

Chapter 5

RACHEL ???

In past chapters, I have brought out hidden Bible verses that were otherwise “missed” of the female **DEITY**, due to (possible) translation errors. [I still put MY money on “What the Scribes Did” before the TRANSLATORS (Some still alive today.) ever got THEIR hand on the “Manuscripts”.] Though these verses might **NOW ALERT US** that a female **DEITY CAN EXIST**, these same verses did not specifically zero in on (1) the **NAME GABRIELLE**, that (2) **SHE IS** the **HOLY GHOST**, or (3) that the **HOLY GHOST’S NAME** is the **DEITY GABRIELLE**, what so ever.

I have **GOOD NEWS** for YOU. That is not MY “Problem” and I AM not here to “Prove” anything by what a humanly compiled book “Says”, or “Does not Say”. However, that does not mean I cannot show what the humanly compiled **WORD** of **GOD DOES** have to “**SAY**”, as far as “**IT** Does Go”.

Frankly, I prefer the “**LIVING WORD OF GOD**” MYSELF. Consider this YOUR **BLESSED** day. I read the **ONE** and **LISTEN** to the **OTHER** and **GLADLY SHARE** what **BOTH** “**DO** have to **SAY**”.

Before I can **OFFICIALLY INTRODUCE THIS** female **DEITY GABRIELLE** to YOU, I must inform MANKIND of, at best, a “partial Fulfillment” of a **PROPHECY** that is otherwise reported, in error, by the author of Matthew, as being “Completely Fulfilled”. See verse 17 of Matthew Chapter 2, which says: Then what Jeremiah, the **PROPHET**, had spoken “was Fulfilled”. (Emphasis MINE.)

Without this understanding, of this “Verse” (Which no “Group of PERSONS” wants to see Fulfilled “Via the Group” they may be “clinging to”.), the matter concerning **GABRIELLE** only gets more “Clouded”. Now read Matthew 2:18 (Taken from Jeremiah 31:15 being quoted below.) which goes:

Thus says the LORD, “A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentations and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refused to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more.”

For obvious reason, I can see why the author Matthew would want this particular Bible verse especially **Fulfilled** “Elsewhere” thereby directed away from “his people”. Let US see how Matthew handles this verse anyway. The “Book of Matthew” in the New Testament (NASB) records this verse (2:18) as:

“A VOICE IS HEARD IN RAMAH, WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING, RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN; AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED, BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE.”

No other author of the four Gospels (or elsewhere, I know of) takes this “One Text” out from a “Multitude of Other Texts (That Go Together)” with what the **PROPHET** Jeremiah (and the **PROPHET** Isaiah) is trying to get across. →

[It is more like “**What THEY are SCREAMING at US**” as “referenced to with the City of Ramah” being mentioned. Usually, by the time WE get to the “Lamentations and Bitter Weeping” the “**D**amage” is already “long done”. Here, in the beginning of Matthew, (brought forward to this present “day and age” 2000 plus Years from JESUS’ 1st Advent.), we (supposedly formed of clay) now “have the life expectancy of a Clay Pigeon on a shooting range”. At the speed of which this happens, there is “no time for warning”, and “Rachel goes right into MOURNING and WEEPING for her children, that WERE NO MORE”. (See why **I have to clear this “Verse Taken Out of Context” up?**)

Want more? During the Cuban Missile Crisis in October of 1962, the Soviets were still having trouble with the time required to launch their ICBM, the R-16. The R-16 took hours to fuel and launch. A ranking Red Army marshal remarked “Before we get it ready to launch, there won’t even be a wet spot left of any of us.” At that time, Khrushchev had 20 ICBM’s to the 160 Kennedy had as his disposal. See (as taken from the Book Cover) “A FIERY PEACE IN A COLD WAR - BERNARD SCHRIEVER AND THE ULTIMATE WEAPON” by Pulitzer Prize winning author NEIL SHEEHAN. Page 406.]

← Now while the **S**laughter of innocent children (Also reported **ONLY** in Matthew.), especially under the age of 2 years old, is a **T**errible **T**hing, it does not rise to the level the **PROPHET** Jeremiah is

“Portraying Here”. Through “Wishful Thinking” in trying to do away with this “Verse” via some other means, author Matthew may have **WRITTEN** of a “Prelude To What **Is** To Come”, but not of “Its Complete **F**ulfillment”, as reported **ONLY** in Matthew 2:17, by any means, at the time of the “Birth of **JESUS**”. Allow ME to explain a few things “With This Singled Out Verse” before I take YOU back to the “Book of Jeremiah”.

For the sake of discussion, it is **“RELEVANT”** to **GABRIELLE**, **WHO** this **RACHEL** is. Two different **WOMEN** bidding for the same **POSITION DOES NOT** (usually) lead to anything **“GOOD”**.

Let US see if WE can decipher this text. Shall WE begin?

“Ramah” is a city in the “Tribal Land of Benjamin” and simply means “A Height”, or “The Height”. Now many cities in Bible times were located on tops of hills for safety reasons. This included Jerusalem, and many became known as “The Height” or “Ramah”, “Ramath”, or “Ramoath”, in Hebrew but to name a few names for these types of cities, as YOU will soon see.

The “Ramah” in question, associated with the (early) “Territory of Benjamin (before completely surrounded by Judah)”, is in the same group as mentioned with Gebus (“Geba” or “Jeba” of which became “Jerusalem”). The female judge Deborah dwelt between Ramah and Bethel. Many points are clear about this particular elevated city. It is a mile and a half north of the south brink of the great valley on the elevation (height) the name implies. The much higher Jerusalem (a mountain in Isaiah 10:32) in comparison, with Gibeah (Meaning “a hill” in Hebrew.) and Ramah, is about two miles south from “Gibeah and Ramah”. When Israel was divided, Ramah was between the two Kingdoms. Ramah was “built up (more than once, from many attaches)” to guard the approach to Jerusalem from the north. “At Mishmash he crosses the ravine and then successfully dislodges (alarms) Gaba (Jerusalem).” See Isaiah 10:29.

That is how close this city is to Jerusalem, especially for the “Sounding of an Alarm” to awake Jerusalem’s (Israel’s) present day (sleeping “10 VIRGINS”) RESIDENCE up.

(“Are YOU sleeping? Are YOU sleeping BROTHERS and SISTERS? Do YOU hear the **WARNING** sounds?” Are YOU

beginning to sense the **IMPORTANCE** as to why this “Verse” is in the beginning of the Gospel According To Matthew? This is **HUGE**, especially in the Nuclear Age, where others pretty much go straight into “Lamentations and Bitter Wailing” from the sudden destruction.) This city, among others, was used as a “**WARNING** Line of Cities” alerting “Jerusalem of Trouble”, which has happened many times in the history of Jerusalem.

As the united States set up their “DEW Line” in northern Canada, so They could have an “Early Warning Radar System” in place, against a Russian Missile Attack, Jerusalem had its “DEW Line” of battle hardened cities, for early warning of Jerusalem, in place as well.

[See Isaiah 10:30. “Gallim (1 Samuel 25:44)” is a “heap of a city of ruin” in the Territory of Benjamin “north of Jerusalem” with its location uncertain due to its “utter **D**estruction”. (How hard is it to find a “Hill Top”? Gee, I wonder why? See again 1 Samuel 25:44. How can we ever “Thank you Saul, for your **A**dulterous Gift? David’s wife Michal especially now that we are all **D**ead.”) “Gallim” can no longer “Cry Out”, so terrified “Sister City (Ramah)”, standing alone, for “Gibeah” too, has fled, is to continue the “Battle Cry” aloud (**SCREAMING**).]

However, this area is also where the “Tribe of Benjamin” was practically **D**estroyed as a “Tribe” by their fellow “Tribesmen (Cousins)”. (See Judges 19 to 21:25 for details of the Benjaminites **D**egrading a Levite’s “Concubine” to her death, and what followed. Oh televangelist, YOU are a Group, “after” YOUR time. Having a “Concubine” was an accepted practice, “back then”.) Ninety-one thousand cousins of each other, of which a fourth were eventually of the “Tribe of Benjamin” died routing this “**W**ickedness” out of Israel, all while they were “without a king”. (Where is OUR “**KING** of **KINGS**” today?)

This is a place where the brothers banded together to (finally) rout “**S**in” out of their lives. Where the **W**ork (to get the **J**ob done) was actually **ACCOMPLISHED**, but not without loss of many lives. Did YOU get that MANKIND? This is “Where MANKIND (finally) **BANDED** together to (finally) **ROUT S**in **OFF** of their Planet, once and for all.”

Now let US read again that strange verse found (almost) out of place in the beginning of the Book of Matthew again. (Quoting Jeremiah.)

Thus says the LORD, “A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentations and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refused to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more.”

After looking at the word “Ramah”, there are a lot of things that do not sit right with this particular **PROPHETIC** verse, as found here in Matthew, from the very start:

: First off, in the “Writing of the Book of Jeremiah’s Time”, Rachel, Jacob’s (The Father of the 12 Tribes) “true love”, had already been long **D**ead. Her grave is two miles south of Jerusalem and a mile north of Bethlehem. Rachel’s two sons were Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh) and Benjamin of which she **D**ied of the birthing process shortly after having Benjamin. In her **D**ying words she named him “Benoni” or “Son of My Sorrow”. Of which the “Tribe of Benoni”, after repeatedly gangly **R**aping a “Concubine”, proved “True to Form”. Half of Rachel’s children, who brought this upon themselves, were practically **W**iped off the face of the earth, over this **D**isgraceful act. (Her body was cut up and sent out on donkeys throughout Israel, to alert the rest of Israel of this **D**espicable event.) Others, both male and female, of other Tribes, reluctantly (Judges 21), had to step in and “procreate offspring” to keep the Benjamin Tribe “from **D**ying out”.

[I AM being nice and “quite reserved” describing this here for ANY Being (Angelic) or BEING (Human) that regards WOMEN as not an EQUAL in any and every form of THEIR very BEING. Thus the reason behind the penning of these writings called “The Deeper Nature of Sin”. **SHE** will take care of this problem MY “Goat” Friends.]

There is no way “This Rachel”, as “Partial Mother of Israel”, could literally be wailing for ALL her (Benjamin and Joseph, if not ALL of Israel’s) children, especially over those few (possibly of many different nationalities) babies, **S**laughtered of Herod, as reported in the “Book of Matthew”. For one, the **S**laughtering of these few babies, compared to “All of Israel”, did not constitute Israel, or even

two Tribes of Israel, being “**W**iped out”. “Judah and Benjamin” were still around past the defeat of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., not to mention, those away from Jerusalem even today, well into the Christian (Gentile) “Time Line”. (More later with Jeremiah.)

That is like trying to hide the “**A**trocities of a far greater **M**agnitude” under a small sewing “thimble”. The “**A**trocity” of Matthew 2:16 does not, by any stretch of the imagination, rise to the “**M**agnitude” described in the Book of Jeremiah, not to mention, the “Future of Israel”, if this **PROPHECY** is yet to be **F**ulfilled. In order for this **P**rophecy (purposely not color coded) to be **F**ulfilled in Matthew, this **P**rophecy would have to “Encompass” what happened first with the northern Tribes of Israel, taken **C**aptive by Assyria, and then the southern Kingdom (Judah) taken **C**aptivity of Babylon. Babies **S**laughtered of Herod, though still “quite **A**trocious”, does not “Rise To This Occasion”. Therefore, this **P**rophecy, has not yet been “**F**ulfilled” as reported of the “Wishful Thinking” of author Matthew, as having been “Completely **F**ulfilled” in Matthew 2:17. (There’s more.)

Let US look at “Mother Rachel”. Granted, had things gone this **D**eported Rachel’s “Way”, from the beginning, she very well could have been the “Mother of all the Tribes of Israel”. I mean if any body had a “License to Copulate”, Jacob, who wrestled the birthright away from his older brother, should have had a green light for “Sexual Procreation”, if anybody did. Instead, Jacob wakes up with the older sister after his (1st) wedding night. Then after another seven years, when he finally does get to marry the **L**OVE of his life Rachel; she is barren and could not then have children. This causes two handmaidens to come into the picture, over **J**ealous **R**age. What kind of “**M**otivation”, for raising a beloved “Child (heir to the throne)” is that?

When she finally can have children, she **D**ies in childbirth after only her second child is born. Rachel’s life was “**C**ut **O**ff” way to soon, especially with Benjamin to be raised now, without a mother, in this tumultuous situation. [Could that have anything to do with how they, “As a Tribe”, viewed PEOPLE, especially this “concubine” mentioned above? That particular “(singled out) Night’s **A**ctivities” started off because they first wanted to **S**odomize the Levite and his servant man, that accompanied the Levite, in Gibeah’s town square.]

At best, as I eluded to earlier this might be considered a “Partial Fulfillment” of this **PROPHECY**. In that, “Ten Tribes of Israel’s (Jacob’s) Twelve Children” are no longer at this location (Jerusalem that is). This “Weeping and Crying (Not really a **MESSAGE**.)” is all that is being “broadcast” from a northern high place to be heard over Jerusalem. Those “Ten Tribes” **ACTUALLY** “are no more” located in Jerusalem, and that in and of itself, can be “Reason enough for Weeping and Crying” thus “Partially Fulfilling” this part (half) of this **PROPHECY**.

Now let US zero in on who this “**RACHEL** is” that can today, still be “Crying” for **HER CHILDREN** (from the first Adam), thus still refusing to be **COMFORTED**, especially if **SHE** is the **COMFORTER**.

In the bigger sense of the meaning, Jacob’s Rachel is not the mother of the “Twelve Tribes of Israel”. That honor belongs to **SOMEBODY** I already mentioned before “Talking to Abram (Genesis 17:1 on)” concerning his 90 year old wife, Sara having a baby. Sara could no more “Have a Baby” then a dog chasing a car down the street can have pups with said same car, should the dog actually catch the car. The miracle had already long since happened long before Rachel ever came into the picture. So why is Rachel even mentioned at all with “her idiosyncrasies” amplified for US all to behold?

: Then there is the “Character of Rachel” to be looked at, in and of “it self” again. However, I AM saving the bulk of this for later. (Later Chapters) I will say this though to tempt YOUR taste buds.

If **SHE** had been caught with **HER FATHER’S** idols (**PRIZE POSSESSIONS**. See Proverbs 8:31b.) **SHE** supposedly “Would have been Killed”, as “Pledged by Jacob” as they fled for Canaan.

See how **SHE SAVED** the **FATHER’S PRIZE POSSESSIONS**?

SHE GOT INTIMATE with MANKIND and took MANKIND under **HER WINGS** (skirt), keeping “Nothing” from US. See Genesis 31:31. Benjamin had not been conceived yet. It would be one thing if **Rachel** was hoarding something worthwhile, but she is hoarding beloved “Superstitions (While WE were yet “**SINNERS**”) of the Day”.

Granted, this was before Exodus and the Ten Commandments forbidding such things, but she was still willing to put her life (and Lie

about them), on the line for “pieces of wood and metal (if not clay)” that does not talk.

: Does anybody hear “lamentations and bitter weeping”? In this day and age, any “Lamentations and Bitter Weeping” has to be heard “Over the Party Noise”. It is laughter, singing, **D**runkeness from the **D**octrine of Man, and high-spirited **C**elebration going on all the while WE have a **L**oaded (Nuclear) **G**un pointed at our heads. Oh the “Lamentations and Bitter Weeping” is out there. WE are just **NOT** listening. See **J**ames 4:8. **J**ames 4:9 tells US “Grieve, mourn, and wail. Change your **L**aughter into mourning and your joy into gloom. (Verse 10) Humble yourselves before the **L**ORD and **H**E **W**ILL lift you up (above the Nukes).

: Then there are the Children themselves here. They are innocent. They are not “**D**oing the **S**laughtering”, and yet are being “**S**laughtered”. They, not of their own doing got caught up in “**S**omething” and paid the ultimate **P**rice before they even had a chance to be counted with the SAINTS (or the **S**inners). As with Adam and Eve, their life was **S**nuffed **O**ut before they even had a chance to live, especially for **R**IGHTEOUSNESS’ sake. (In case YOU are wondering, **T**HEE “**E**ND **G**OAL” for OUR human **L**IVES, here and now, as male and female **C**HRI**S**T’.)

: Furthermore, **S**HE refuses to be comforted. How do you comfort a dead, already decomposed woman in a grave? However, this is a “Series of Lineated Action Verbs”. “Refused” and “Comforted” are “Linear In Meaning” as if “A Ongoing Process”, possibly even to this day. (Please note: The “Gnawing of Teeth” is also “A Ongoing Process” and does nothing, what-so-ever, to “Alleviate Pain” elsewhere in the BODY, which is also “An Ongoing Process”.)

Let US lay our cards on the Table Here. WE do not like this “Verse”. This “Verse” represents “**F**ailure” on the greatest magnitude, of WHO ever, past, present or future, this “Verse” is referring to. There is no warning of an impending attack coming. The “Wailing” of this major “**F**ailure”, after the “**D**estruction”, is all that is being “**R**eported”. WHO wants to be “**A**ssociated” with that?

Are WE in agreement, thus far? How this “Verse Of a Demeaning Nature”, has **NOT** been Fulfilled in the New Testament “simply because a few Babies (**BLESS** their SOULS)”, “Were Slaughtered” in the New Testament?

Maybe WE are in agreement here. No BODY wants this Prophecy to be “Fulfilled” with “the Group” THEY might be part of. It is not exactly like being a Member of a “Diners Club” WE are talking about here. That “group” is dead, being lamented over, after the fact, by another equally dead person. How do YOU consider, being “Lamented Over” by an already “Dead person” to be, in anyway, shape or form, “a blessing”? Last I heard, “**HE IS GOD** of the Living.”

Are WE in agreement, even if this is a “Partial Fulfillment” (by some strange stretch of the mind’s “fantasy”) of this “Verse”, it still does not “Constitute a Full Fulfillment”, of this “Verse” by any stretch of the Imagination, in the New or Old Testament what so ever? See Psalm 62:11. [The “Partial Fulfillment” of a part of this “Verse” would be “PEOPLE (Alive and well, possibly named Rachel) still do cry” once and a while.]

Moving on, do not let it be said, I AM “All Work and No Play”. Let US take a “break” here. “Are” YOU ready for some (Bible Verse) Football? Let US look at the “Verse” again in the Old and New Testament language paying special attention to “The Last Part of the Verse”.

From the Old Testament: Thus says the LORD, “A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentations and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refused to be comforted for her children, Because **they are no more.**”

From the New Testament: “A VOICE IS HEARD IN RAMAH, WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING, RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN; AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED, BECAUSE **THEY WERE NO MORE.**”

: Lastly (in dealing with this “Verse” from the New Testament), there is the phrase “they were no more”. Notice “Are” from the Old Testament is “Present Active”, where as “Were” from the New Testament, is “Past Tense” throwing it back somewhere “in time” as

having already “been Fulfilled”. Do YOU see that? Do YOU see how author Matthew is playing “Religious Hot Potato Football” here with this “Verse” and throwing it back “Somewhere” in “Time”?

Well, Jeremiah has the “Ball” again. Look, HE is dropping back, and HE is going to pass. The “Defense” is showing “Blitz”. HE has time and is going “deep (into the Future)” with the pass and the “ball is caught” on the ten yard line and the man “is tackled” on the half yard line to the goal (Religion’s Age “End of Game”). “Time” to take an indefinite “Time Out” on the “half” yard line. This is one “End Game” WE do not want to move into at any rate, any time too soon, **PRESENTLY**.

A nice thing about **PROPHECY** is, by its very “**NATURE**”, **PROPHECY** is usually thrown off “Into The Future” to get its **FULFILLMENT**. In other words, Jeremiah, being a **PROPHET**, **SPEAKING** in **PROPHETIC** Language (Even with the use of the word “Are”), keeps lobbing this “Hot Potato Football Back At US (ahead of HIMSELF)” to get “Its Fulfillment” somewhere in the “Future” of Time.

With **PROPHECY**, even with the use of the word “Are”, this “Verse Still Gets Its Fulfillment” as something that is “Fulfilled” in a future “Here and Now”, making it then “Present Active” at “Its Fulfillment” by the use of the “Present Time” word such as “Are”. In other words CHRISTIANS (despite what author Matthew says through “Wishful Thinking”), until this **PROPHECY** is Fulfilled, WE are up “at bat”, and “WE have got this (Religious) Hot Potato Football” to continuously deal with. It just keeps coming back to US.

With that being the case, if this (Singled out) “Verse” does get its Fulfillment in the New Testament, then what is the **PROPHET** Jeremiah talking about here, “Of This Limited Application (to just “Ten Tribes”, but not “both of her Children”)” of this “Verse”, in the New Testament that would “Render This Prophecy” otherwise “Fulfilled”? Jews, of the Tribes of Judah and Benjamin, with a few Levites scattered in for good measure are everywhere during **JESUS’** “Time Here”. Paul himself was of the “Tribe of Benjamin”.

This Old Testament “Verse”, whether it was meant to be placed in Matthew 2:18 or not, simply because it is still “unfulfilled” (as with every other unfulfilled Old Testament **PROPHECY**), especially **NOW** gives what the **PROPHET** Jeremiah “Is Referring To” a “**PROPHETIC**

Nature” dealing with CHRISTIANITY, more then ever. Especially when a “Verse of this (Demeaning) Nature” (Looking for its “Fulfillment” away from Israel.) is “Brought Front and Center”, by the author Matthew, “Into the Beginning of the New Testament”, for the CHRISTIANS to (possibly) deal with “Its Fulfillment”.

Do YOU see what I AM saying here? This “Verse” certainly did not meet “Its Fulfillment” simply by being “Placed in the New Testament”. Now WE have to look for a means of this “Verse” getting its “Fulfillment” otherwise, in the New Testament. See where this “Pseudo” transplantation of a Bible Verse gets US?

For example, shall WE consider this “Verse” getting “Its Fulfillment” with regards to “Each of OUR Own **SPiritUAL GROWTH**”, or “Lack There Of”? “Its Fulfillment” would then be “If Rachel was Weeping and Crying for the Christians” because; “For Lack of THEIR OWN **SPiritUAL GROWTH**”, “They (too) are **NOW** no more”, as “**SPiritUAL ACTIVE**” CHRISTIANS. So now WE are not “really Dead”, just “**SPiritUALLY D**ead”?

“NOT”

MY, what a tangled web WE weave? Are WE getting somewhere? Can YOU see why WE all should be “Wailing and Lamenting” over the “Despotic Situation” the World has been in “All Along The Way”, no Fault of OUR own, no matter which GROUP any of US may belong to?

PEOPLE: WE do not yet **KNOW** “**LIFE**” as “**IT IS** Meant To **BE**” without “Sin Looming in the Shadows”, if not outright ever “Present”.

Can YOU see (one of) the “female Churches” (of Revelation) having been repeatedly “Raped”, emerging in Her weakened “State of Being” from the “Dark Ages” crawling to the present day “Threshold of Time”, as “Dead” and as also being terribly “Divided Up” beyond recognition (as being “A **CHRISTIAN** Church), being (pathetically) sent throughout the countryside on the “Backs of Asses”.

Are WE ready to join in a “Rallying Cry”, while OUR **KING** is away, to keep this “Demeaning Prophecy” from ever having to be “Fulfilled” with any of US?

Now let US see what the rest of the “Book Of Jeremiah” does have to say with regard to the rest of this otherwise **GREAT PROPHECY**. I will type this out for each of YOU with MY usual emphasis included. Keep in mind; with MY **WRITINGS** in referring to “Departed people”, “they” are always all “lower case”. Here is Jeremiah 31:15-26 (NASB):

(15) Thus says the **LORD**, (**JEHOVAH** as I brought up earlier.) “A **VOICE** is heard in Ramah, Lamentations and bitter weeping. **RACHEL** is weeping for **HER CHILDREN**; **SHE** refused to be comforted for **HER CHILDREN**, Because **THEY** are no more.”

(16) Thus says the **LORD**, “Restrain **YOUR VOICE** from weeping and **YOUR** eyes from tears; For **YOUR WORK** will be rewarded,” declares the **LORD**, “And **THEY** will return from the land of the enemy. (In other words, **THEY** are not “Dead”; **THEY** are “Exiles”.)

(17) There is **HOPE** for **YOUR** future,” declares the **LORD**. “And **YOUR CHILDREN** will return to **THEIR** own territory.”

(18) “**I** have surely heard Ephraim grieving, ‘**YOU** have chastised **ME**, and I was chastised, Like an untrained calf; Bring **ME** back that I may be restored, For **YOU ARE** the **LORD MY GOD**.”

(19) ‘For after I turned back, I **REPENTED**; And after I was **INSTRUCTED**, I smote on my thigh; I was ashamed and also humiliated because I bore the **R**eproach of my youth.’

(20) “Is Ephraim **MY** dear **SON**? Is **HE** a delightful **CHILD**? Indeed, as often as **I** have spoken against **HIM**, **I** certainly still remember **HIM**; Therefore, **MY** heart yearns for **HIM**; **I** will surely have **MERCY** on **HIM**,”

(21) “Set up for yourself road-marks, Place for yourself guideposts; Direct your mind to the highway, The **W**ay by which **YOU** went. Return, O virgin of Israel, Return to these your cities.

(22) “How long will **YOU** go here & there, O **F**aithless **DAUGHTER**? For the **LORD** has created a new thing in the earth--- A **WOMAN** will encompass a man.

(23) Thus says the **LORD** of hosts, the **GOD** of Israel, “Once again **THEY** (THE **RIGHTEOUS**) will speak this **WORD** in the land of Judah and in its cities when **I RESTORE** THEIR (THE **RIGHTEOUS**) fortunes, ‘The **LORD BLESS** YOU, O abode of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, O holy hill (Jerusalem)!’

(24) Judah and all its cities will dwell together in it, the **FARMER** and **THEY** who go about with flocks.

(25) “For **I** satisfy the weary **ONES** and afresh everyone who languishes.”

(26) At this **I** (Jeremiah) awoke and looked, and **MY** sleep was pleasant to **ME**.

Wow! Would **YOU** say, Matthew may have taken Jeremiah 31:15 out of context, just a wee bit by placing that “Verse” alone by itself in the “Book of Matthew”? The very next verse, if not the whole rest of Jeremiah 31 to verse 26, declares just the opposite. See below.

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To **ME** the question is **NOT** “Who is crying for which group of **PEOPLE**, when”; but rather “**WHO** is **THIS RACHEL CHARACTER?**” **SHE, WHO** ever **SHE IS**, is going to now “Get **REWARDED**”. The “Text” in the Book of Matthew never was about Jacob’s departed Rachel “Crying over Dead CHILDREN”, but rather a **RACHEL WHO** was “Crying over Exiled CHILDREN (way back from Genesis Chapter 2 even) that are being **RETURNED** (Not just from “Exile” but from the “Brinks of Sin” Itself.)”. See how Jeremiah 31:23b talks about “**RIGHTEOUSNESS**”, on two accounts?

It is about **THIS** same “**RACHEL** being **REWARDED**”. Now **WHO** is **THIS RACHEL** and what kind of **POWER** does **SHE WIELD** that at the snapping of **HER** fingers **HER CHILDREN** are **NOW**, not just **RETURNED** but even **RESTORED**?

Now every **ONE** is clamoring to get in line to **BE HER CHILDREN**. Just a minute ago, **WE** could not distance **OURSELVES** far enough away for this “Verse”. Now **WE** are dog piling on top of each **OTHER**, with regards to this “Verse” just to be a **PART** of these **BLESSINGS** about to be “**RESTORED**” upon **HER CHILDREN**.

Now that I have gotten YOUR attention, maybe WE can press on. Maybe now YOU **ACTUALLY** want to **KNOW WHO** YOUR **REAL MOTHER** is? Furthermore, why would **SHE WANT** to **ASSOCIATE HERSELF** with Jacob's departed wife Rachel? These, and more, are all "Questions" needing to be answered in the Chapters that lay ahead of US.