

# Jeremiah 33:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

## Analysis

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**Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time**—This divine word (דְּבַר־יְהוָה, debar-YHWH) came while Jeremiah remained imprisoned in **the court of the prison** (חֲצַר הַמַּטְטָרָה, chatsar hammattarah). The 'second time' refers back to chapter 32, emphasizing God's persistent grace even when Jeremiah was confined for prophesying Jerusalem's fall. The prison courtyard became a pulpit for restoration promises—God speaks His brightest words in our darkest places.

This pattern of hope-in-confinement anticipates Paul's prison epistles (Philippians, Ephesians) where captivity produced theology of cosmic restoration. The prophet who announced judgment now receives revelation of redemption, demonstrating that God's final word is always grace.

## Historical Context

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Jeremiah was imprisoned by King Zedekiah (circa 588 BC) in the court of the guard for prophesying Jerusalem's conquest by Babylon. From this confined space, God revealed some of Scripture's most glorious restoration promises, showing that physical captivity could not limit divine revelation.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. When have you experienced God's clearest guidance during your most restricted circumstances?
2. How does Jeremiah's prison testimony encourage faithfulness when speaking truth costs you freedom?
3. What 'second time' words of hope might God be speaking to situations you've already given up on?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיָהִי י' H1961	דְּבַר H1697	יְהוָה ה' H3068	אֵל H413	יָרָמָה הוּ H3414	שֵׁנִי ית H8145
	Moreover the word	of the LORD		came unto Jeremiah	the second
וְהוּא H1931	עוֹדְנוּ H5750	עַצְמוֹ H6113	בְּחֹצֵר H2691	הַמִּטְכָּה H4307	
		time while he was yet shut up	in the court	of the prison	
לֵאמֹר: H559	saying				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 37:21** (Parallel theme): Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

**Jeremiah 38:28** (Parallel theme): So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was there when Jerusalem was taken.

**Jeremiah 32:8** (Word): So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

**2 Timothy 2:9** (Word): Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

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