickedness.... They will contend and quarrel with one another, state after state and nation after nation, until they are broken up, and thousands, tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands will undoubtedly come and seek protection at the hands of the servants of God.” (JD, 14:309)

Gathering of Israel

Jer 30:16-17,20-22

What will the Lord do to the nations that have captured, scattered, and oppressed Israel?

What does the Lord promise to do for Israel after their suffering and captivity?

“The Assyrians were destroyed by the Babylonians; the Babylonians by the Medes and Persians; the Egyptians and Persians by the Greeks. All these empires have now vanished, but the Jews still exist as a distinct people. In the latter days Israel will be the Lord’s people, and He will be their God as He desired in the beginning.” (Old Testament Student Manual; 1 Kings-Malachi, pg. 254)

Gathering of Israel

Jer 31:6-10

What do these verses teach us about the Lord's role in gathering and caring for Ephraim and the remnant of Israel?

Bruce R. McConkie

“Hear it again, O ye scattered ones, and let it be written in every heart. Ephraim shall bring salvation to you in the last days. Ephraim shall hear the word from the Lord and proclaim it to you. In his hands shall be the Stick of Joseph, which is the Stick of Ephraim, which is the Book of Mormon which contains the fulness of the everlasting gospel, which is the standard around which all men must either rally or be damned. The call shall come unto you from the mountains of Ephraim. Be wise and give heed.

”For thus saith the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.’ Salvation now goes forth to the scattered remnants in all the nations of their habitation. Publish the word; praise the Lord. Cry Salvation, and Glory, and Honor. The promised day of restoration is here.”
(The Millennial Messiah: The Second Coming of the Son of Man, pg. 194)

LeGrand Richards

“‘I will bring them... a great company shall return thither.’ This was something the Lord was going to do. Note that Jeremiah does not say that they will return hither, or to the place where this prediction was made, but thither, or to a distant place. He understood that Joseph was to be given a new land in the ‘utmost bound of the everlasting hills’ (Genesis 49:26).” (Israel! Do You Know?, pg. 177–78)

Gathering of Israel

Jer 31:10-14

What do these verses teach us about the joy and blessings that will come to Israel as the Lord gathers and redeems His people?

LeGrand Richards

“While the members of the Priesthood in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are not paid for their services, and thousands of them have left their families for years at a time to do missionary work in the nations of the earth, paying their own expenses and without remuneration from the Church, yet, in their hearts, they feel they are better paid than any other religious leaders in the world, because of the joy and satisfaction the Lord plants in their hearts, which could not possibly be purchased with money. Thus He has satiated ‘the soul of the priests with fatness,’ and His people are satisfied with His goodness.” (Richards, *Israel! Do You Know?*, pg. 179–80)

The New and Everlasting Covenant

Jer 31:31-34

What does it mean to have the Lord's law written in our hearts, and how does this help us truly know Him?

Bruce R. McConkie

“When the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt he offered them the fulness of the gospel. Moses held the Melchizedek Priesthood, and his people could have lived the higher gospel law had they chosen to do so. But they broke not only the gospel covenant but also the Mosaic or lesser covenant, at least in large measure.

”But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.’ There will be a day when latter-day Israel will serve the Lord with all their hearts and make themselves worthy of the fulness of his glory. (The Millennial Messiah: The Second Coming of the Son of Man, pg. 681)

Joseph Fielding Smith

“The Lord has promised that the time shall come when every man shall be his own teacher, that is, he will know because of righteous living what to do. He will be so filled with the Spirit of the Lord that he will be guided and directed in doing right without the necessity of someone coming into his home to set it in order. Now is a good time for us to begin.” (Doctrines of Salvation, 1:319)

The New and Everlasting Covenant

Jer 31:35-36

What do these verses teach us about the relationship between the Lord's ordinances and the continued existence of His covenant people?

Joseph Smith

"The power, glory and blessings of the Priesthood could not continue with those who received ordination only as their righteousness continued; for Cain also being authorized to offer sacrifice,¹⁵ but not offering it in righteousness, was cursed. It signifies, then, that the ordinances must be kept in the very way God has appointed; otherwise their Priesthood will prove a cursing instead of a blessing." (TPJS, pg. 169)

The New and Everlasting Covenant

Jer 32:37-41

What do these verses teach us about the Lord's commitment to gather His people, make them His, and establish an everlasting covenant with them?

The New and Everlasting Covenant

Jer 33:6-14

“In Jeremiah 33:3–14 the Lord again spoke of the restoration of Israel and Judah in the latter days. Notice the language He used to describe the process: ‘I will cure them... I will cleanse them... I will pardon all their iniquities.’

“In the latter days even the desolate land will be restored to its former condition. The cities that were once desolate will again be full of people and their bounteous flocks. In the latter days the Lord will perform all that He has promised to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Old Testament Student Manual: Kings - Malachi, pg. 257)

Next Week:

November 2–8

Ezekiel 1–3; 33–34; 36–37; 47

“A New Spirit Will I Put Within You”

