

## **Jeremiah's Field**

Jeremiah 30 - 33

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Jeremiah's cousin came to him in prison and asked him to buy a particular field so the land would remain in their family. Jeremiah made the purchase, and in front of many witnesses, he gave the original sealed deed of purchase and an unsealed copy to Baruch, telling him, "Put these documents into a clay jar to be preserved. They are a sign that many years from now, people will again be able to purchase property in this land."

The Lord said, "The people of Jerusalem are as good as dead. The city will fall to Nebuchadnezzar and be burned to the ground. This is a natural consequence for the actions of my people, who have burned incense to the idols they set up in their homes, on the hilltops, and even in my own Temple. They have repeatedly turned away from me ever since I established them in this land. I have constantly instructed them, but they refused to listen. Now they will suffer for their evil ways. Babylon will conquer them and carry them off into exile.

"But I will never abandon my people, just as night will always follow day, and day will always follow night. I will bring my people back to this land from all the places they have been scattered. Here they will live in prosperity and peace. I will give them the desire and the ability to know me. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

"The day will come when I will raise up a righteous branch from the line of King David, a Messiah who will reign wisely and do what is right. He will be called The Lord Our Righteousness. Through him people of every nation on earth will come to know me."