

# Jeremiah 30:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.

## Analysis

**Their nobles shall be of themselves** (וְהַיָּה אֲדִירָן מִמְּנָה, 've-hayah adiro mimenu')—the ruler (אדיר, 'adir', mighty one/noble) comes from among the people, not foreign oppressors. **Their governor shall proceed from the midst of them** (וְמִשְׁלָחוֹ מִקְרָבוֹ, 'umoshlo mikirbo yetse') echoes Moses' prophecy of the Prophet-King (Deut 18:15, 18).

The shocking access: **I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me** (וְהִקְרַבְתִּי וְנִגְשֶׁה אֲלֵי, 've-hikravtiv ve-nigash elai')—priestly language for entering God's presence. **Who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me?** (מי הָא זֶה שָׁרֵב אֶת לְבָבֵךְ לִגְשַׁת אֲלֵי?)—who dares pledge himself as surety to enter the Holy Presence? Only Christ, our Priest-King from Judah's line, mediates access to God (Heb 7:22-25).

## Historical Context

No Davidic king sat on Jerusalem's throne after 586 BC until Christ. This prophecy's full meaning remained hidden until Jesus, the ultimate 'noble from themselves,' bridged the gap between God and humanity.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ fulfill this prophecy as both King from David's line and High Priest?
2. What does it mean that Jesus 'engaged His heart' to approach God on your behalf?
3. How should Christ's mediatorial role shape your boldness in approaching God's throne (Heb 4:16)?

## Interlinear Text

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H1961 And their nobles H4480 shall be of themselves and their governor  
H117

וְמִקְרָב  
H7130 from the midst H3318 shall proceed H7126 of them and I will cause him to draw near

וְאֶל  
H5066 and he shall approach H413 H3588 H4310 H1931 H2088

וְלֹא  
H6148 unto me for who is this that engaged H853 H3820 H5066

וְאֶל  
H5002 unto me saith H3068 the LORD

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 16:5** (References Lord): And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

**Acts 5:31** (Parallel theme): Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

**Ezekiel 37:24** (Parallel theme): And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

**1 John 2:2** (Parallel theme): And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Deuteronomy 18:18** (Parallel theme): I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

**Deuteronomy 33:5** (Parallel theme): And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

**2 Samuel 7:13** (Parallel theme): He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

**Revelation 19:16** (References Lord): And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

**Jeremiah 50:44** (Parallel theme): Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

**Jeremiah 30:9** (References Lord): But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.