

Text: Jeremiah 31-32

“A NEW COVENANT”

(I) THE PROMISE OF A NEW COVENANT

1. Historical reference to Judah and Israel (Jeremiah 31:31)

2. Features of the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:33)

- a) I will put My law in their minds (**Jeremiah 31:33**)
- b) And write it on their hearts (**Jeremiah 31:33**)
- c) I will be their God and they shall be My people (**Jeremiah 31:33**)
- d) All shall know God, from the least to the greatest (**Jeremiah 31:34**)
- e) I will forgive their iniquity (**Jeremiah 31:34**)
- f) Their sin I will remember no more (**Jeremiah 31:34**)

(II) THE SOLEMNITY OF THE GIVING OF THE NEW COVENANT

1. An oath in the name of the Lord

The LORD of hosts is His name (**Jeremiah 31:35**).

2. An oath compared to the Ordinances of the sun and the moon (Jeremiah 31:35-36)

- a) As the sun and moon are stable
- b) So the New Covenant will stand firm and certain

3. An oath compared to the heavens and the earth

- a) As the heavens cannot be measured
- b) So great is God's commitment to His New Covenant (**Jeremiah 31:37**)

(III) THE NEW COVENANT ESTABLISHED

1. By the Lord Jesus (Matthew 26:28)

2. To be comprehended (Hebrews 8:7-13)

3. Its significance extends beyond Israel

(IV) APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. Exercise greater faith in the Lord

*“Is there anything too hard for Me?” **Jeremiah 32:27***

2. Build an appropriate fear of God

*“That they may fear Me forever” **Jeremiah 32:40***