

# Jeremiah 30:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

## Analysis

**I will break his yoke from off thy neck** (אֶשְׁבַּר עַלְוָת צָרָב)—After describing terror (vv. 5-7), God promises liberation. The ol (yoke) represents foreign domination—Babylon primarily, but ultimately all Gentile oppression. Breaking the yoke reverses Judah's subjugation, which Jeremiah earlier symbolized by wearing a yoke (ch. 27-28).

**Strangers shall no more serve themselves of him** (וְלֹא יַעֲבֹדוּ בָּזָרִים)—The verb abad (serve, enslave) reverses: Israel, who served (abad) Babylon (27:17), will be freed from servitude. The phrase zarim (strangers, foreigners) encompasses all non-covenant oppressors. Partial fulfillment came through Persian liberation (538 BC), but full fulfillment awaits Messiah's kingdom when Israel serves only the LORD (v. 9), never again subjugated.

## Historical Context

Spoken during Babylonian captivity's beginning, this promise sustained hope through 70 years exile and subsequent domination by Persia, Greece, and Rome. The 'yoke' became metaphor for all foreign rule until Messiah's liberating reign.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

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

## Study Questions

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1. What yokes of foreign oppression or ungodly bondage does God promise to break in your life?
2. How does Christ's yoke (Matthew 11:29-30) liberate you from slavery to sin, self, and Satan?
3. What practical steps mark your transition from serving 'strangers' to serving only the LORD?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיֹהִי		בַּיּוֹם		וְיֹהֵה אֶלְךָ		יְהִי הַיּוֹם		וְיֹהֵה אֶלְךָ	
H1961	For it shall come to pass in that day		H3117		H1931	saith		the LORD	
					H5002		H3068		
וּמְוֹסְרוֹתִים יְבַשֶּׂר		צַאַר בְּנֵי		מַעַל עַל		אָשֵׁב רַ		אָשֵׁב אֶת	
of hosts	that I will break	his yoke		H5921		from off thy neck		thy bonds	
H6635	H7665	H5923			H6677		H4147		
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and will burst	H3808	shall no more serve		H0	H5750	and strangers		H2114	
H5423		H5647							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 34:27** (References Lord): And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

**Nahum 1:13** (Parallel theme): For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

**Isaiah 9:4** (Parallel theme): For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

**Jeremiah 27:2** (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck,

**Jeremiah 28:10** (Parallel theme): Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.

**Isaiah 14:25** (Parallel theme): That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

**Isaiah 10:27** (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

**Jeremiah 25:14** (Parallel theme): For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

**Jeremiah 27:7** (Parallel theme): And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

**Jeremiah 28:13** (References Lord): Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.