

## “RUIN, REDEMPTION, AND RESTORATION”

Studies in the Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:27-40

### “The Day of Restoration Part Three: The New Covenant”

**Introduction:** How can God be the Righteous Judge and the Compassionate and Gracious God? How can God forgive sin and not leave the guilty unpunished? (Galatians 3:10; Deuteronomy 27:26) Would the people’s failure to keep the Law hinder the unconditional promises of God?

#### I. The Promise of Multiplied Descendants (Jeremiah 31:27-30)

- A. One of the provisions of the Abrahamic covenant was a multitude of descendants. The seed of man refers to the multiplication of human descendants, and the seed of beast refers to multiplying cattle – provision for the people.
- B. The proverb of verse 29 essentially means that the children will suffer for the sins of their ancestors (Ezekiel 18:1-4). The Lord corrects this false teaching because everyone will die for his own iniquity.

#### II. The Promise of Blessing (Jeremiah 31:31-37)

A. When God freed the people of Israel from Egyptian slavery, He made a conditional covenant with them that contained 613 commandments. Disobeying one command was the same as breaking them all (James 2:10). The New Covenant was implemented when Lord Jesus died for our sin (Matthew 26:28).

B. God will put His law within them and reconcile them to Himself. The miraculous salvation of Israel will take place in the end-times immediately before the return of Christ (Romans 11:25-27). Provision is made for the forgiveness of sins because Christ died for sin (Acts 13:38-39; Hebrews 9:15)

C. The Lord established the guarantee of the preservation of the people of Israel. This is not a political statement this is a biblical prophecy that will be fulfilled when Christ rules on the throne of David in the Millennial Kingdom. The prophesied salvation of Israel does not mean every single Israelite who ever lived through all of human history will automatically be saved – salvation is by grace through faith in Christ. There will be a remnant of unbelieving Israel that God will put through the fire (Great Tribulation) that will result in them turning to Christ in repentance in faith (Zechariah 13:7-9).

#### III. The Promise of Land (Jeremiah 31:38-40)

- A. The Lord will reestablish the people in their land. This will be completely and perfectly fulfilled during the Millennial reign of Christ (Ezekiel 40-

- 48). The city will be restored and sanctified – made holy to the Lord. Even the most defiled places will be cleansed and sanctified.
- B. Plucking up and throwing down is a reference to punishment for sin – the forgiveness of sin afforded through the New Covenant is permanent. This is a reaffirmation of the unconditional nature of the covenant.
- C. **In summary:** God made an unconditional covenant with Abraham that includes descendants, land, and blessing. God used Abraham’s descendants to bring the Christ into the world who is the Mediator of the New Covenant because He made the atonement for sin. He is our Great High Priest who lives forever to make intercession for us. Anyone who turns to Christ in repentance and faith can be a participant in the spiritual blessings of the New Covenant.

**“But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.” (Hebrews 8:6-7).**

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