

Jeremiah 31.27-34

Jeremiah 31.27-30 – A time of recovery was coming

V 27 – There are several places in the book of *Jeremiah* that are optimistic – this is one of them

-**How was God going to bless his people at some point in the future?** Both humans and animals would have many offspring

V 28 – God had been in the process of destroying the nation of Israel, but times would change

-He would rebuild them as his people

V 29 – **Where do you think this saying came from?** From the exiles already in Babylon – they were complaining that they were suffering for the sins of their fathers (not true)

-**The prophecy?** The time would come when they would not say that anymore

V 30 – **What would be the clear plan of God at some point in the future?** Each one would be accountable for his own sins

Jeremiah 31-31-34 – one of the greatest passages in the Old Testament on the coming of the

New Testament church

V 31 – **How do we know a dramatic change was coming in the law of God?** A new covenant

-**With whom would this new covenant be made?** The houses of Israel and Judah

-**So does the New Testament apply only to Jews?** No – **Read Galatians 3.29, 4.28** – Christians are the children of the promise

V 32 – **What would the New Covenant not be like?** Like the one given to Moses in the wilderness

V 33 – **What would the New Covenant be like?** Not external, but God would instill his principles in our hearts

-People will respond from inner motivation, rather than just keeping the outward law

V 34 – **What would not have to be done?** They would not have to go through the Levitical priesthood, but every person would be able to know God (in other words, to pray directly to God)

Read Hebrews 8.7-13 – this was one of the most powerful arguments used by the writer of *Hebrews*

Read *Beacon Bible Commentary*, IV, 431 – a description of the power of Jeremiah in this passage

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