

Jeremiah

A Prophet Unto the Nations

The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31-32
Lesson 11

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History

- ▶ Kingdom of Judah (fall of Samarian in 722 BC)
- ▶ Final kings of the Davidic Dynasty
- ▶ Josiah - Jehoahaz - Jehoiakim - Jehoiachin - Zedekiah
- ▶ Fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC
- ▶ Survivors go to Egypt

Jeremiah the Prophet

- ▶ A Prophet to the Nations (1:5)
- ▶ Words of Jeremiah (1:9-10)
 - Pluck up, break down, destroy, overthrow
 - Build, plant
- ▶ Pictures of Jeremiah's ministry (1:11-16)
 - Almond branch
 - Boiling pot facing away from the north
- ▶ Sin of Judah
 - Forsake the Fountain of Living Water (2:12-13)
 - An evil heart (4:14)

Jeremiah's Prophecy

- ▶ Days of Josiah (1-20) – case against Israel
- ▶ Days of Josiah's sons (21-45)
 - Book of hope (30-33)
 - Fall of Jerusalem (39)
- ▶ Prophecy to the nations (46-51)
- ▶ Fall of Jerusalem (52)
 - Elevation of Jehoiachin

A New Covenant with Judah/Israel

- ▶ Jeremiah 30-33 – Book of Hope
- ▶ Job 9:2 – “How can a man be in the right before God?”
- ▶ Israel – house of Israel and house of Judah were hopelessly evil
- ▶ Promises have been made

Jeremiah 30 – review

- ▶ Jeremiah 30:2-3 – “I will restore the fortunes of My people, Israel and Judah and bring them back to the land I gave their fathers and they shall take possession of it.”
- ▶ A coming day of wrath (30:4-7)
 - “Jacob’s Trouble”
 - Saved out of the nations among whom the LORD scattered them (30:11)
 - Incurable wound for great guilt and flagrant sin (30:12-15)
 - “I will restore health to you” (30:17, 18)
 - You will be my people and I will be your God (30:22)
 - Accomplished through wrath (30:23-24)

Jeremiah 31 - Blessing

- ▶ “I will be the God of all the clans of Israel and they shall be my people.” (31:1)
- ▶ The love of God – “I will build” (31:2-4)
- ▶ Temporal blessing (31:5)
- ▶ Chief of the nations (31:7)
- ▶ National restoration – Ephraim is firstborn (31:8-9)
- ▶ A word to the nations - lesson of Israel (31:10-14)

Nation Israel Rebuilt (31:15-30)

- ▶ They are no more (31:15)
- ▶ There is hope for your future (31:17)
- ▶ Ephraim, *My dear son* (31:20)
- ▶ Judah, habitation of righteousness (31:23-24)
- ▶ Jeremiah's message (31:26-30)

A New Covenant (31:31-40)

- ▶ A new Covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah (v. 31)
- ▶ What is new about the New Covenant?
 - Replaces the Old Covenant (31:32)
 - The Old Covenant
 - Exodus 19:3-6 – a holy nation
 - Deut. 5:2-3; 28-33 – covenant with Israel, not the fathers
- ▶ Were the nations ever under the Old Covenant?
 - Deut. 4:7-8 – no great nation given the Laws of God
 - Psalm 147:19-20 – Not dealt thus with any nation

Why have a New Covenant (31:31-40)?

► Message of Jeremiah – sin of Israel

- Rejected the Fountain of Living Water (2:12-13)
- Hurt is incurable (30:12-13)
- “They are no more” (31:15)
- The broken covenant (11:10-11) – do not pray for this people (11:14, 17)

► Promise to the fathers

- Genesis 12:1-3 – great nation
- Genesis 15:18-20 – land given to Abraham and his offspring
- Genesis 17:8 – an everlasting possession (Canaan)
- Exodus 6:2-8 – oath in which He swore by Himself (Heb. 6:17)
- Deuteronomy 7:6-8 – unconditional promise to the fathers
- Jeremiah 1:11-12 – the Almond Branch – watching My Word to perform it

What is this New Covenant?

▶ Terms:

- Unlike the first (old)
- Inner righteousness
- Certainty of relationship with God
- Knowledge of God
- Forgiveness of sins

▶ Promise:

- The sovereign power of God (31:35-37)
- A holy land (31:38-40)
- Restoration to the Land under Eternal King (33:14-16)

When is the New Covenant established?

- ▶ “The days are coming” (30:3; 31:27, 31, 38; 33:14)
- ▶ “In the latter days” (30:24) with “at that time” (31:1)
- ▶ “Days are coming”
 - Wrath for Israel (7:32; 9:25; 19:6)
 - Restoration of Israel (16:14; 23:5, 7; 30:3; 31:27, 31, 38; 33:14)
 - Wrath for nations (51:47, 52)
 - Restoration of nations (48:12; 49:2)

Is the New Covenant Limited to Israel?

- ▶ Jeremiah is the prophet to the nations
- ▶ New Covenant mentioned 9 verses in N.T.
 - Death of Christ – Matt 26:28; Mk 14:24; Lu 22:20; 1 Cor 11:25
 - Replacement for Old Covenant – 2 Cor 3:6; Heb 8:8, 13; 9:15; 12:24

The Everlasting Covenant

- ▶ Noahic Covenant – Gen 9:16
- ▶ Abrahamic Covenant – Gen. 17:7, 13, 19; 1 Chron 16:15-17; Ps. 105:6-15
- ▶ Davidic Covenant – 2 Samuel 23:5
- ▶ Covenant with Israel – Isa 61:8; Jer 32:40; 50:5; Eze. 16:59-63; Eze. 37:15-28 (26)
- ▶ Covenant for all nations – Isa 24:5; Isa 55:3
- ▶ Heb 13:20 – everlasting covenant works through Jesus Christ

The New Covenant in Jeremiah

- ▶ A new way to restore the nation Israel by saving them
 - Sins taken away - all Israel saved (Romans 11:25-32)
 - Israel's fate determines Gentile blessing (Romans 11:11-12)
- ▶ The New Covenant is the Everlasting Covenant
- ▶ The Everlasting Covenant is God's plan for restoration of creation through Jesus Christ

Jeremiah buys a field (32)

- ▶ Disaster is soon to come (32:1-5)
- ▶ LORD instructs him to purchase cousin's field (32:6-8)
- ▶ Jeremiah purchases and stores the deeds (32:9-15)
- ▶ Jeremiah prays – perplexed – why purchase when disaster is coming? (32:16-25)
- ▶ LORD answers – Nothing too hard for Me (32:26-44)
 - Wrath shall come (32:26-35)
 - Restoration shall come – everlasting covenant (32:36-44)

A New Covenant

- ▶ A replacement for the Old Covenant in forming the nation Israel
- ▶ Means by which Israel will finally be the great nation
- ▶ The New Covenant is the Everlasting Covenant