

HOPE AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE

Jeremiah 33:1-3

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WHAT IS HOPE?

Hope= *expectation, a thing longed for, Expecting God to Do Something*

• **For Abe...**

...**Hope was Ram Caught in the Thicket**

• **In the Midst of a Broken World...**

...**it was a Cross Covered Red in the Blood of Jesus**

• **To Those Facing Tragedy and Loss**

...**the Empty Tomb Gives Us Hope**

When We Have Hope...

Our Hearts Fill with a Spirit of Praise that Declares...

"With God All Things Are Possible."

JEREMIAH 33:1-3 (KJV)

¹ MOREOVER THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME UNTO JEREMIAH THE SECOND TIME, WHILE HE WAS YET SHUT UP IN THE COURT OF THE PRISON, SAYING,

² THUS SAITH THE LORD THE MAKER THEREOF, THE LORD THAT FORMED IT, TO ESTABLISH IT; THE LORD *IS* HIS NAME;

³ CALL UNTO ME, AND I WILL ANSWER THEE, AND SHEW THEE GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS, WHICH THOU KNOWEST NOT.

IN HIS DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES JEREMIAH...

...LEARNED THREE THINGS ABOUT GOD

...THAT GAVE HIM HOPE



THE GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS (1)

Jerusalem was Under Seige (587 B.C.) and Jeremiah was Imprisoned

•The Word of Hope- *"a Second Time"*

Two Things

•It was Not the End of Jeremiah

•Nor the End for God's People

- A New Beginning was at hand -33:4-9
- Zedekiah's Efforts to Save the Nation Would Fail
- God's Promise to Heal and Restore Would Not

The Word Came While Jeremiah was in Prison

- Adversity Could Not Hinder the Word of God
- "The word of God is not chained"* -2 Tim 2:9

THE GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS (1)

GOD STILL HAS A PURPOSE

Isa 54:17, “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD”

God Met Jeremiah Where He Was!

- God Will Meet You Where You Are!
- It is Not the End...
 - ...But
 - ...the Beginning!



THE GOD WHO MAKES ALL THINGS POSSIBLE (2)

The Army Corps of Engineers have a Slogan:

"The difficult we do immediately; the impossible takes a little longer"

The Restoration of Jerusalem Appeared to Be Impossible

- **Possible When Based On the Power of God -2; 32:17**
- **God Asks, *"Is There Anything Too Hard For Me?"* -32:27**

Human History is the Record of God Making the Impossible Possible

- **the Creation -Gen 1:1**
- **the Incarnation -Matt 1:23**
- **Miracles -John 14:12**
- **Salvation -Rom 5:8**
- **Resurrection -Matt 28:6**

THE GOD WHO MAKES ALL THINGS POSSIBLE (2)

GOD STILL HAS POWER...

WHAT DO YOU HAVE PRESSING YOU TODAY!

THERE IS NOTHING...

...TOO HARD FOR OUR GOD!



THE GOD WHO MAKES ALL THINGS POSSIBLE (2)

This is YAHWEH! = one of the translations = the One Who Promises

- It is a Promise so Important, God Signs the Promise with His Own Name
- 4 times He signs “Yahweh,” just like a name on a contract, guaranteeing it
- **Yahweh**
 - **El-Shaddai** – *Almighty God*
 - **El-Elyon** – *Most High God*
 - **El-Berith** – *God of the Covenant*
 - **El-Roi** – *The God Who Sees Me*
 - **Jireh** – *The Lord will provide*
 - **Nissi** – *The Lord is my Banner*
 - **Shalom** – *The Lord is Peace*
 - **Rohi** – *The Lord is my Shepherd*
 - **Tsidkenu** – *The Lord our righteousness*
 - **Shammah** – *The Lord is There*
 - **The Ancient of Days**

THE GOD WHO ANSWERS PRAYER (3)

God Told Jeremiah, "*Call to me...*"

- **Possibility-- to Call on God Personally -Psalm 18:3**
- **Promise of God is Threefold...**

○ **Welcome of God.** "*I will answer thee.*"

- God is Never too busy to pay attention to your prayer.

○ **Works of God.** "*Show thee great . . . things.*"

- God is a God of Great Power – nothing too hard!

○ **Wisdom of God.** "*Show thee . . . mighty things, which thou knowest not.*"

- **unsearchable = *inaccessible; beyond the grasp of human knowledge***
- **"walled up" = fortified cities of Canaan -Deut 1:28**

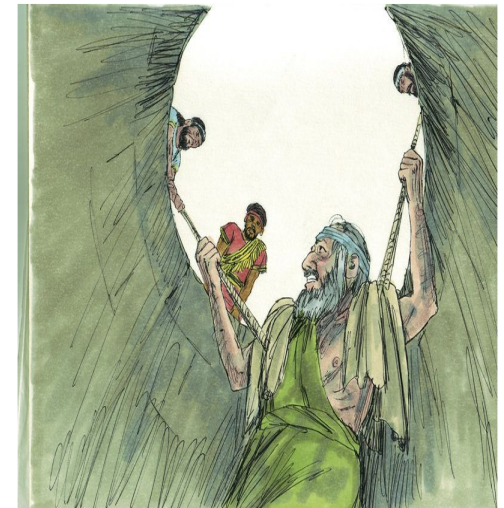
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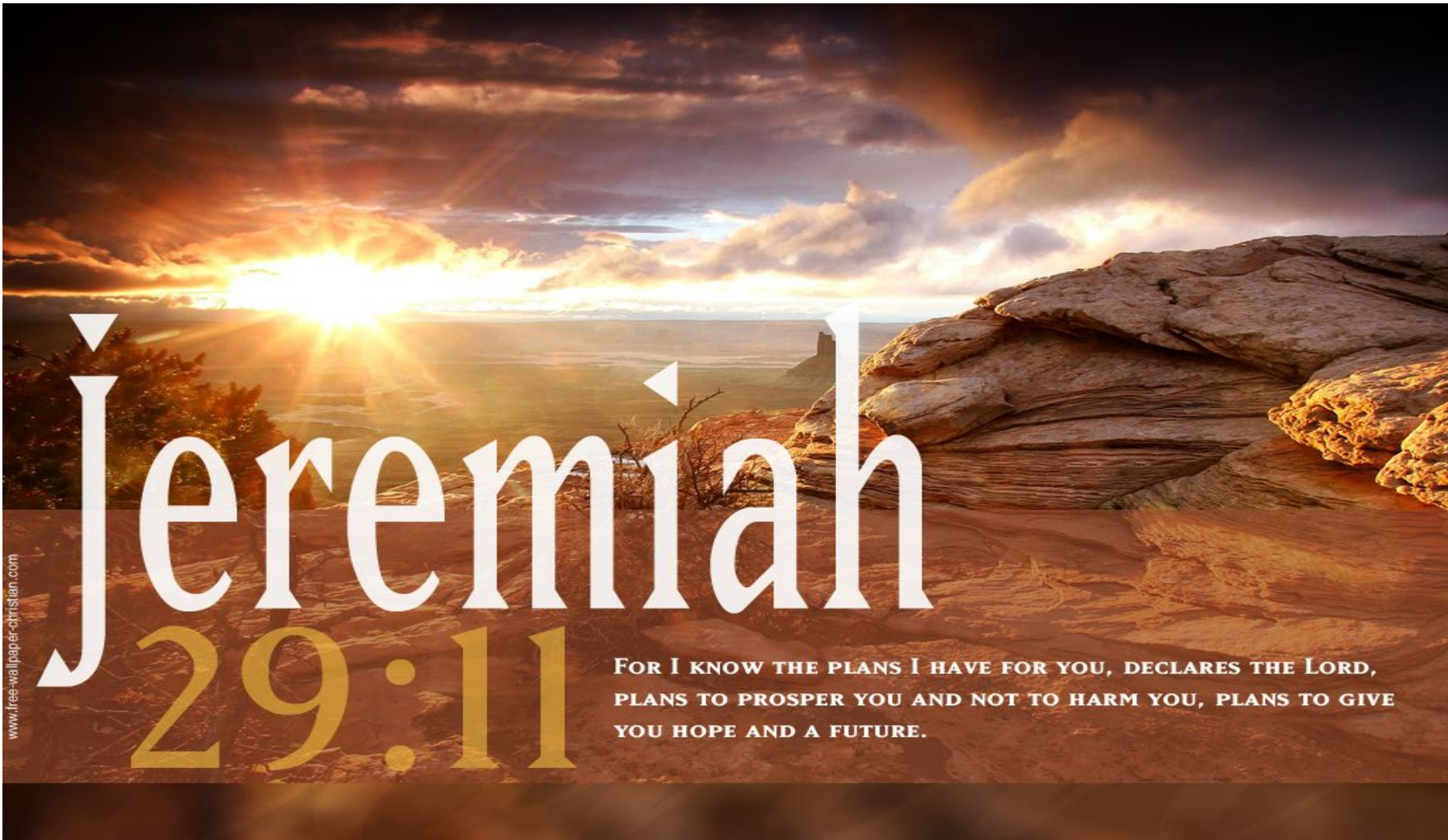
GOD STILL HAS PASSION

1 Cor 2:9-10, “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him”

¹⁰ But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

***There is Hope...
...at the End of Your Rope!***





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Jeremiah

29:11

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD,
PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE
YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.