DAY 10 (pt 1): JEREMIAH 31:1-22

1. Jeremiah 31:1 God’s mission: choosing Israel and relentlessly pursuing her until

 there is a wedding feast.

1. Jeremiah 31:2 A process of sifting that is needed for the nation of Israel before

 they can be said to be the people of God.

1. Jeremiah 31:3 What are we identifying with?
2. Jeremiah 31:4 God’s grace not only declares us just, but causes us to become just

 at a heart level. He will do the same for the nation of Israel.

1. Jeremiah 31:5 Here is this beautiful promise that the planters shall plant and they

 shall enjoy the fruit.

1. Jeremiah 31:6 True Zionism is calling people to go back to Lord their God. The

 final aliyah is a return to Him.

1. Jeremiah 31:7 Jacob, the chief of the nations.
2. Jeremiah 31:8 The Lord want to reduce our human strength completely so that his

 power might be unhindered and powerful in our lives. This is exactly what will

 happen with Israel. In this verse, the Lord is talking large scale, not just their return

 from Babylon.

1. Jeremiah 31:9 The Lord calls Israel his firstborn son. Firstborn implies second born

 and third born.

* 1. Isaiah 19:24-25 There will be a time when nations that have been

 or are sworn enemies to Israel will be blessed in a very interesting way.

1. Jeremiah 31:10 The Lord was the one who scattered the nation of Israel and the

 Lord will bring them back.

1. Jeremiah 31:11 Leviticus and Numbers talks about how the Lord has ordained every

 firstborn son to be redeemed. He will redeem and ransom a vulnerable Jacob.

1. Jeremiah 31:12-14 These blessings were not fulfilled in 1948.
2. Jeremiah 31:15-17 The Lord is saying, “Your children shall come back to their own

 country.”

* 1. Matthew 2:18 By connecting these verses with what was happening in Israel around the birth of Jesus, Matthew was declaring to everybody that the return had started with the birth of Jesus the Messiah.
1. Jeremiah 31:17 The Lord says there is a reward for your work.
	1. John 6:28-29 The cornerstone and basis for all works in our lives is the belief that He is the one who is saving us, redeeming us, and ransoming us. This is Israel’s greatest work, too.
	2. Romans 11:24 The same dynamics are present in the exile of Israel. They are in a foreign land. They have been chastised and they will be, but this land stays theirs and it'll always be so.
2. Jeremiah 31:18-19 (Zechariah 12) This is the language of repentance. Israel will

 repent when they meet their Savior and Messiah, Jesus. The Lord is the active

 subject and Israel is the passive subject of grace.

1. Jeremiah 31:20 God is putting his heart on the table, so to speak, for all to see. He

 isn’t ashamed to speak of how much He loves this nation. What makes this love so

 much bigger and greater is that it's a love they do not deserve.

1. Jeremiah 31:21 The Lord is transforming a faithless daughter into a virgin, and he's

 already speaking to them as to a virgin.

1. Jeremiah 31:22 “A woman encompasses a man.” This is the solution to their

 unfaithfulness, the cure to their incurable wound: a pregnant woman. The Hebrews

 that heard this instinctively related this to the promise of God to Eve in the

 Garden of Eden. The Lord is going to restore Israel; He is going to bring them back

 to their land.