

## **THE NEW COVENANT IN JEREMIAH 31**

Note specifically that this NEW COVENANT would be with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. This new covenant essentially has Israel especially in view. We, as the Church, tap into the spiritual blessings of the New Covenant, but we are merely grafted in (cf. Rom. 11:13-24).

### **Jeremiah 31:31–40 (NKJV)**

**31** “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—

**32** not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.

**33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

**34** No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

**35** Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name):

**36** “If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever.”

**37** Thus says the LORD: “If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the LORD.

**38** “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that the city shall be built for the LORD—from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.

**39** The surveyor’s line shall again extend straight forward over the hill Gareb; then it shall turn toward Goath.

**40** And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the Brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the LORD. It shall not be plucked up or thrown down anymore forever.”

God applies certain aspects of this New Covenant to the Church also; but fundamentally, this New Covenant has Israel in view. The Church taps into it and participates in the spiritual blessings of the New Covenant, but it applies first and foremost to Israel.

***Provisions of the New Covenant include:***

1. God's law in minds and written on hearts – Jer. 31:33
2. A relationship of their God/My people – Jer. 31:33
3. All will know the LORD – Jer. 31:34
4. Permanent forgiveness of sin – Jer. 31:34
5. Continued national existence of Israel – Jer. 31:35-37
6. Jerusalem to be rebuilt and never again destroyed – Jer. 31:38-40

Thus, the New Covenant essentially has the whole of Israel in view and will be fulfilled ultimately in relation to Israel, which includes both the spiritual as well as the physical promises of the covenant. Praise God, the Church taps into the spiritual blessings of this covenant, which was inaugurated by the blood of Jesus!

**Romans 11:25–27 (NKJV)**

**25** For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

**26** And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

**27** For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”