



## TRUTH FOR TROUBLED TIMES "A Brighter Day Tomorrow" Jeremiah 31:1-32:44

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Jerusalem was finally under siege, famine and plague were rampant, and Jeremiah was imprisoned in the courtyard of the guard. In such dire circumstances, the Lord spoke to Jeremiah. And what an incredible message it was! He promised a brighter day tomorrow.

### I. Jeremiah Signs a Contract.

A. Jeremiah faces his accusers.

Accused of:

1. Desertion. 37:4-16
2. Discouragement. 38:1-13
3. Disloyalty. 32:1-5

B. Jeremiah meets his cousin.

1. Requested by Hanamel to be redeemer of property. 32:8a
2. Jeremiah signs a contract because the Lord told him to! 32:8b

C. Jeremiah dialogues with the Lord.

1. Jeremiah's prayer. 32:16-25
  - a. A prayer to the God of Creation and Covenant. vv. 17-23
  - b. A statement of confidence in God's ability. v. 24
  - c. An unspoken question about God's intentions. v. 25
2. Jehovah's response. 32:26-44
  - a. I'm doing what I said I would.
  - b. I'm going to do what I'm now telling you I will.
  - c. Signing the contract, you put your money where your mouth is.

### II. Jehovah "Cuts" a Covenant.

- A. The despair of the captives being led away. 31:15-17
- B. The discipline of the people in exile. 31:18-22 (note "turn")
- C. The decision of the Lord Almighty. 31:31-34
  1. "I will make a new covenant": Reorientation. cf. Hebrews 8:7f
  2. "I will put my law...on their hearts": Regeneration. cf. Ezekiel 36:26f
  3. "I will be their God...my people": Reconciliation.
  4. "No longer will a man teach...Know the Lord": Realization.
  5. "I will forgive their wickedness": Remission.
- D. The declaration of a brighter day tomorrow. 31:35-40

**Point to Ponder:** God has said, "I WILL." Have I?