

THE NEW AND BETTER COVENANT, PART 2:
FORETOLD BY JEREMIAH
(Hebrews 8:7-13)

- I. The NEED for a “Better Covenant” (Heb. 8:7-8*a*, 9*b*)
 - A. The OLD Covenant was WEAK
 - 1. It could SHOW men their FAULTS
 - 2. It could not BRING men to GOD
 - B. The FAILURE was with ISRAEL
 - 1. They did not FULFILL the covenant’s CONDITIONS
 - 2. They could not OBTAIN the covenant’s PROMISES

- II. The CHARACTER of the “Better Covenant” (Heb. 8:8*b*-10*a*)
 - A. It was PROMISED by GOD (Jer. 31:31-34)
 - 1. Not as an ADJUSTMENT to “CORRECT course”
 - 2. But as a further DEVELOPMENT of God’s PROGRAM
 - B. It would be IMPLEMENTED by GOD
 - C. It would be DIFFERENT from the OLD
 - 1. In its NATURE
 - 2. In its PROVISIONS

- D. It would be FOCUSED on ISRAEL
 - 1. Acknowledged that Israel was DIVIDED
 - 2. Anticipates Israel's future UNIFICATION

III. The "BETTER PROMISES" of the "Better Covenant" (Heb. 8:10b-12)

- A. It will be INTERNAL
 - 1. Involving the INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT
 - 2. Provoking obedience from LOVING GRATITUDE
- B. It will be EFFECTIVE
 - 1. Producing genuine REGENERATION
 - 2. Establishing a FELLOWSHIP of EQUALS
- C. It will grant COMPLETE FORGIVENESS
 - 1. No NEED for FURTHER SACRIFICES
 - 2. No FEAR of FUTURE PUNISHMENT

IV. The PERMANENCE of the "Better Covenant" (Heb. 8:13)

- A. The New makes the Old OBSOLETE
 - 1. Not a REFURBISHING of the Old
 - 2. But a REPLACEMENT of the Old
- B. The Old is "READY to DISAPPEAR"
 - 1. ENDED with Christ's CRUCIFIXION
 - 2. Would disappear with the DESTRUCTION of the TEMPLE