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GOD KEEPS HIS COVENANTS WITH JACOB AND DAVID

“The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ‘Have you not observed what these people are saying, “The LORD has rejected the two families which he chose”? Thus, they have despised my people so that they are no longer a nation in their sight. Thus says the LORD: If I have not established my covenant with day and night and the ordinances of heaven and earth, then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his descendants to rule over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy upon them.” Jeremiah 33:23-26 RSV

The rejection or the replacement of Israel is not a new topic. The intensity of God’s judgment on Israel along the centuries has brought many to wonder if God was still in covenant with Israel. The exile, the first destruction of Jerusalem, and the absence of a king on the throne of David opened a crisis of faith within the people. Were the dramatic events showing that God had ended His covenant because of the many sins of His people?

God addresses the issue through the prophet Jeremiah. He rebukes the people who say that the Lord has rejected the families of Jacob, Israel, and David—the royal line. God confirms His covenants with the two families that He chose.

The Lord uses powerful language. His covenants with them are as strong as the cosmic order He set in place. He will not reject them as long as day and night exist. God will have mercy upon them as long as the fixed order of heaven and earth stands. He has established immutable cosmic laws visible in the created order; similarly, His covenants with Israel and David are irreversible. Israel will remain God’s firstborn son and the son of David—Jesus will sit on the messianic throne in Jerusalem forever.

PRAYER I

Our Father,

We bless Your holy name. We thank you for Your faithfulness to Your covenants with Israel. You are true to Your words. You are faithful to Your promises. You always keep Your part of the covenants You established with Your people.

We pray that the Jewish people will come back to Your covenants, see Your faithfulness in spite of the tragedies they have experienced, and see You as You indeed are.

We pray that You give us a deeper understanding of Your covenants. Grant us to know You as the covenant-keeping God. Anchor our faith in the solid foundations of Your covenants so we will be unshakable when everything is shaking.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER II

Day 11 (Day 41 of the Omer, 17 May 2023)

Verse 10(a) "Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people."

Ancient of Days, You have graciously opened for us gates, both new and old, for Your covenant restoration of Israel. I ask You now to open ancient gates, specifically of righteousness, for the next, new phase of Israel's promised restoration. I prophetically proclaim in the Name of Yeshua, Lift up your heads, O you gates and the King of Glory shall come in! I ask You to post angelic and human keepers at these gates who will prove faithful to Your covenant and help prepare the way of righteousness for the people.

Bless our gate keepers with hearts to seek righteousness as in days of old. Anoint them in their appointed realms of religion, government, security and defense, finance, education, media, agriculture, industry, science, health care, high tech, the arts, housing, transportation and every other realm of society.

As You open gates of righteousness, please, my God, raise up prophets in Israel as in days of old. Anoint them to expose unrighteousness and to prepare a new way of righteousness. Grant them access to the gate keepers You appoint. Prepare the way for them to serve together. I also ask You to open gates of understanding and fervent prayer for Israel in Your ekklesia around the world. Raise up gatekeepers of intercession for Israel in every tribe and nation.

Anoint prophets around the globe to beckon their own people to go through new-old gates, contending in love for Zion's sake, for Your Name's sake.

For You do not want the Church to be ignorant of this mystery that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in and in this way (according to the Greek) all Israel will be saved, for that is Your covenant with them (Romans 11:25-26). Revealer of Mysteries, teach Your beloved Church how to attain to fullness and prepare the way for Israel to be saved.

Thank You that by Your grace, my prayers are received in heaven and move Your heart and hand.