

Jeremiah 33:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

Analysis

Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David My servant (גַּם־זֶה עַל־עֲקָב) —conditional impossibility (protasis without fulfillable apodosis). 'If creation stops, then (and only then) I'll reject Israel.' Zera' (seed, זֶה) links to Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 13:16, 17:7-8); 'David My servant' invokes Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7:12-16). Both covenants operate in tandem—ethnic election (Jacob) and royal/messianic line (David).

Historical Context

Written when Judah's monarchy was collapsing (587 BC), this seemed delusional—yet post-exilic hopes centered on Zerubbabel (Davidic descendant, Haggai 2:23)

and awaited the Messiah. Romans 11:26-29 cites Jeremiah's new covenant (31:31-34) alongside Isaiah to prove God hasn't rejected Israel: 'The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.' Paul sees the Davidic-Abrahamic promise persisting in gospel age.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus's Davidic lineage and eternal kingship fulfill this verse's promise despite the monarchy's ancient collapse?
2. What does 'irrevocable' (Romans 11:29) covenant mean when Israel has repeatedly broken covenant conditions?
3. How should the church relate to God's continuing purposes for ethnic Israel in light of shared Abrahamic promises?

Interlinear Text

אָמַא סָעַדְתִּי בְּעֵדֶן
will I cast away
my servant
and David
and Jacob
any of his seed
Then

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H2233
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אָבָרְבָּם בְּעֵדֶן
of Abraham
any of his seed
אל מֶשֶׁלִים
to be rulers
any of his seed
so that I will not take
H413
H2233
H4910
H2233
H3947

שְׁבֹותָם בְּעֵדֶן
for I will cause their captivity
אֶת אָשָׁר וְבָרֵךְ
to return
H853
H7725
H3588
H3290
and Jacob
Isaac
H7622
H3446

וְרַחֲמָתִים:
and have mercy
H7355

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 31:37 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 14:1 (Grace): For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

Hosea 2:23 (Grace): And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

Isaiah 54:8 (Grace): In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Jeremiah 31:20 (Grace): Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

Ezekiel 39:25 (Grace): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;

Hosea 1:7 (Grace): But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

Romans 11:32 (Grace): For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Genesis 49:10 (Parallel theme): The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

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