

DAY 10 (pt 2): JEREMIAH 31:23-40

RESTORATION OF ISRAEL COMES THROUGH THE MESSIAH OF ISRAEL

The Lord began speaking to Jeremiah of His future plan for restoration even while the exile was just beginning.

- A. [Jeremiah 30:24](#) Although there have been many restorations until now, the latest one having been in 1948, these texts are concerned with the restoration at the end of the age (“you will”)
- B. [Jeremiah 31:22](#) God answered the question of “how” their restoration would come about.
- C. [Jeremiah 31:23-25](#) The text speaks about the earthly Zion (“land of Judah”) being restored; it is not a synonym for the church or the heavenly Zion.
- D. [Jeremiah 31:26](#) The restoration of Israel was a source of comfort and joy for Jeremiah and the prophets, and it should be for us as well. If you are not interested in eschatology or in the restoration of Israel, you are not interested in many of the things that are on the heart of God.
- E. [Jeremiah 31:27-30](#) “the seed of animals” breaks down the attempts to symbolize and spiritualize “the house of Israel and...Judah.” These verses are best explained and best understood when you fit them in the puzzle of the verses that form the image of the millennial.
- F. [Jeremiah 31:31](#) He’s saying that the covenant with Moses would be made obsolete at some point to provide for an everlasting covenant.
 - a) [Psalm 51:10](#) a new covenant produces a new heart
- G. [Jeremiah 31:32](#) In Hosea and other places we see the Lord portraying Himself alike a husband to Israel. God, Messiah, the bride groom, savior of the bride. Israel is the first bride and we as a church have been grafted into that.
- H. [Jeremiah 31:33](#) The prophets had unique ways to express the thing that we call “the new birth.” A promise originally made to Israel which the Gentiles have been grafted into.
 - a) [Romans 9-11](#)
- I. [Jeremiah 31:34](#) Knowing the Lord is connected with the forgiveness of sins. This is future for Israel but is already present for Gentiles.
- J. [Jeremiah 31:35-36](#) There is no chance for Israel to change its own status because it’s something that God has decided. Why is the Lord so obsessed with keeping Israel as a separate nation before Him forever? Because he wants to glorify himself in them. Because he’s a faithful God and in keeping them as a nation and fulfilling the prophecies and the promises that he has made to this nation, he will glorify his own. It isn’t because they’re a perfect nation. It is because they have been chosen for a purpose and this purpose is the glory of God.
- K. [Jeremiah 31:37](#) The nature of God’s grace says He will not reject all the offspring of Israel because of their sin.
- L. [Jeremiah 31:38](#) “The days are surely coming,’ says the Lord.” It is still speaking here about the new covenant that the Lord is going to make with Israel. The promise of the new covenant is not only about a new heart. It’s also about rebuilding and restoring their land.

