

# Jeremiah 33:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name;

## Analysis

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**The LORD the maker thereof** (יהָיָה עֲשֵׂה, YHWH osah)—God identifies Himself as Creator who **formed it** (יצַר, yatsar, the potter's shaping) **to establish it** (להקִינֵה, lahakinah, to make firm/secure). The threefold description—maker, former, establisher—grounds restoration promises in God's creative sovereignty. What He formed in creation, He can re-form in redemption.

**The LORD is his name** (יְהָיָה שְׁמוֹ, YHWH shemo)—The covenant name YHWH (the self-existent One) guarantees His promises. His character ensures His faithfulness. This formula echoes Exodus 15:3 and anticipates the New Jerusalem where God's name will be on His people's foreheads (Revelation 22:4).

## Historical Context

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Written during the Babylonian siege when Jerusalem's destruction seemed certain, this verse anchors hope in God's creative power. The same God who 'formed' Adam from dust (using yatsar) can reform His devastated people. The triple emphasis counters the nation's despair with divine ability.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's identity as Creator-Former-Establisher speak to areas of your life that feel ruined beyond repair?
2. What difference does it make that YHWH's name (His essential character) guarantees His restoration promises?
3. In what ways does God's creative power demonstrated in Genesis inform your expectations for new beginnings?

## Interlinear Text

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בָּקָה רָאָם אֶת־הָיָה יְהֹוָה עֲשָׂה הָיָה יְהֹוָה וַיַּצְאֵר אֶת־הָאָרֶץ  
H3541 Thus saith H559 it the LORD H3068 the maker H6213 it the LORD H3068 that formed H853  
לְקַיּוּם הַיְהֹוָה שְׁמוֹ: הַיְהֹוָה הַיְהֹוָה הַיְהֹוָה  
it to establish it the LORD is his name H3559 H3068 H8034

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 15:3** (References Lord): The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

**Exodus 6:3** (Parallel theme): And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

**Isaiah 37:26** (Parallel theme): Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities into ruinous heaps.