

New Covenant 2

Jeremiah 31:31-32

31 **“Behold,** a declaration is about to be made **days are coming,”**

This is an eschatological phrase; referring to Messianic times that are definitely future—specifically the Second Coming of the Messiah, the beginning of His Millennial Kingdom.

So, we now know...

I. **The Time of the Covenant:**

in future days determined by God.

declares the LORD, YHWH “when I will make cut a new covenant contractual agreement

II. **The Maker of the New Covenant: – The Lord**

III. **The Name of the Covenant: – New**

with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

IV. **The parties of the Covenant:**

House of Israel and House of Judah

From this verse we know that God promises a radical change in how God deals with or relates to the nation of Israel. New, instead of relating to them as per law, He forms a new covenant that is unconditional. And He cuts this covenant with the whole nation, both House of Israel (Northern Kingdom) and House of Judah (Southern Kingdom),

32 **not like** therefore new **the covenant which I made** cut **with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt,** Mosaic Covenant - Mt. Sinai

My covenant which they broke, no one can keep all of the Mosaic Law **although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.** The imagery here is that this covenant was broken by Israel therefore violating the bond of marriage between Israel and God. The problem was not with the husband—God—for God was a perfect husband, nor was the problem with the covenant for the covenant was also perfect, and legal: **“If you do...I will do”**

Paul later in the New Testament will testify of the purity of the Covenant of Moses: Romans 7:12

12 **So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.**

Then Romans 8:3-4

3 **For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,**

4 **so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

THE PROBLEM WAS NOT in the groom;
THE PROBLEM WAS NOT in the marriage covenant;
THE PROBLEM WAS WITH THE BRIDE—

It was incumbent on both parties to maintain their part of the covenant of marriage.

Israel who kept on violating the covenant in the horrible ways of committing adultery by going to other gods.

Another passage that vividly describes the adulteries of Israel is
Ezekiel 16:15-34

- 15 **“But you trusted in your beauty and played the harlot because of your fame, and you poured out your harlotries on every passer-by who might be *willing*.**
- 16 **“You took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of various colors and played the harlot on them, which should never come about nor happen.**
- 17 **“You also took your beautiful jewels *made* of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images that you might play the harlot with them.**
- 18 **“Then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them, and offered My oil and My incense before them.**
- 19 **“Also My bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil and honey with which I fed you, you would offer before them for a soothing aroma; so it happened,” declares the Lord GOD.**
- 20 **“Moreover, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne to Me and sacrificed them to idols to be devoured. Were your harlotries so small a matter?**
- 21 **“You slaughtered My children and offered them up to idols by causing them to pass through *the fire*.**
- 22 **“Besides all your abominations and harlotries you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare and squirming in your blood.**
- 23 **“Then it came about after all your wickedness (‘Woe, woe to you!’ declares the Lord GOD),**
- 24 **that you built yourself a shrine and made yourself a high place in every square.**

- 25 **“You built yourself a high place at the top of every street and made your beauty abominable, and you spread your legs to every passer-by to multiply your harlotry.**
- 26 **“You also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, and multiplied your harlotry to make Me angry.**
- 27 **“Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you and diminished your rations. And I delivered you up to the desire of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd conduct.**
- 28 **“Moreover, you played the harlot with the Assyrians because you were not satisfied; you played the harlot with them and still were not satisfied.**
- 29 **“You also multiplied your harlotry with the land of merchants, Chaldea, yet even with this you were not satisfied.” ’ ”**
- 30 **“How languishing is your heart,” declares the Lord GOD, “while you do all these things, the actions of a bold-faced harlot.**
- 31 **“When you built your shrine at the beginning of every street and made your high place in every square, in disdaining money, you were not like a harlot.**
- 32 **“You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!**
- 33 **“Men give gifts to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers to bribe them to come to you from every direction for your harlotries.**
- 34 **“Thus you are different from those women in your harlotries, in that no one plays the harlot as you do, because you give money and no money is given you; thus you are different.”**

You might ask, why?
Why didn't God just do away with Israel and start all over?

Answer:
Because He loves Israel.

This is again vividly seen in the story of Hosea. So instead of doing away with Israel, God will cut a new covenant with her.

First:

The marriage covenant ---recorded in Deuteronomy under the Mosaic covenant.

Then:

The disgusting adulterous affairs of the bride Israel with other gods. Recorded here in Ezekiel and referred to here, in Jeremiah 31:32.

There is a great deal that goes on between verses 32 and 33.

Dr. A.G. Fruchtenbaum writes of them in the following way.

Stage One: The marriage Contract –recorded in Deuteronomy.

Stage Two: The Great Adultery – recorded in Jeremiah, Ezekiel, etc.

Stage Three: The Separation recorded in Isaiah 50:1

Thus says the LORD,

“Where is the certificate of divorce By which I have sent your mother away?

Or to whom of My creditors did I sell you?

Behold, you were sold for your iniquities, and for your transgressions your mother was sent away.

Stage Four: The Divorce:

Even after about one hundred years of separation, during which time the blessings of Deuteronomy continued to be withheld, Israel still failed to return to God; her husband.

Thus, God was forced to finally issue the bill of divorcement and to divorce His wife, Israel.

This bill of divorcement is contained in Jeremiah 3:6-10

- 6 **Then the LORD said to me in the days of Josiah the king,** king of the Southern Kingdom 640-609 bc. **“Have you seen what faithless Israel did? Northern Kingdom She went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and she was a harlot there.**
- 7 **“I thought, ‘After she has done all these things she will return to Me’;** **but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah** Southern Kingdom to whom Jeremiah was writing **saw it.**
- 8 **“And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce,** Fall of Northern Kingdom in 722 bc. to the Assyrians **yet her treacherous sister Judah** Southern Kingdom **did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also.**
- 9 **“Because of the lightness of her harlotry, she polluted the land and committed adultery with stones and trees.** Idolatry
- 10 **“Yet in spite of all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me with all her heart, but rather in deception,” declares the LORD.**

Stage Five: The Punishment

In the book of Deuteronomy –the original marriage contract, clearly declared that if Israel proved unfaithful as Jehovah’s wife, it would become necessary for God to punish her for her unfaithfulness. [*never misunderstand God’s grace as His not caring about our sins*]. Several Old Testament prophecies speak of the punishment of Israel for her unfaithfulness. Ezekiel 16:35-43.

The punishment is further described in Hosea 2:6-13.

While Israel is still in the fifth stage of her historical and prophetic relationship with Jehovah. [which we call 5th cycle of discipline]

The Southern Kingdom will go into the Babylonian captivity and continually suffer until 70 AD when she will go under the 5th cycle of discipline.

Stage Six: The Remarriage with Restored Blessings

[God did not leave the Hebrews in a state of hopelessness but always recorded the Hope of Israel coming and to be realized in the Second Advent of their Messiah, Jesus the Christ.]

The new marriage contract or covenant is found in Jeremiah 31:31-34.

While this is the passage we are studying in regards to the New Covenant, the New marriage covenant is also described in Ezekiel 16:60-63

60 **“Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.** this will be the New Covenant

61 **“Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, *both* your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant.**

62 **“Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD, New Covenant**

63 **so that you may remember and be ashamed and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done,” the Lord GOD declares.**

Another passage that describes the Remarriage that we should be aware of is found in Isaiah.

Isaiah 54:1-8

1 **“Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no *child*; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; For the sons of the desolate one *will be* more numerous Than the sons of the married woman,” says the LORD.**

2 **“Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords And strengthen your pegs.**

3 **“For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations And will resettle the desolate cities. Throughout the land of Israel**

4 **“Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth, And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.**

5 **“For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth.**

6 **“For the LORD has called you, Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of *one's* youth when she is rejected,” Says your God.**

7 **“For a brief moment** already some 2000 years—a brief moment to God **I forsook you, But with great compassion I will gather you.**

8 **“In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you,” Says the LORD your Redeemer.**

And one that we just read Sunday Morning for Judith’s song Sweet Beulah Land. Isaiah 62:1-4

1 **For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, And for Jerusalem’s sake I will not keep quiet, Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, And her salvation like a torch that is burning.**

2 **The nations will see your righteousness, And all kings your glory; And you will be called by a new name Which the mouth of the LORD will designate.** And what I love is that we will be with Him on earth to see all the nations praise Israel.

3 **You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem in the hand of your God.**

4 **It will no longer be said to you, “Forsaken,” as it is today Nor to your land will it any longer be said, “Desolate”; But you will be called, “My delight is in her,” And your land, Beulah = “Married”; For the LORD delights in you, And to Him your land will be married.**

And, of course, this is going to call for a New Covenant!

It still amazes me that in the Church Age so many demand that God take away salvation which He has graciously given to all who believe, if they deny Him or live in sin. Can we not learn from the Old Testament—from His dealings with Israel and Judah what kind of God our God and Savior really is.

He will not cast aside those He has saved.

Now we move to verse 33 of Jeremiah 31.

33 **“But** in contrast with Mosaic covenant **this** the New Covenant **is the covenant which I will make** future **with the house of Israel after those days,**” time factor is stated again as in verse 31; eschatological phrase; referring to Messianic times that are definitely future **declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**

1 The New Covenant is new not only in content but in results: they will have the law in their hearts and they will be God’s people.

2 Again, it is to be enacted in the future.

3 God is going to put His Law in their hearts—supernaturally

4 God’s desire will be realized—all Israel will be His people and He will be their only God.

5 The old covenant of Moses was external, written on stone but the New Covenant will be internal engraved on their souls.

Exodus 24:3-8.

3 **Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!”**

4 **Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. LORD.**

5 **He sent young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the**

6 **Moses took half of the blood and put *it* in basins, and the *other* half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Cutting a covenant**

7 **Then he took the book of the covenant and read *it* in the hearing of the people; and they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!”**

8 **So Moses took the blood and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”**

Exodus 31:18 (NASB95)

18 **When He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.** But the New Covenant will be engraved on their hearts.

6 This Principle is given in a New Testament passage that we will have to look at in detail. 2 Corinthians 3:3; 6

3 **being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.**

And

6 **who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

7 The personal impact of the New Covenant is that God will give them a new heart, that is permanent Indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Ezekiel 36:25-27

25 **“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.**

26 **“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.**

27 **“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.**

In the Church Age, we have the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit and therefore, the potential of the Filling of the Holy Spirit, but under the New Covenant they will have not only the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit but permanence in the Filling of the Holy Spirit. We can learn from this; the Filling of the Holy Spirit, the empowering by the Holy Spirit is the motivation for obeying God’s law. When we are Filled with the Holy Spirit we cannot sin. **“Basic to obedience is inner knowledge of God’s will, coupled with an enablement to perform it.”** (C. Feinberg)

8 The Great Experiment: The Covenant of Israel.
—**Mosaic Covenant**—perfect in itself was weak due to the failure of man. Then in the Church Age God gave to every believer the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit and when a believer chose by Faith to be Filled with the Holy Spirit they fulfilled the Law, but again this system was weak due to failure of believers to walk by Faith. So, under the New Covenant God instilled every Jew with the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit with the result that man obeyed the Law of God.