

## Jeremiah Ch 31:23-24 • “The New Covenant”

Background Ch 30-33 = “Book of Consolation” (uniquely hopeful section within Jeremiah)  
Looks past captivity and tribulation to God doing “new thing (v22).

v23-25 One day Jerusalem will again be regarded as holy, place of blessing...  
Worship resumes, presence of God returns, peace & prosperity prevail.

v26 After years of pronouncing judgment, Jeremiah gets to be refreshed!

v27-28 “Days” again alerts us to long-term fulfillment (cf “day of the Lord”).  
In the Millennial Kingdom, Israel (north & south) will be repopulated.  
On the other side of judgment, blessing awaits (cf Hosea 2:21-22).  
What’s standing in the way today? Israel’s repentance!

v29-30 “In those days” – still long-term prophecy – right understanding of sin.  
Ezekiel confirms this was a proverb of Jeremiah’s day (Ez 18:2-4).  
In Kingdom, Israel will understand God judges each of us for our own sin!  
Unbelievers (Jew and Gentile) are judged for their own individual unbelief.  
But at the end of the Tribulation, unbelieving Israel makes a different choice.

v31-34 New Covenant (mentioned frequently in NT including Matt 26:26–30).  
Spoken of as prophecy (future) – “days are coming” (v31).  
Covenant made with Israel not church (v31). Replaces Mosaic Covenant.  
Superior (Heb 7:22; 8:6) – based on grace not law-keeping.  
Made possible by death (blood) of Jesus.  
Israel won’t enter into New Covenant until repent (end of Tribulation).  
Church enters in today spiritually (cf Eph 2:11-16; 3:1-6).

Replacement theology argues Church has replaced Israel in New Covenant  
If so, Paul didn’t seem to know that! He affirms God’s promises to Israel!  
And church entering into New Covenant WAS a promise to Israel ☐  
*In you all the nations of the earth shall be blessed (Gen 12:3).*

v35-37 Anyone doubting God’s heart for Israel needs to not stop reading at v34!  
God is Mighty (Creator) (Sovereign) and has not ceded His throne.  
And God promises Israel WILL endure!  
Anyone who says otherwise needs to first blot out the sun, moon, and stars.

If God wanted to destroy Israel, He could have (would have been justified).  
He chose not to! And all evil in world cannot (will not) override His mercy.

Application What is our response? Reread v33-34!  
Do we believe our sin is forgiven? Forgotten?  
Do we pursue the will of God and do the will of God in His strength?

Our response either gives God glory or denies Him glory!