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2 Samuel 2, Jeremiah 8, Matthew 19



Shall they fall and not arise?

Abner knew the effect on Joab, but he kills Asahel, “Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?” (2Sa 2:26). For Abner it was bitter.

Thus saith Yahweh; “Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?” (Jer 8:4). “Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times..but my people know not the judgment of Yahweh” (8:7). As “The wise men are ashamed,..they have rejected the word of Yahweh; and what wisdom is in them?” (8:9). Therefore, “the things that I have given them shall pass away from them” (8:13). “We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble! ..:Is not Yahweh in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities? The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved” (8:15-20). Just as in David's time, there was trouble in Israel as they rejected Yahweh's choice, and chose their own king. But the prophet's bones that those in Jeremiah's Jerusalem had caused to fall, would arise.

Yeshua said, “Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments” (Mat 19:17). And he added, “If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me” (Mat 19:21). A loss now, a fall is required, to arise. To Peter Yeshua added, “And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life” (Mat 19:29).