

Jeremiah 30:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.

Analysis

The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return (לא ישוב פָּרֹן אַפִּיְהָה) —God's charon aph (burning anger) continues **until He have done it** (עד עָשָׂתָו). Divine wrath is teleological—it accomplishes specific redemptive purposes, not arbitrary punishment. The verb shub (return) plays on the chapter's restoration theme: God's anger won't 'return' (cease) until He brings His people's 'return' (restoration) to pass.

The intents of His heart (תִּזְמִתּוֹת לִבּוֹ, mezimot libbo) means God's deliberate purposes, His planned designs. **In the latter days** (בָּאָתָרִית הַיּוֹםִים) is an eschatological marker pointing beyond immediate history to Messianic fulfillment. Paul echoes this concept—God's wrath reveals His righteousness (Romans 3:25-26), His 'intents' to justify through faith.

Historical Context

The phrase 'latter days' (acharit hayamim) appears throughout prophetic literature (Isaiah 2:2, Daniel 10:14) to mark the Messianic age. Jeremiah's contemporaries in Babylonian exile would 'consider' (understand, Hebrew בִּין) God's plan only with hindsight—Jesus and the apostles declare these 'latter days' have arrived (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does understanding God's wrath as purposeful rather than reactive change your view of His justice?
2. What 'intents of His heart' has God revealed through Christ that Jeremiah's audience couldn't yet see?
3. Why does Scripture repeatedly emphasize that we will 'understand' or 'consider' God's purposes only in retrospect?

Interlinear Text

עֲשֵׂת וְעַד יְהִי הַאֲגֹרֶן פָּרֹוּשׁ וְבַשׁ לֹא
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 23:20 (References Lord): The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

Hosea 3:5 (References Lord): Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Micah 4:1 (References Lord): But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

Jeremiah 4:28 (Parallel theme): For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

Ezekiel 38:16 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

Daniel 10:14 (Parallel theme): Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

Daniel 2:28 (Parallel theme): But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;