

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 30

Jacob's Trouble

- 1 This word came to Yirmeyahu from ADONAI:
- 2 "This is what ADONAI the God of Isra'el says: 'Write all the words I have spoken to you in a scroll.
- 3 For the day is coming,' says ADONAI, 'when I will reverse the exile of my people Isra'el and Y'hudah,' says ADONAI. 'I will cause them to return to the land I gave their ancestors, and they will take possession of it.'"
- 4 These are the words ADONAI spoke concerning Isra'el and Y'hudah:
- 5 Here is what ADONAI says: "We have heard a cry of terror, of fear and not of peace.
- 6 Ask now and see: can men give birth to children? Why, then, do I see all the men with their hands on their stomachs like women in labor, with every face turned pale?
- 7 How dreadful that day will be! - there has never been one like it: a time of trouble for Ya'akov, but out of it he will be saved.
- 8 "On that day," says ADONAI-Tzva'ot, "I will break his yoke from off your neck, I will snap your chains. Foreigners will no longer enslave him.
- 9 Instead, they will serve ADONAI their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.
- 10 "So don't be afraid, Ya'akov my servant," says ADONAI, "or be alarmed, Isra'el; for I will return you from far away and your offspring from their country of exile. Ya'akov will again be quiet, at rest; and no one will make him afraid.
- 11 "For I am with you to save you," says ADONAI, "I will finish off all the nations where I have scattered you. However, you I will not finish off, but will discipline only as you deserve; I will not completely destroy you."
- 12 For here is what ADONAI says: "Your wound is past healing, your injury most severe;
- 13 No one thinks your wound can be bandaged; you have no medicines that can heal you.
- 14 All your friends have forgotten you, they no longer seek you out. I have struck you down as an enemy would, punished as a cruel man would, because of your great wickedness, because of your many sins.
- 15 Why cry that your wound and pain are past healing? I have done these things to you because of your great wickedness, because of your many sins.
- 16 "But all who devour you will be devoured, all your enemies will go into exile, those who plunder you will be plundered, those who pillage you will be pillaged.
- 17 For I will restore your health, I will heal you of your wounds," says ADONAI, "because they called you an outcast, Tziyon, with no one who cares about her."
- 18 Thus says ADONAI: "I will return Ya'akov's captives to their tents; I will take pity on his dwellings. Cities will be rebuilt on their own tells (ruins), with palaces where they're supposed to be.
- 19 From them will come thanksgiving and the sound of people celebrating. I will increase them; they will not be decreased; I will honor them; they will not be despised.
- 20 Their children will be as they used to be, their community confirmed in my presence; and I will punish everyone who oppresses them.
- 21 Their leader will be one of their own, their ruler will come from among them. I will cause him to come close and let him approach me; for, otherwise, who would guarantee his heart enough to approach me?" says ADONAI.
- 22 "You will be my people, and I will be your God."
- 23 Look! The storm of ADONAI, bursting out in fury, a sweeping storm, whirling down upon the heads of the wicked!
- 24 ADONAI's fierce anger will not abate till he accomplishes the purpose in his heart. In the acharit-hayamim (after-days), you will understand.