

Watchman Part 25

(The Watchmen Can See Clearly God's Plan of Restoration For His People.)

"There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'" (Jeremiah 31:6)

One of the things that characterize the watchman of God is his ability to see and to grasp early the plan of God to restore His people. There will be a set time for God to do that and the watchman with faith and with the Holy Spirit anointing can prophesy and assure God's people that the Lord will do that.

Jeremiah 31 speaks about God's plan to restore Israel; not only Judah but the whole tribes of Israel. God's word in ***Jeremiah 31:1-5*** reminds His people and His watchmen with His love that is from the beginning, that they may put their hope on Him: ***"I At that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they will be my people." 2 This is what the LORD says: "The people who survive the sword will find favor in the desert; I will come to give rest to Israel." 3 The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. 4 I will build you up again and you will be rebuilt, O Virgin Israel. Again you will take up your tambourines and go out to dance with the joyful. 5 Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit."***

Jeremiah 31:7-12 speaks of how God will bring back Jacob descendents whom He scattered among the nations:

"7 This is what the LORD says: "Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' 8 See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return. 9 They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son. 10 "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: 'He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd. 11 For the LORD will ransom Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. 12 They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD-- the grain, the new wine and the oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more."

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Jacob buried his wife Rachel beside the road to Ephrath" (that is, Bethlehem) ***"7 As I was returning from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan while we were still on the way, a little distance from Ephrath. So I buried her there beside the road to Ephrath" (that is, Bethlehem)." (Genesis 48:7)*** And Herod killed the children of Bethlehem, ***"16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi." 17 Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: 18 "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." (Matthew 2:16-18)*** In Jeremiah 31 the watchman was seeing how death invaded and attached the children of God, but he is seeing as well the restoration of God's people and how he is going to bring them back ***"15 This is what the LORD says: "A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more." 16 This is what the LORD says: "Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded," declares the LORD. "They will return from the land of the enemy." (Jeremiah 31:15-16)*** And we cry out with the prophet and in the spirit of the prophecy and receive the promise of God for restoration

God's restoration will start after repentance. The Israelites showed their repentance to God as we can read in verses 17 and 18: ***"18 I have surely heard Ephraim's moaning: 'You disciplined me like an unruly calf, and I have been disciplined. Restore me, and I will return, because you are the LORD my God. 19 After I strayed, I repented; after I came to understand, I beat my breast. I was ashamed and humiliated because I bore the disgrace of my youth.'" (Jeremiah 31:18-19)***

Another important sign for Israel repentance is what we read in verse 6 ***"There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'" (Jeremiah 31:6)*** The sign of repentance here is not only returning to the Lord but to go back to the sanctuary of God in Zion. The watchman can see clearly and direct the people that repentance is to go back to God's church.

As we know that after the death of Solomon ten tribes left Judah and have their own kingdom and moved away from the sanctuary of God in Jerusalem were the priests who are

the Levites ministering and teaching the sound Word of God. True repentance is going back to God and going to the church that God had placed you in, who is able to teach you well His word and ways. The watchman is the man who sees things further clearly. *The watchman of Ephraim cried out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'* He was truly leading the people back to God as he was calling them to go back to Jerusalem.

Repentance is to turn away from sin, going back to God and to the church that God had placed the people in. Therefore as people abide and show genuine repentance God's plan of restoration will move forward smoothly and with abundant blessings. The Lord shall speed up the restoration and guide the people and place them where he ordained for them to be.

God further expressed his love and concern to His people and His further plan for them as they repented, *"20 Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him," declares the LORD.*" (Jeremiah 31:20)

1- God will invent ways for restoration in order to bring the people once again near to Him: 21 "Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the highway, the road that you take. Return, O Virgin Israel, return to your towns." (Jeremiah 31:21)

2- Families will be restored: "22 How long will you wander, unfaithful Daughter Israel? The LORD will create a new thing on earth-- the woman will return to the man." (Jeremiah 31:22)

3- A new ordained blessings for God's people: "23 This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'When I bring them back from captivity, the people in the land of Judah and in its towns will once again use these words: 'The LORD bless you, O righteous dwelling, O sacred mountain.'" (Jeremiah 31:23) "28 Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the LORD." (Jeremiah 31:28)

4- There will be restoration of relationship and unity: "24 People will live together in Judah and all its towns--farmers and those who move about with their flocks." (Jeremiah 31:24) "27 The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will plant the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the offspring of men and of animals." (Jeremiah 31:27)

5- Refreshment and satisfaction: "25 I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint." (Jeremiah 31:25) The people whom God restore they will say, "26 At this I awoke and looked around. My sleep had been pleasant to me." (Jeremiah 31:26)


6- Justice will be prevail: "29 In those days people will no longer say, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' 30 Instead, everyone will die for his own sin; whoever eats sour grapes--his own teeth will be set on edge." (Jeremiah 31:29-30)

6- A new covenant: "31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, " declares the LORD. 33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

My Dear and Beloved: Take the message to your heart, God loves you, and as you repented, He is interested to restore you. Be a watchman who can see God's restoration coming. Encourage the people and help them to see the good plan of God for them and help them to put their hope once again in the Lord as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that help me to see your good plan of restoration to me and to your people. Lord I commit myself to spread this word of yours and to encourage the people to come back to you, to repent so they can enjoy your good plan of restoration. Lord helps me and gives me the courage and the perseverance to do that. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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