



Week #8: Grace Gets the Last Word

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And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns
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Jeremiah 52:31-34 (NIV)

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Romans 3:23 (NLT)

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1 John 4:10 (NLT)

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For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT)

3. Grace gets _____.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1 (NIV)

"See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

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Discussion Questions

1. After building throughout the book to God's judgment upon Israel and Judah, are you surprised by the way in which the book ends? Why or why not?
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3. What is the significance of eating at the kings' table? What does this say about how God rewards faithful people, even those who wait 37 years for answered prayer?

Recommended Resources

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