

# Jeremiah 33:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying,  
The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even  
cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they  
should be no more a nation before them.

## Analysis

**Considerest thou not what this people have spoken?** (כלוא באת מיה-בעם זהה)—God quotes the skeptics' objection. Ra'itah (have you seen/noticed) uses visual perception for spiritual discernment—'Do you see what they're saying?' **This people** (ha'am hazeh) creates slight distance, marking their speech as contrary to covenant faith.

**The two families which the LORD hath chosen, He hath even cast them off** (שתי המשפחות אשר בחר יהוה בhem ימאות)—the 'two families' likely refers to Israel (northern kingdom, already exiled by Assyria in 722 BC) and Judah (southern kingdom, now falling to Babylon). The verb ma'as (מאס, reject/despise) appears in covenant-breaking contexts (Leviticus 26:44, 1 Samuel 15:23, 26). **Thus they have despised My people** (ואת-עמי יתאצז)—mockery denies Israel's continued status as ammi (My people), God's covenant designation (Exodus 3:7, Hosea 2:23).

## Historical Context

The dual exile (Assyrian and Babylonian) made Israel's enemies conclude God had permanently abandoned His people. This taunting reflects ancient Near Eastern theology where conquered people's gods were deemed impotent. Ezekiel

addressed identical skepticism (37:11, 'Our bones are dried, our hope is lost'). The objection: election doesn't survive disobedience; covenant has limits.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. When have circumstances made God's promises seem nullified, leading to doubts about His faithfulness?
2. How do external voices ('this people') versus internal covenant identity ('My people') shape our theology of election?
3. What's the difference between questioning God's methods (legitimate) and denying His character (apostasy)?

## Interlinear Text

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שְׁתַיִם לְאַמְרָה דָבָר הַזֶּה מִתְבָּאֵב בְּלֹא מִתְבָּאֵב  
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בְּמִשְׁפָחָה וְתַּּחֲנֵן רַבְּנָן הַמְּלָאֵךְ יְהִי הַמְּלָאֵךְ  
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H3988 he hath even cast them off H853 my people H5971 thus they have despised H5006 H1961

לִפְנֵיכֶם: בְּרִית עֲמָד  
H5750 that they should be no more a nation H1471 before H6440

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 83:4** (Parallel theme): They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

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