

Study Hints for Thinking Further

International Bible Lessons

Jeremiah 30:1-3, 18-24

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be the answers to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. Why do you think God told Jeremiah to write what he said in a book?

1. To show how important God’s Word is and that God’s Word should be preserved and given to many for many people to read and study.

2. A written record would prove that God can and does do what He says throughout history as He acts in history.

3. To help people in the future see who God is and what His character is like and what He expects from people.

4. So the Jews in exile would have a written record of what to expect based on God’s promises after their exile;

then they would know how faithful God is to His people and they could see for themselves how God keeps His promises.

5. So when the Messiah came, God's people could read that the Messiah came to establish a new covenant with God's people.

6. So people could learn how our holy and loving God acts justly and mercifully when caring for His people and seeking to save them and correct them when necessary.

7. To show how He can protect His Word from destruction over hundreds and thousands of years and how His Word can bless thousands, even thousands of years later, as He works through His Word.

2. After God punished the kingdom of Judah, what did He promise to do?

Restore them to the land that He had given to their ancestors, help them rebuild their city, and bring them joy.

3. Why do you think God identified himself as the God of Israel and said He would restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob?

To show that even though the Kingdom of Israel had been destroyed in 722 BC and the Kingdom of Judah in 587 BC that eventually He would restore the fortunes of all the 12 tribes of Israel and not just the Kingdom of Judah. Today, Israel is back in the Promised Land again, which leads believers to have great expectations for the future.

4. Who does God punish?

His people, when they persist in disobedience, when they persist in violating the moral law of God (the law of love), when they refuse to repent even after being warned. He will punish those who persist in the unjust treatment of others (such as the Babylonians and the countries that surrounded Israel). He will punish all those who oppress His people.

5. Who did God say shall approach Him? Who would dare to approach Him? Today, who can approach God without fear?

The Messiah, the Prince who would be of the tribe of Israel and the house of David, who would come from their midst, could approach God. God the Father would bring the Messiah near Him and the Messiah would approach God in love and without fear. Those who follow the Messiah Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

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