

## Jeremiah 31:27-40 (NIV)

27 **“The days are coming,”** declares the Lord, “when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals. 28 Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,” declares the Lord. 29 “In those days people will no longer say, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

30 Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes — their own teeth will be set on edge.

31 **“The days are coming,”** declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

35 **This is what the Lord says,** he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar — the Lord Almighty is his name:

36 “Only if these decrees vanish from my sight,” declares the Lord, “will Israel ever cease being a nation before me.”

37 This is what the Lord says: “Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done,” declares the Lord.

## This comes with a God-backed guarantee

**The futility of wishful thinking** (7:4, 9-10)

**Building and planting** (27-30; cf 1:10)

**A new covenant** (31-34)

- Different (31-32; cf. 11:1-5)
- The heart (33a; cf. 17:1,9)
- Relationship (33b-34a; cf. 24:4-7)
- Forgiveness (34b; cf. 33:8)
- In Christ (Matthew 26:26-28; Hebrews 8-10)

**Guaranteed** (35-37)

**Therefore...** (Hebrews 10:19-25)