

## Jeremiah 8:4-22 Reverse parallelism



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**1A) 8:4-12** They have rejected the word of YHVH; they have healed **THE FRACTURE OF THE DAUGHTER OF MY PEOPLE** lightly; {p}

**1a) 8:4-7** Why has this people **FALLEN** so that they do not rise?

**1a) 8:4-5** “And you shall say to them, ‘Thus says YHVH: “Do those who fall not rise up? If one turns away, does he not return? 5 Why has this **PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM TURNED AWAY** in perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit; they refuse to return;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 8:6a** I ATTENDED AND PAID HEED;

**2a) 8:6b-7** They do not speak rightly; no man repents of his wickedness, saying, ‘What have I done?’ **EVERYONE TURNS TO** his course, like a horse rushing headlong into the battle. 7 Even the stork in the heavens knows her appointed times; and the turtledove and the swift and the crane observe the time of their coming; but My people do not know the ordinance of YHVH;

**1b) 8:8-9** **SCRIBES/ WISE** lying, foolish, dismayed;

**1a) 8:8a** How can you say, ‘We *are* **WISE**,

**1b) 8:8b** And **THE LAW OF YHVH** *is* with us?’

**CENTRAL AXIS) 8:8c-9a** BEHOLD, THE LYING PEN OF THE SCRIBES HAS INDEED MADE *IT* INTO A LIE. 9 THE WISE ARE PUT TO SHAME; THEY ARE DISMAYED AND TAKEN;

**2b) 8:9b** Behold, **THE WORD OF YHVH** they have rejected;

**2a) 8:9c** So what **WISDOM** *is* in them?

**central axis) 8:10a** THEREFORE I WILL GIVE THEIR WIVES TO OTHERS, *AND* THEIR FIELDS TO THOSE WHO SHALL SEIZE THEM;

**2b) 8:10b-12a** Even **PRIESTS/ PROPHETS** greedy, false, committed abomination;

**1a) 8:10b** For from the least even to the greatest, everyone is **GREEDY FOR GAIN**; from *the* prophet even to *the* priest, everyone **DEALS FALSELY**;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 8:11** AND THEY HAVE HEALED THE FRACTURE OF THE DAUGHTER OF MY PEOPLE LIGHTLY, SAYING, ‘PEACE, PEACE,’ WHEN *THERE IS* NO PEACE;

**2a) 8:12a** Were they ashamed when they **COMMITTED ABOMINATION**? No, they were not at all ashamed; neither did they know *how* to blush;

**2a) 8:12b** Therefore **THEY SHALL FALL** among those who fall; at the time I visit them, they shall stumble,” says YHVH; {p}

**1B) 8:13-16** YHVH has given us **POISONED WATER** to drink, because we have sinned against Him without repenting;

**1a) 8:13** “Surely I will snatch them away,” declares YHVH; “*there shall be* no grapes on *the* vine, nor figs on *the* fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and *what* I have given to them **SHALL PASS AWAY FROM THEM**,”

**1b) 8:14a** Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter the fortified cities and be silent there; for YHVH our God has **DOOMED US TO SILENCE** and given us poisoned water to drink;

**central axis) 8:14b** BECAUSE WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YHVH;

**2b) 8:15-16a** We looked for peace, but no good *came*; for a time of healing, but behold, **TERROR**. **16** The snorting of his **HORSES IS HEARD FROM DAN**; at the sound of the neighing of his stallions the whole land **QUAKES**;

**2a) 8:16b** **THEY COME AND DEVOUR THE LAND** and all that fills it, the city and those who dwell in it; {p}

**2B) 8:17** For behold, **I AM SENDING** among you **SERPENTS, ADDERS** against which there *is* no charm, **AND THEY SHALL BITE YOU**,” declares YHVH; {s}

**1A) 8:18-22** For the **FRACTURE OF THE DAUGHTER OF MY PEOPLE** I am fractured; {s}

**1a) 8:18** My joy is gone; **GRIEF IS UPON ME**; My heart *is* sick;

**1b) 8:19a** “Behold, the voice of **THE CRY OF THE DAUGHTER OF MY PEOPLE** from the far reaches of the land;

**1c) 8:19b** ‘*Is* YHVH not in Zion? *Is* her King not in her?’ [*i.e.*, **THE DAUGHTER’S CRY**];

central axis) **8:19c** **WHY HAVE THEY PROVOKED ME TO ANGER WITH THEIR CARVED IMAGES, WITH FOREIGN VANITIES?**

**2c) 8:20** ‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved;’ [*i.e.*, **THE DAUGHTER’S LAMENT**];

**2b) 8:21a** For **THE FRACTURE OF THE DAUGHTER OF MY PEOPLE** I am fractured;

**2a) 8:21b-22** I mourn; **DISMAY HAS TAKEN HOLD OF ME**. **22** *Is there* no balm in Gilead? *Is there* no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of My people not been restored?” {s}