

# Jeremiah 30:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

## Analysis

**Their children also shall be as aforetime** (וְהָיוּ בְנֵי זֶקֶדֶם, 've-hayu vanav ke-kedem')—covenant continuity across generations. The phrase 'as aforetime' (זֶקֶדֶם, 'ke-kedem', as in ancient times) looks back to pre-exile faithfulness or even further to patriarchal blessing.

**Their congregation shall be established before me** (וְעֵדָתוֹ לִפְנֵי תִכּוֹן, 'adato lefanai tikon')—the assembly (עֵדָה, 'edah') stands firm (כּוֹן, 'kun', established/made steadfast) in God's presence. The promise to **punish all that oppress them** (פָּקַדְתִּי עַל כָּל לֹחֲצִי, 'pakadti al kol lochatsav') guarantees protection. This points to the church established on resurrection ground, eternally secure.

## Historical Context

Each generation after exile faced the challenge of maintaining covenant faithfulness. The promise sustained hope that God would preserve a faithful remnant through every trial.

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How are you investing in the next generation's spiritual formation and stability?
2. What does it mean for God's people to be 'established before Him' in worship and life?
3. How does God's promise to punish oppressors encourage believers facing persecution today?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהָיָה H1961	בְּנֵיהֶם H1121	כְּקִדְמָה H6924	וְעַד H5712	לִפְנֵי H6440
Their children	also shall be as aforetime	and their congregation	before	
וְהָיָה H3559	וְאֶנִּי H6485	אֶל H5921	כָּל H3605	לְחַצְיוֹ H3905
shall be established	me and I will punish		all that oppress	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 32:39** (Parallel theme): And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

**Isaiah 51:22** (Parallel theme): Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

**Isaiah 49:26** (Parallel theme): And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

**Psalms 102:18** (Parallel theme): This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

**Psalms 102:28** (Parallel theme): The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

**Jeremiah 2:3** (Parallel theme): Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

**Jeremiah 30:16** (Parallel theme): Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.