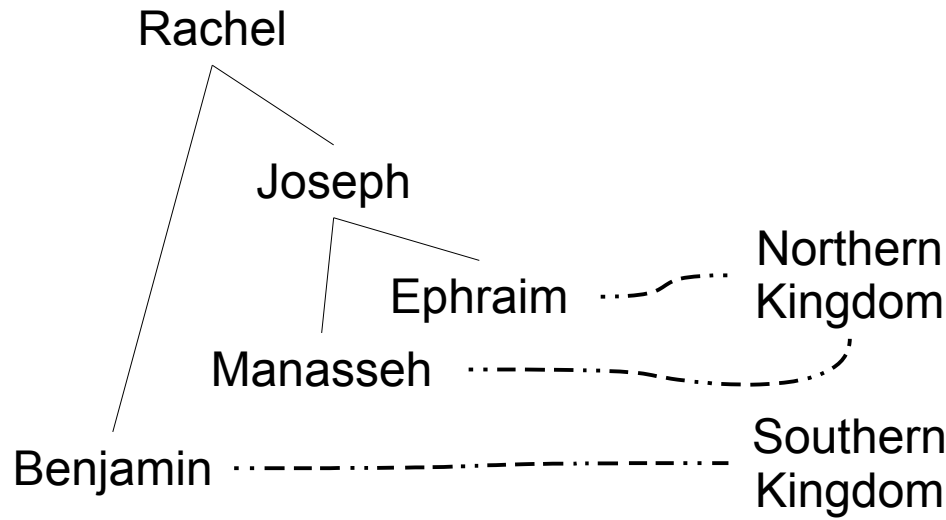


# Treasure Hunt

- Why does God allow some rulers to curse his people?
- How does the quotation formula in 2:23 different from those we have seen earlier?
- What did people mean when they called someone a “Nazarene”?
- Can you give a reference from the prophets predicting that people would treat our Lord this way?
- What should we expect if we follow the Lord Jesus?

# Historical Background of Jer 31:15

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# Jacob, Rachel, and the Slaughter of the Innocents

Genesis	Jer 31:15	Matt 2:18
<p>37:35 [Jacob] <b>refused to be comforted</b>; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto <b>my son</b> mourning. Thus his father <b>wept</b> for him.</p> <p>42:36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: <b>Joseph is not</b>, and Simeon <b>is not</b>, and ye will take <b>Benjamin</b> away: all these things are against me.</p>	<p>Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, <i>and</i> bitter weeping; <b>Rahel weeping</b> for <b>her children [sons]</b> <b>refused to be comforted</b> for <b>her children [sons]</b>, because they <b>were not</b>.</p>	<p>In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, <b>Rachel weeping</b> for <b>her children</b>, and <b>would not be comforted</b>, because they <b>are not</b>.</p>

# Jeremiah's Broader Context

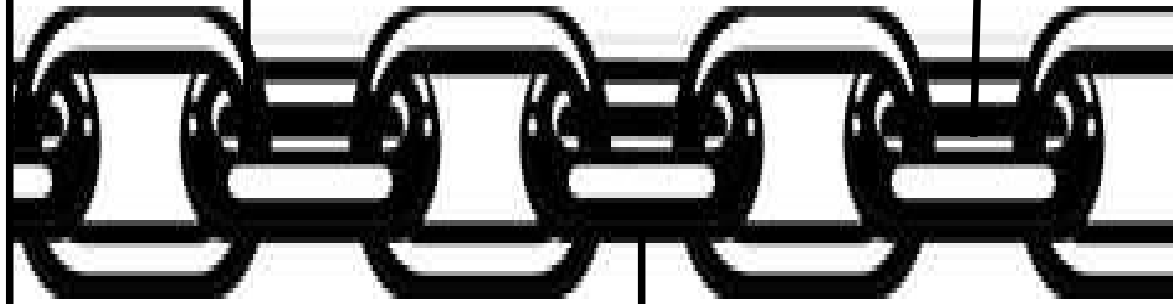
Theme	Jeremiah	Jacob
Rachel's Mourning	15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, <i>and</i> bitter weeping; <b>Rahel weeping</b> for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they <i>were</i> not.	Jacob mourns loss of Joseph and Benjamin
Promise of Restoration	16 Thus saith the LORD; <b>Refrain thy voice from weeping</b> , and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. 17 And <b>there is hope</b> in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.	Jacob reunited with his sons
Repentance of the Sinful	18 I have surely heard Ephraim <b>bemoaning himself</b> ... 19 Surely after that I was turned, I <b>repented</b> ; ...	Gen 42:21 Repentance of the brothers
Forgiveness	20 <i>Is</i> Ephraim my dear son? <i>is he</i> a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; <b>I will surely have mercy</b> upon him, saith the LORD.	Gen 50:21 Joseph forgives
Restoration	21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, <i>even</i> the way <i>which</i> thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities. ... 24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they <i>that</i> go forth with flocks. 25 For <b>I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.</b>	Gen 46:4 Return to the Land
	26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and <b>my sleep was sweet</b> unto me.	

# Gentile Oppression of Israel

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Mat 2:17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and **curse him that curseth thee**: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

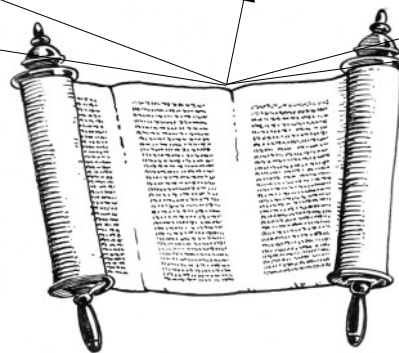


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Rev 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and **cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**.

# “That it might be fulfilled...”

1:18-25	2:1-12	2:13-15	2:16-18	2:19-23
Announcement to Joseph	Wise men to Bethlehem	Flight into Egypt	Slaughter of the Innocents	Return to Nazareth
<p>22 Now all this was done, <b>that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,</b> 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Isa 7:14</b></p>	<p>5 for <b>thus it is written by the prophet,</b> 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mic 5:2 (MT 1)</b></p>	<p>15 <b>that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,</b> Out of Egypt have I called my son.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hos 11:1</b></p>	<p>17 <b>Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,</b> 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jer 31:15</b></p>	<p>23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: <b>that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets,</b> He shall be called a Nazarene.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>???</b></p>



# “He shall be called a Nazarene”

Joh 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. 46 And Nathanael said unto him, **Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?** Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

Joh 7:52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for **out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.**

Act 24:5 For we have found this man *a pestilent fellow*, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of **the sect of the Nazarenes:**

# “...spoken by the prophets”

Isa 49:7 Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man **despise**th, to him whom the nation **abhorre**th, to a **servant** of rulers,

Isa 50:6 I gave my back to the **smite**rs, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Isa 53:3 He is **despise**d and **reje**cted of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was **despise**d, and we esteemed him not.

Psa 22:6 But I am a worm, and no man; a **reproach** of men, and **despise**d of the people.

Psa 69:19 Thou hast known my **reproach**, and my shame, and my **dishonour**: mine adversaries are all before thee. 20 **Reproach** hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

Mic 5:1 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall **smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek**.

Zec 11:4 Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter; ... 8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul lothed them, and **their soul also abhorred me**.



# “the sect of the Nazarenes”

Joh 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, **therefore the world hateth you.** 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

Luk 6:26 **Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!** for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall **revile** you, and **persecute** you, and shall **say all manner of evil** against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.