

The Trustworthy Word Lesson 40

Prophetic Prosecution & Promise

Lesson 34 (5/29): The canon of Scripture has divine qualities which demonstrate that it cannot be merely a human book, but must be what it claims to be: a revelation from God.

Lesson 35 (6/12): One of the divine qualities of Scripture is its unity. This includes unity of teaching, literary structure, unfolding revelation.

Lesson 36 (6/19): One of the most remarkable evidences of the unity of Scripture is the theme of covenants. Covenants began in the Old Testament with the covenant with all men through Noah; the covenant promises that extend to all nations through Abraham and his family; and the covenant with Abraham's descendants through Moses at Mt. Sinai.

Lesson 37 (6/26): The covenant at Sinai was recorded in writing, then broken, reinstated, rejected, and then renewed for a new generation about to enter the promised land. Deuteronomy especially includes remarkable covenant promises.

Lesson 38 (7/17): During the time of Joshua and the judges, we find the themes of covenant unfaithfulness and renewal occurring over and over again. During the time of Samuel, the box that symbolized God's covenant presence was not effectual in battle and was stolen by the Philistines.

Lesson 39 (7/24): David brought the covenant box to a tent in Jerusalem and renewed covenant worship. Solomon built a temple, and God's presence came. But Solomon did not keep the covenant, and throughout the history of Israel's kings the cycle of covenant unfaithfulness and renewal continued. There were many brief covenant revivals, but long periods of rejecting and even completely forgetting their covenant relationship with God. Ultimately their temple was destroyed and the nation was exiled from its land. But God had made new covenant promises to David, promising him a dynasty and eternal kingdom.

Prophetic Prosecution:

Isaiah 24:5 *The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant.*

Jeremiah 11:8, 10 *'Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked, each one, in the stubbornness of his evil heart; therefore I brought on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not.'" ... ¹⁰ "They have turned back to the iniquities of their ancestors who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers."*

Jeremiah 22:8-9 *"Many nations will pass by this city; and they will say to one another, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this great city?' ⁹ "Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD their God and bowed down to other gods and served them.'"*

Jeremiah 44:22 *So the LORD was no longer able to endure it, because of the evil of your deeds, because of the abominations which you have committed; thus your land has become a ruin, an object of horror and a curse, without an inhabitant, as it is this day.*

Ezekiel 44:7 *when you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to profane it, even My house, when you offered My food, the fat and the blood; for they made My covenant void-- this in addition to all your abominations.*

Daniel 9:7 *Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day-- to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You.*

Hosea 6:4 *Your loyalty is like a morning cloud and like the dew which goes away early.*

Hosea 8:1 *Put the trumpet to your lips! Like an eagle the enemy comes against the house of the LORD, Because they have transgressed My covenant And rebelled against My law.*

Zechariah 11:10 *I took my staff Favor and cut it in pieces, to break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples.*

Prophetic Promises:

Ezekiel 16:59 *For thus says the Lord GOD, "I will also do with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath by breaking the covenant. Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you."*

Isaiah 61:8 *"For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; And I will faithfully give them their recompense and make an everlasting covenant with them."*

Isaiah 54:7-10 *For a brief moment I forsook you, But with great compassion I will gather you. ⁸ "In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you," Says the LORD your Redeemer. ⁹ "For this is like the days of Noah to Me, When I swore that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again; So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you Nor will I rebuke you. ¹⁰ "For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, And My covenant of peace will not be shaken," Says the LORD who has compassion on you.*

Isaiah 55:1-3 *Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. ² "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. ³ "Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.*

Isaiah 59:19-21 ¹⁹ *So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west And His glory from the rising of the sun, For He will come like a rushing stream Which the wind of the LORD drives. ²⁰ "A Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," declares the LORD. ²¹ "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."*

Isaiah 61:7-11 *Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, And instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land, Everlasting joy will be theirs....⁹ Then their offspring will be known among the nations, And their descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them will recognize them Because they are the offspring whom the LORD has blessed.¹⁰ I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations.*

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *"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, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.³³ "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.³⁴ "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for 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."*

Jeremiah 32:37-40 *Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath and in great indignation; and I will bring them back to this place and make them dwell in safety.³⁸ "They shall be My people, and I will be their God;³⁹ and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for the good of their children after them.⁴⁰ "I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.*

Excerpts from Jeremiah 33:3-21 *'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'* "For thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah which are broken down.... 'Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth. 'I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel and will rebuild them as they were at first. 'I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me and by which they have transgressed against Me. 'It will be to Me a name of joy, praise and glory before all the nations of the earth which will hear of all the good that I do for them, and they will fear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace that I make for it.' "Thus says the LORD, 'Yet again there will be heard in this place ... the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, "Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, For the LORD is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting"; and of those who bring a thank offering into the house of the LORD. For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were at first,' ... 'Behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ... 'In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she will be called: the LORD is our righteousness.' "For thus says the LORD, 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to prepare sacrifices continually.'" The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'If you can break My covenant for the day and My covenant for the night, so that day and night will not be at their appointed time, then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant so that he will not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers."

Jeremiah 50:4-5 *"In those days and at that time," declares the LORD, "the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek. ⁵ "They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that they may join themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.*

Ezekiel 34:23-25 *Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. ²⁴ "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken. ²⁵ "I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.*

Ezekiel 37:24-26 *My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. ²⁵ "They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever. ²⁶ "I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.*

Hosea 2:14-23 ¹⁴ *"Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Bring her into the wilderness And speak kindly to her. ¹⁵ "Then I will give her her vineyards from there, And the valley of Achor as a door of hope. And she will sing there as in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt. ¹⁶ "It will come about in that day," declares the LORD, "That you will call Me Ishi And will no longer call Me Baali. ¹⁷ "For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, So that they will be mentioned by their names no more. ¹⁸ "In that day I will also make a covenant for them With the beasts of the field, The birds of the sky And the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land, And will make them lie down in safety. ¹⁹ "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, In lovingkindness and in compassion, ²⁰ And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the LORD.... ²³ "I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, And I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they will say, 'You are my God!'"*

Malachi 3:1 *"Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.*