

THE LIVING STORY



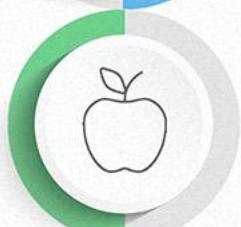
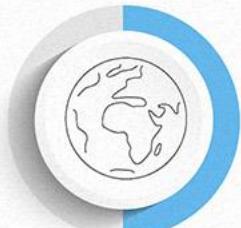
FROM CHAOS

TO ORDER



A New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31–34



“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Jeremiah 31:31–34



When will this new covenant occur?

“...days are coming...”

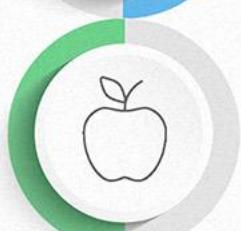
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Who will this covenant be with?

“...with the house of Israel and the house of Judah...”

Jeremiah 31:31



What are the specifics of the covenant?

The negative:

“...not like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:32

The positive:

“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Jeremiah 31:33



What will be new about this covenant?

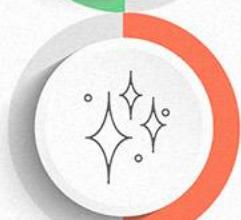
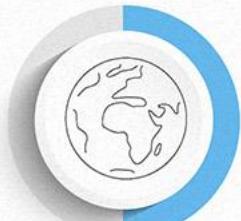
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The difference: “I will”

“And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.”

Ezekiel 11:19–20



The inauguration of the new covenant

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

Luke 22:19–20



The characteristics of the new covenant

1. It is an internalized covenant [Jeremiah 31:33, Ezekiel 11:19–20]
2. It is a universalized covenant [Jeremiah 31:34]
3. It is an empowering covenant [2 Corinthians 3:3–6]
4. It is a transforming covenant [2 Corinthians 6:16–7:1]



God's plan, from beginning to end

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”

Revelation 21:2–3

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