

## Watchman Part 22

### *The Watchmen Can See Clearly God's Plan of Restoration for His People*

*“6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.” (Jeremiah 31:6 KJV)*

One of the things that characterize the watchman of God is his ability to see and 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: *“1 At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. 2 Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. 3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. 4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. 5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.” (Jeremiah 31:1-5 KJV)* Do not loss hope and do not be discouraged God still love you and He has a plan to restore you, so just trust Him, come back to Him and He will bless you.

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

*“7 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. 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. 9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. 10 Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. 11 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. 12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.” (Jeremiah 31:7-12 KJV)*

God was really determined to restore them after they repented in order to affirm to them His everlasting love. *“3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.” (Jeremiah 31:3 KJV)* The Lord shall restore the joy and the gladness to His people, *“13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. 14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 31:13-14 KJV)* In the same way as you truly repent and come back to God, He will restore His riches and His blessings to you and you will be glad and your joy will be restored back to you as God shall restore your good health, your strength and make His provision back to you.

Jacob buried his wife Rachel beside the road to Ephrath, that is, Bethlehem as we read here: *“7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.” (Genesis 48:7 KJV)* And Herod killed the children of Bethlehem, *“16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.” (Matthew 2:16-18 KJV)* In *Jeremiah 31* the watchman was seeing how death invaded and attached the children of God, but he was seeing as well the restoration of God's people and how he is going to bring them back *“15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. 16 Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.” (Jeremiah 31:15-16 KJV)* And we cry out with the prophet and in the spirit of the prophecy and receive the promise of God for restoration. Our labor and hard work is not in vain, God shall restore all our toil along the years and will reward us for all our sacrifices even after a long time from troubles and after the losses. The Word of God is giving us hope and restore our faith and our trust in God that what we had lost in the past God shall restore, *“17 And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.” (Jeremiah 31:17 KJV)*

The most important point that we need to concentrate on that God's restoration will start after repentance. The Israelites showed their repentance to God as we can read in verses 18 and 19: *“18 I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God. 19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.” (Jeremiah 31:18-19 KJV)* As God disciplined the Israelites and put them under hard trials, that affliction that they put under caused them great pain and suffering which pushed them to go back to God. In the same way when God discipline us the pain and the suffering that God shall placed on us will push us to repent and turn back to God

who will have compassion on us and who will relief us from the painful conditions and the trials that we placed under.

Another important sign for Israel repentance is what we read in verse 6, *“6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.” (Jeremiah 31:6 KJV)* The sign of repentance here is not only returning to the Lord but to go back to the sanctuary of God in Zion, to his church. **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 were 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 His ways.** The watchman is the man who sees things further clearly. The watchman of Ephraim cried out on the hills of Ephraim, *“Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.”* He was truly leading the people back to God as he was calling them to go back to Jerusalem and not to Samaria.

**\* Repentance is to turn away from sin, going back to God and to the church that God had placed you 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 Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 31:20 KJV)* **Once you repent God shall open your eyes and you will see clearly the new things that He is doing in your life.**

**1. God will invent ways for restoration in order to bring the people once again near to Him:** *“21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.” (Jeremiah 31:21 KJV)* **As you are willing to come back then God will show you clearly and in details the way that you need to take.**

**2. Families will be restored:** *“22 How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.” (Jeremiah 31:22 KJV)* **Broken families shall be restored, husband and wife will come back and get united, “A woman shall compass a man”, and will start to care together for their children.**

**3. A new ordained blessings for God’s people:** *“23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation*

*of justice, and mountain of holiness. 24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks. 28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 31:23-24, 28 KJV)* **God shall reverse the damages that had taken place in the past in your life and in the life of the church and restore the previous blessings back to you and to His church.**

**4. There will be restoration of relationship and unity:** *“27 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.” (Jeremiah 31:27 KJV)* Judah and Israel were separated but here God mentioned that he will come and sow His blessings in both of them as a sign of His satisfaction with both of them, and this will take place when Israel had come back and united with Judah. **Coming back to God is coming back in unity with His church.** This remind us with the Word of God in *Psalms 133*, where God had ordained and commanded His blessing, abundant life and life forever more: *“1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; 3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.” (Psalms 133:1-3 KJV)*

**5. Refreshment and satisfaction:** *“25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.” (Jeremiah 31:25 KJV)* The people whom God restore they will say, *“26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.” (Jeremiah 31:26 KJV)* **Upon coming back to God, the food shall become sweet, the drink shall become sweet and the sleep shall become sweet when you repent and come back fully to God.**

**6. Justice will prevail:** *“29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children’s teeth are set on edge. 30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.” (Jeremiah 31:29-30 KJV)* **God is a God of justice and He will punish those who sin according to their sins. As you repent then you can see how God is sparing you many troubles and the painful trials that you were passing through before you repent.**

**6. A new covenant:** *“31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33 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. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (Jeremiah 31:31-34 KJV)* **Going back to God in repentance, leaving the life of sin and have faith in the work of Jesus on the cross where He shed His blood and died for our sin will bring you with covenant with God that He will pour His holy Spirit in us and write His Word in our hearts, “10 For this**

*is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” (Hebrews 8:10-12 KJV)*

**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. Let us 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 thank you for enlightening my mind on the things that I need to repent from and thank you for opening my eyes to see your good plan for me and the way that I need to follow to be fully restored to you.

*Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess your backsliding and moving away from God and away from his church. Confess your worldliness and the rest of the sins that had taken you away from God. Confess that you went away because you wanted to do your own will and plan. Confess your lack of faith and trust in God. Confess wasting your time on the Media and friends. Confess your lack of reading your Bible and your lack of prayer. Lord I repent, forgive me the following sins*

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*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 help me and give me the courage and the perseverance to do that. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

*Lord, thank you for all my Brothers and Sisters who had repented and came back to you. Lord restore them and open their eyes to see your good plan for them and the blessings that you ordained in their lives. Lord use their lives as good testimonies to others to know you. Lord make of them watchmen and watchwomen who are fruitful and good example to others to follow.*

*Lord, bless us as your church, and thank you for the plan of the restoration that you ordained for us. Lord we trust you that you will restore many backsliders and the congregations that had left the ways of yours. Lord bring them to true repentance. Lord we pray for unity in the church with you and with your Word. Lord help us to continue to do your will and to teach your people and guide them with your plan and purpose in their lives and your ways to restore them back to you. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit, lead us to go and evangelize, making new disciples, and training new workers to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord we*

*pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord prepare us for your coming to be ready when you come to take us. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.*

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