

# 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?** (הֲלֹא רָאִיתָ מָה־הֵעָם הַזֶּה) —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** (שְׁתֵּי הַמִּשְׁפָּחוֹת אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר יְהוָה בָּהֶם וַיִּמְאַסֵם) —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 (מָאַס, reject/despise) appears in covenant-breaking contexts (Leviticus 26:44, 1 Samuel 15:23, 26). **Thus they have despised My people** (וְאָת־עַמִּי יִנְאַצֹּן) —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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שְׁתֵּי י	לֹאמְרֵי	דִּבְרֵי ו	הִזָּה	עַמִּי	מָה	כֹּא יֵת	הֵל וֹא
H8147	H559	H1696	H2088	H5971	H4100	H7200	H3808
The two	saying	have spoken		my people		Considerest	
בָּקֵה מ	יְהוָה ה	בָּחַר ר	אֲשֶׁר ר	הַמְשֻׁפָּח וֹת			
H0	H3068	H977	H834	H4940			
	which the LORD	hath chosen	families				
מִהֵי וֹת	יִנָּאֵצוּ וְ	עַמִּי	וְאֵת	וְיִמָּאֵס מ			
H1961	H5006	H5971	H853	H3988			
	thus they have despised	my people	he hath even cast them off				
לִפְנֵיהֶם:	ג וְ	ע וֹד					
H6440	H1471	H5750					
before	that they should be no more a nation						

## 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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