

Questions for Life

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A Walk Thru the Bible: The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31: 31"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke". 33"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days..." 34"they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." 35Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; the LORD of hosts is His name: 36"If this fixed order departs from before Me," declares the LORD, "Then the offspring of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever." 37Thus says the LORD, "If the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth searched out below, then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done," declares the LORD. 38"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the city will be rebuilt for the LORD. 40"...[It] shall be holy to the LORD; it will not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever."

Romans 11:26 All Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. 27 And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins."

Matthew 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission[forgiveness], of sins.

Hebrews 9:22 ...Without shedding of blood there is no remission [forgiveness].

1. Replacement theology teaches the following:

- God replaced Israel with the church
- The promises made to Israel are being fulfilled in the church
- God has no future plan for the nation of Israel

If you now suspect that you used to be in a replacement theology church, why do you think you didn't know it at the time?

2. As you read Jeremiah 31:35-37, how does it make you feel about God? How does it make you feel about the Jews?

3. As you read Jeremiah 31:31, 33-34 and Jesus' words in Matthew 26:26-28, how does it make you feel about your connection to the Jews?

4. Can you share what you believe God is saying to you personally in Matthew 26:26-28?

5. If you attend the Lord's Supper, can you share what you especially appreciate about it?