

God Promises a New Covenant

Study 29: Jeremiah 31:31-34

1. According to the LORD, how did Israel respond to their Covenant with God? Did the Israelites honor God by their actions as His favored covenant people? How did God respond to Israel as a result? Suggested Reading: *Jeremiah 11:1-26, Ezekiel 36:16-23*
2. Why do you think the people of Israel were not able to obey God and follow the terms of the Covenant, despite all of God's favor and power already experienced, and His promises of rich blessings if the people were faithful and horrific curses if they were not? What was wrong with the people? Suggested Reading: *Genesis 2:15-17, Genesis 3:6-13, 20, Genesis 4:1-8, John 8:34-36, Romans 3:1-20, Ephesians 2:1-3*
3. Where or on what surfaces were the 'Ten Commandments' and the 'Book of the Covenant' written? Suggested Reading: *Exodus 24:3-12, Exodus 34:1-5*
4. In **Jeremiah 4:22**, God criticizes Israel for something they did "not know"? Who or what did Israel 'not know' at this time? What does the word 'know' (יָדָע - in Hebrew) actually mean?
3. Read **Jeremiah 31:31-34**. What is God now promising to do (v. 31)? What is the reason why God is planning to do this? What, if anything, are the similarities between this "New Covenant" and the covenant God made with the people of Israel at Mount Sinai?
4. Write the **4 to 5** benefits, blessings, or results that God promises to do in and for the members of this "New Covenant"? What does each of these promises actually mean?
5. How good, great, spectacular does this 'New Covenant' sound to you? How does a person enter and become a member of this New Covenant with God? Are you in this New Covenant? If yes, how do you know? Suggested Reading: *Ezekiel 36:22-27, Luke 22:14-23, John 3:1-9, John 15:5-17, Romans 2:28-29, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Ephesians 2:1-10, Titus 3:3-7, Hebrews 7:18-10:18*