

# 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-זָרַע יַעֲקֹב וְדָוִד עַבְדִּי אֶמְאַס)—conditional impossibility (protasis without fulfillable apodosis). 'If creation stops, then (and only then) I'll reject Israel.' Zera' (seed, זָרַע) 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).

**So that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**—the promise: David's descendants will perpetually govern Abraham's descendants. This appears falsified by exile's end of monarchy—yet the genealogies (Matthew 1, Luke 3) trace Jesus to David, and His eternal reign (Luke 1:32-33, Revelation 11:15) fulfills this unconditionally. **For I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them** (כִּי-אֶשׁוּב [אֶת-]שְׁבוּתָם)—racham (have mercy, רָחַם) is covenant love renewing despite deserved judgment.

## 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

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**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

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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

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גַּם	זֶרַע	וַיַּעֲקֹב	וְדָוִד	עַבְדִּי	אֶמְאַס
Then	any of his seed	and Jacob	and David	my servant	will I cast away
H1571	H2233	H3290	H1732	H5650	H3988
מִקֵּץ חַת	זֶרַע	מְשָׁלִים	אֶל	זֶרַע	אַבְרָהָם
so that I will not take	any of his seed	to be rulers	H413	any of his seed	of Abraham
H3947	H2233	H4910		H2233	H85
יִשְׁחָק	וַיַּעֲקֹב	כִּי	אָשׁוּב	אֶת	שְׁבוּתָם
Isaac	and Jacob	H3588	to return	H853	for I will cause their captivity
H3446	H3290		H7725		H7622
וְרַחֲמֵתִים:					
and have mercy					
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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