

THE ONE YEAR BIBLE Reading For October 19:

Jeremiah 33:1-34:22:

In chapter 33 we find the conclusion of the section which has focused upon restoration of the people of God (30-33). Here we learn that the LORD will not only restore peace to His people by restoring their fortunes, cleansing them from sin, and making them a source of joy and glory for Him (cf. 7-9), He will also fulfill with them the Davidic Covenant (14-17). This is significant because it demonstrates that the future New Covenant and the ultimate restoration of God's people takes place through the Messiah. Judah may return to the land beginning in the 530's B.C., however, these promises are not fulfilled until over 500 years later when the Christ comes on the scene to accomplish and apply to God's people the New Covenant. It is revealed that the door by which this covenant will be opened is the LORD's righteousness through the Messiah (16). What is more, the people of God will never lack a priest to offer sacrifice for them (18). This also has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ who is also the sacrifice offered eternally (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 5:6-10; 7:11-25).

These chapters in Jeremiah make very clear for us that we can never fully appreciate our salvation today or our place as part of the New Testament Church unless we see all this in relation to the history of God's work of redemption as unveiled in the Old Testament.

Chapters 34-39 speak of the last days of Jerusalem, the time just before its fall. Chapter 34 is the first of two chapters which reveals the unfaithfulness of Judah which highlights why the exile is needed. In chapter 34 King Zedekiah learns he will die in Babylon for going back on his promise to free slaves.

1 Timothy 4:1-16:

In verses 1-5 Paul reminds Timothy that in the "later times" (the era of the New Testament Church) some will depart from the true faith and sound teaching. His point is that this is exactly what is happening in Ephesus with the false teachers who are placing unnecessary restrictions upon people (2-3), forbidding things which have been created and given by God as good (4-5).

In verses 6-16 Paul instructs Timothy to be faithful in accurately teaching the Scriptures and also living out the Scriptures (an emphasis which stems from the presence of the false teaching/living). These two emphases (right teaching and right living) not only flow from the gospel in us (1:11; 3:16), they also set the right foundation and example for those to whom we minister and/or those we are seeking to lead. Note also that Paul teaches throughout his epistles right living flows out of right doctrine, more specifically, it flows out of the gospel's work in us. Take some time to pray for yourself and the leadership of your church that gospel-directed, Christ-exalting, Spirit-led right teaching and right living would be the marks of your life and service.

Psalms 89:1-13:

This psalm praises God for the covenant made with David, the king, realizing that as the king goes, so goes the nation. If the king and his descendants are blessed through the

covenant made with them, then God's people will also be blessed. Since Jesus Christ is the one who ultimately fulfills the covenant made with David and is the ultimate king, Christians now read this psalm and can rejoice and have our faith built up in the reality that we are united to Him and, as a result, we have the blessings and benefits of the people of God!

Proverbs 25:23-24:

Here we have truths which have been often-repeated: An angry, biting tongue brings bad results and the choice of a spouse is very important, for one who is out-of-control and angry can make life miserable.