

# Jeremiah 33:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying** (וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶל־יְהוָנָה) —a second revelation while Jeremiah remains imprisoned (v. 1, 'shut up in the court of the prison'). The Hebrew debar-YHWH (word of the LORD) marks prophetic authority—not Jeremiah's opinion but divine speech. This formula appears over 150 times in Jeremiah, grounding hope in God's initiative, not human optimism.

The verse serves as transitional hinge: vv. 1-22 detailed Davidic and Levitical covenant promises; vv. 23-26 address skeptical objections to those promises. The structure mirrors ancient Near Eastern disputation oracles where the prophet anticipates and refutes doubts. God doesn't merely announce restoration—He engages with Israel's unbelief, dignifying their doubts with reasoned response.

## Historical Context

This second oracle came during the same imprisonment period as chapter 32 (588-587 BC), likely days or weeks after the initial revelation. Jerusalem was still under siege, conditions worsening daily. The delay between first and second words tests prophetic patience—God's timing differs from human urgency, yet His word comes 'a second time' (שְׁנִית), confirming and expanding initial promises.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's willingness to address doubts and objections inform your approach to honest questions about His promises?
2. What does the timing—a second word during continued imprisonment—teach about God's communication pattern in trials?
3. Why might God separate His messages into multiple revelations rather than giving complete information at once?

## Interlinear Text

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לֹאמֶר:	יְרָמִי הָיָה	אֵל	יְהוָה ה	דְּבָר	זֶה
H1961	<b>Moreover</b>	<b>the word</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>	H1697	
			H3068		
			H413		
				<b>came to</b>	<b>Jeremiah</b>
				H3414	
					<b>saying</b>
					H559

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