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OPEN

Is your past an enemy? Does it torment you? Do you live with “if onlys”? “If only I hadn’t!” “I wish I had never done this.” “If only they had done this to me.” Are you living as a victim of the past? O Beloved, I have good news for you! You can clear away your past and you can step into the future if you only understand the truth of the New Covenant.

PART ONE

We have come to what many believe is the crown jewel of the message of Jeremiah. Jeremiah is talking to a people that have failed and failed and failed. Jeremiah is talking to a people on the brink of the judgment of God. And yet in Jeremiah chapter 30 and chapter 31, Jeremiah is instructed to: “Sit down and to write in a book the following.” (See Jeremiah 30:2) When he writes in this book, what he writes about is, the new covenant. This is what we’re going look at today. This is where we’ve been headed all this week, to this glorious pinnacle of truth. A truth that, Beloved, if you will

grasp it, if you will hang on to it, the past won't matter because you will be set for the future. In Jeremiah chapter 31 he says, **“Behold, days are coming...,”** verse 27, **“...declares the LORD, ‘when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast. As I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant....’”** (Jeremiah 31:27-28) In other words, “I have been judging them. I have been judging them. I have had to deal with them, but now I am going to build. Now I’m going to plant.” What is He going to build on? What truth is He going to build on? How is He going to plant and what kind of soil is He going to plant? Now you have to remember all of this should take you back to Jeremiah chapter 1, and I know that was a long time ago. But in Jeremiah chapter 1, the Lord comes to Jeremiah and He tells him that he is not to say that he’s a youth, but he is to go and he is to speak everything that the Lord commands him. (See Jeremiah 1:6-7) And then this is what He says, **“See...,”** verse 10, **“...I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up...to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”** (Jeremiah 1:10) And so as he comes to Israel now, what he’s saying is: “God has broken down, God has uprooted, God has destroyed, but now this is what God is going to do. He’s going to build and He is going to plant.” (See Jeremiah 31:27-28) In other words, there is a future. In other words, there is a hope. There is a future and there’s a hope despite your past. (See Jeremiah 29:11) How is He going to do that? Because He’s a righteous God. We know that He had to judge their sin. We know that He wounded them because of their sin. So now watch what He says. He says, **“In those days they will not say again, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’”** (Jeremiah 31:29) In other words, we are a victim of what our fathers have done. They’re not gonna say that anymore. **“[For] everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge. ‘Behold, days are coming,’ declares the LORD,**

‘when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.’” (Jeremiah 31:30-31) In other words, “This is something that I’m going to do in the future and it’s not just for Judah. I love Ephraim also. It is for the house of Israel and it is for the house of Judah.” And remember what we’ve seen this week is that these two kingdoms will again become one. (See Jeremiah 31:6) So He’s saying, **“...Days are coming...when I will make a new covenant....” (Jeremiah 31:31)** Now if you downloaded your free study guide by going to [“preceptsforlife.com”](http://preceptsforlife.com) then you could get a study guide. And we told you that one of the most important words in the Bible is the word “covenant.” Because a covenant is a solemn binding agreement. It’s made by walking between pieces of flesh. In other words, they take an animal, they cut it in half. They lay it one side opposite the other, and then those entering into the covenant come down and in a figure eight they walk through the pieces of flesh. You see them mentioning it in Jeremiah. (See Jeremiah 11:2-3) You see him mentioning it in Genesis. (See Genesis 15:9-11, 17-18) And so this is a solemn binding agreement. To make a covenant means to cut a covenant. It’s “karath berith,” and so He’s saying **“...I will make [I will cut] a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenants...,” (Jeremiah 31:31-32)** so you would mark “new covenant.” You would mark “covenant,” and I color “covenant” because it involves the sacrifice of blood, usually, and so I color it red and then I put yellow around it because God is the Sovereign Administrator. He watches over every covenant that is made because He’s a covenant-keeping God. The Old Testament is the Old Covenant. The New Testament is the New Covenant. So He says, **“...Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was husband to them,’ declares the LORD.” (Jeremiah 31:32)** In other words, when God went to get His people, His first born, Israel and say to Pharaoh, “Let My first born go, let My son go,” (See Exodus 5:1) He went in to get them out of

the land of Egypt. He took them to Mount Sinai and there at Mount Sinai in Arabia what He did was, He gave them the commandments. (See Exodus 19:20 & 34:29) He gave them the statutes, the laws by which they were to live by. And when He gave them that He called them into a covenant. And they said: ["Everything that the Lord says we will do. We will be obedient."] (PARAPHRASE, Exodus 24:7) And that was the condition of the covenant. But He says, I'm not gonna make a covenant with them like the covenant that I made with them when I took them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, which they broke. (See Jeremiah 31:32) They disobeyed. You find them making a golden calf, having Aaron make a golden calf and you find them worshiping that golden calf and bowing down. (See Exodus 32:1) And that's the first commandment: **Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. Thou shalt not make unto [thyself] any graven image, [of] any likeness...in [the] heaven above...in the earth beneath, or...under the earth....** (Exodus 20:3-4, KJV) "You shall not worship them, nor bow down to them: for I am the LORD your God, I am Qanna: My name is 'Jealous.' And you're not to have any idols." (See Exodus 20:5, 34:14) Well, they broke that. And so then He says, **"But this is the covenant [that] I will make with the house of Israel after those days,' declares the LORD."** This is yet future. **"...I will put My law...."** (Jeremiah 31:33) Remember the law was written on tablets of stone. I'm sure you saw the movie: "The Ten Commandments." If not, rent it. Buy it. Watch it. And you see like lightning coming down and the finger of God writing on the tablets of stone. So He says, the new covenant though will not be written on tablets of stone. He says, **"...I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it..."** and then He goes on to say, **"...I will be their God, and they shall be My people."** (Jeremiah 31:33) Now He's already said this. He said it in Jeremiah chapter 30, verse 22, **"You shall be My people...I will be your God."** (Jeremiah 30:22) He said it in Jeremiah 31:1. **"...I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people...."** (Jeremiah 31:1) So He's already said it, but now He's

saying, “Under the old covenant I put My law on tablets of stone and you broke it; you broke it. But there is a day coming.” (See Jeremiah 31:31-32) And it wasn’t that day. It wasn’t in the time of Jeremiah. It wasn’t in the days of the destruction of Jerusalem that was about to come on them in 586 B.C. **“But this is the covenant [that] I will make with [them]...”** (Jeremiah 31:33) And then He tells us what it is. Listen to what He says. He says, **“They will not teach again, each man his neighbor...each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ [know the Lord]....”** (Jeremiah 31:34) They won’t come over and say, “Hey, hey, hey! Know the Lord.” He says, **“...For they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them....”** (Jeremiah 31:34) Now He’s speaking about Israel. He’s speaking about Judah. He’s speaking about the Jews. He says, **“...Declares the LORD, ‘for I...,’”** listen carefully, **“...[I] will forgive their iniquity...,”** all that they did in the past, I will forgive their iniquity, and **“... I will remember [their sin] no more.”** (Jeremiah 31:34) It won’t be brought up. It won’t be rehearsed. Your mind may take you to rehearse your sins and your past and all your failures, but God says [“Oh no, I will remember your sin no more. I will forgive your sin.”] (PARAPHRASE, Jeremiah 31:34) Now what is He talking about? Well, do you remember our drawing that we’ve been making all week long? Do you remember our timeline? What is He pointing to? He’s pointing to Jesus. He’s pointing to Jesus hanging on the cross. And when the Jews that are the disciples are in the upper room, and Jesus is getting ready to be arrested and taken and crucified, He sits with them celebrating the Passover meal. He lifts the cup and this is what He said. He said, [“This is the blood of the new covenant, drink it.”] (PARAPHRASE, Matthew 26:27-28) We’ll talk about it in just a minute.

PART TWO

O Beloved, I am so excited to be teaching you about the new covenant, the New Covenant is a covenant that gives you forgiveness of sins. Listen to

Matthew chapter 26. Jesus is in the upper room and they were having this Passover meal, and it says: "...[And He] **took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and [He] gave it to [His] disciples [saying], 'Take, eat; this is My body.'** And when He had taken a cup [He gave] **thanks** [to that and he said]...**to them... 'Drink from it, all of you [drink from it]; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many....,'** now listen, **"...for forgiveness of sins."** (Matthew 26:26-28) See under the old covenant every year on the Day of Atonement there was a remembrance of sins, a remembrance of their failures before God. And so what we find in Hebrews chapter 10, Jesus is saying, **"...The blood of bulls and goats [cannot] take away sin. [So] a body [thou] hast prepared for Me. Then [it says], 'Lo... (in the volume of the book it is written of me)....'"** (Hebrews 10:4-5, 7, KJV) In other words, "From Genesis, all the way through the book of Malachi, all the Old Testament testifies of Me." And when you get to Jeremiah, the pinnacle of Jeremiah is the fact that there is a New Covenant coming that is not like the old covenant. This New Covenant gives you forgiveness of sins. This New Covenant makes you a child of God. It makes God your Father; God your God. And so He's saying in Hebrews chapter 10, **"... (In the volume of the book it is written of Me)...."** (Hebrews 10:7) And then He says: **"...I come...to do Thy will O God."** (Hebrews 10:7) "I have come because it is the time for the New Covenant. It is the time of the last days. I was born as a sinless human being because I was born of a virgin. (See Matthew 1:18) I did not have the seed of Adam in Me. I had the seed of God. I am a Son of God. (See Hebrews 1:1-2, 5) I was tempted in all points as you are, but I never sinned. I never yielded to sin. (See Hebrews 4:15) And so when My hour came" (See John 13:1) and His hour has come now for His blood to be shed for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus was taken out. He was crucified. **"Jesus....,"** 2 Corinthians 5:21 **"...who knew no sin [was made] to be sin [for you and for me]...."** (2 Corinthians 5:21) He paid for our sins. He's **"...the Lamb of God [that] takes away the sin[s] of the world!"** (John 1:29) And so when He hangs

on that cross, God takes your sins, God takes my sins, God takes the sins of the whole world and He places them on Jesus, and Jesus pays for them. Jesus dies. **“...The wages of sin is death....” (Romans 6:23)** He dies. He is in the grave for three days and after that He is raised from the dead signifying that God is propitiated. (See Mark 9:31 & John 20:1; Hebrews 2:17) It's a big word, but it means God's holiness is satisfied. He's saying, “You paid for the sins and because You did, I can raise You from the dead and You will never die again. Death has been conquered. The devil has been defeated.” Because what gives the devil his power over you, and Hebrews 2 tells you this, but what gives the devil the power over you is because of your sin. And **“...the wages of sin is death....” (Romans 6:23)** But if Jesus pays for your sin then Satan no longer has the power of death over you, but you have passed from death to life. (See Romans 8:2) You have forgiveness of sins. So in Hebrews chapter 10 this is what he says. **“Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can[not] take away sins....” (Hebrews 10:11)** That's under the old covenant. **“But He [Jesus], having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time...,”** now watch, **“...[has] sat down....”** His work is finished. **“...[He has] sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made [His] footstool....” (Hebrews 10:12-13)** Now His enemies are going to be made His footstool during this time of Jacob's distress, during this time of the tribulation. During the last seven years there is going to be all sorts of judgment on this earth. In the last three and one half years you're going to have great tribulation when God pours out His wrath on the earth and all the kingdoms of this earth are brought into subjection under Jesus Christ. So He's going to leave heaven and He is going to come down and a two-edged sword is going to come out of His mouth which is the Word of God, which will smite the nations. And then He will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords, and there will be no other. (See Revelations 19:15-16) He's saying: **“...His enemies [will become] a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all**

time...,” now listen, “...those who are [being] sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:13-14) What is He saying? “Hey, you’re not all that you should be yet. You’re in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus, more holy, more holy; more holy.” [“Without holiness no man will see the Lord.”] (PARAPHRASE, Hebrews 12:14) But He did it through: “...one sacrifice for [sin] for all time [one sacrifice for sin for all time]....” (Hebrews 10:12) Now listen, that’s why you don’t live with the regrets of your past. Can you do anything about the past? No, you can’t. The past is past. And the past is not to define you. Who you are in Christ, because of the New Covenant defines you, describes you and determines your destiny. And your destiny is heaven. Now look, **He came [to] His own...**,” to the Jews, “...and [the Jews] **received Him not.**” (John 1:11, KJV) They won’t realize this New Covenant. They’re not going to realize this until just before Jesus, or at the second coming of Jesus Christ. Here’s the first coming when the New Covenant is inaugurated. Here is the second coming when Israel is saved, when [Israel will look unto Him whom they have pierced] (See Zechariah 12:10); when they will believe in Him. And Zechariah says that they—a nation—will be saved in one day. (See Zechariah 9:16) This is going to happen why? Because “...the gifts and...calling of God are irrevocable.” (Romans 11:29) “...[A] Deliverer will come from Zion...,” from heaven, and “...will remove [the sins of Israel, will remove the sins of Judah.]” (Romans 11:26) “...[A] Deliverer will come from Zion...,” this is the promise of Romans 11. (Romans 11:26) He says, “...All Israel will be saved; [a] Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. This is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.” (Romans 11:26-27) He’s going to take away Israel’s sins, and if you’ll believe on Jesus Christ, He’ll take away your sins. That’s the promise of the New Covenant.