

## It says, “Forever!”

**The Common Argument:** *There are certain acts of God which are promised to be unalterable because, according to the word, they are **everlasting**. The act which is according to the words **never**, **always**, **everlasting**, and **forever** cannot be interrupted from its course because, logically speaking, the act bound with the word forever, never, or everlasting, will ever be so, and the act which is always cannot ever be another way.*

“I will **never** leave thee nor forsake thee” – Hebrews 13:5

“Lo, I am with you **always**, even unto the end of the world” – Matt. 28:20

“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the **everlasting** Covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.” – Heb. 13:20-21

“For by one offering He hath perfected **for ever** them that are sanctified.” – Heb. 10:14

“For the truth’s sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us **for ever**.” – 2 John 1:2

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall **never** perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. I and *my* Father are one.” – John 10:27-30

My dear reader, have the words **forever**, **never**, or **everlasting** been used, and the act which was promised to be without cessation, nevertheless, failed to exist for the duration of **ever**? If so, the logic by which you affirm the promises of the New Testament is unbiblical and incomplete. I ask you, is there a means, biblically speaking, whereby God has justifiably interrupted and expired an act which was promised to be **forever**?

You may gasp, “Impossible!” You may say, “If such a thing was possible then God has failed to **keep** His word! God will never fail to **keep** His word!” Please hear me, my reader. I am NOT saying that God has failed to keep His word! Rather, by way of question I ask you: What if the way in which God **keeps** His word now, in the New Testament, is the same way in which God **kept** His word in the Old Testament (Neh. 9:7-8, 15, 23-25, 32, Psalm 105:8-11, 42)? Please, let me explain.

My reader, what if our “forever” (2 John 1:2, Heb. 10:14), “never” (Heb. 13:5, John 10:27-30), and “everlasting” (Heb. 13:20) is as Eli’s, to whom was given the promise “perpetual”, “everlasting”, and “for ever” (Ex. 29:9, 40:15, 1 Sam. 2:35)? Remember how God did later say to Eli, “**I said indeed** that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me **for ever**: but *now* the LORD saith, Be it far from Me; for them that honour Me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed” (1 Sam. 2:30)? ...thus he was thrust out of the everlasting priesthood (1 Kings 2:27). The line of Ithamar (which is the priestly line of Eli) failed to be **forever** as God said it would be. In the light of this, how should we interpret the New Testament promises of **forever**? My reader, there are more examples of pertinence which should affect our interpretation of New Testament promises.

Interpreting the Promise: “I will **never** leave thee nor forsake thee” – Hebrews 13:5

What if our promise, “I will **never** leave thee nor forsake thee” (Heb. 13:5), is exactly like the promise given to Israel when Moses declared to them of God, “He it is that doth go with thee; **He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee**” (Deut. 31:6), and yet years later, the Lord knowing that Israel would forsake Him, said, “**I will forsake them**” (Deut. 31:17). Is it not possible that for us also, the *conditional statements* are binding and true: “if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you” (2 Chron. 15:2), or, “if we deny Him, He also will deny us” (2 Tim. 2:12)? What if our promise, “I will **never** leave thee nor forsake thee” (Heb. 13:5), is exactly like the promise given to Joshua, “I will be with thee: **I will not**

**fail thee, nor forsake thee**" (Josh. 1:6), and yet God said to Joshua at a later time, "**neither will I be with you any more**" (Josh. 7:12)? Surely, God was not lying. Surely, He was not acting. What God said He would do He *can* and *will* do, if indeed Joshua didn't comply with the Lord's commandments. Even so, likewise, what if our promise, "Lo, I am with you *always*, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20), is the same as the promise given to Jacob, "**I will not leave thee**" (Gen. 28:15), and at the dark night of Jacob's soul God sought to leave him to die at the hand of his blood-thirsty brother Esau, saying, "**let Me go**" (Gen. 32:26)? This statement, "let Me go", is in direct contradiction to, "I will not leave thee". According to your interpretation of the promises of God, my reader, how is this conflict possible? Mind you, at this time Jacob made his "election sure" instead of vainly trusting in his election. He wrestled, clave, and cried, "**I will not let Thee go**", to God (Gen. 32:26), until God heard him and answered his call! If this happened to Jacob, of whom it was said before he was born, "Jacob have I loved" (Rom. 9:13)... can it happen to us? If God behaved this way towards Jacob, the man who is referenced in scripture as the foremost example of God's election by everlasting love... how do you think God will behave toward us? Jacob, who was elect, did nevertheless make his "election sure" (2 Pet. 1:10), and should we not do the same? If our "never" (Heb. 13:5) is the same as their "I will not" (Josh. 1:6), we must do the same! If our "never" (Heb. 13:5) is the same as their "never" (Judges 2:2), then let us take heed! I solemnly testify to you that, for the neglect of these things and more, "strong crying and tears" (Heb. 5:7) have expired from the sainthood! [For more information, see "[Joshua](#)" & "[Jacob](#)" as biblical examples.]

Interpreting the Promise: "Lo, **I am with you always**, even unto the end of the world" – Matthew 28:20

What if our "**I am with you**" (Matt. 28:20) is as Jeremiah's "**I am with thee**" (Jer. 1:8)? Remember again how the greatness of God is committed to Jeremiah, as God said, "I am with thee to deliver thee" ([Jer. 1:8](#)). Let me ask you, my reader, who is greater than God? He was a "Defenced City," an "Iron Pillar," a "Brasen Wall" for Jeremiah, against all that fought against him! Even so, what has God promised concerning those who fight against New Testament Christians? The devil and a world of iniquity, all of these fight against Christians, and to us it is said like as it was said to Jeremiah, "they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for **I am with thee**, saith the LORD, to deliver thee" ([Jer. 1:17-19](#)). Nevertheless, what became of Jeremiah when his faith failed? The time came when God pronounced prophetic woe upon Jeremiah in [Jeremiah 15:14](#), a thing which is *seemingly impossible*. God said the Babylonians (God's destroying wrath) were going to prevail against Jeremiah except he repents of his sins (see Jer. 15:15-21)! Indeed, God said: "...a fire is kindled in Mine anger which shall burn upon you" (Jer. 15:14)! Beholding certain destruction in the hands of an angry God, Jeremiah repented... being "heard in that he feared" (Heb. 5:7). Jeremiah had promises and so do we, but will we ever learn to "fear" (Heb. 4:1) based upon the examples which have gone before us (1 Cor. 10:11-12)? [For more information, see "[Jeremiah](#)".]

Many quote John 6:37-40 to affirm "**the Father's will**" that Christ "**should lose nothing**", but what if the Father can repent of *His will* here, in the New Testament, like as He repented of His will in the Old Testament, being provoked thereto by backsliders (i.e. Jer. 18:7-11, Ezek. 33:12-20)? Consider the NT promise, my reader.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is **the Father's will** which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me *I should lose nothing*, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." – John 6:37-40

What if our "forever" (2 John 1:2, Heb. 10:14) is as Saul's "for ever" (1 Sam. 13:13), a "for ever" which Saul fell short of? Was it not **the Father's will** that Saul's Kingdom did continue before God "forever", as the Lord said (1 Sam. 15:35), and this *genuine intention* that the Father had for Saul was "repented" of when Saul turned to sin in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of his reign (see how it was said of God, "it repenteth Me", in 1 Sam. 15:11, and "the LORD repented", in 1 Sam. 15:35)? It is written that God *repented*, and therefore there was a *genuine change of will, mind, and emotion in God*, therefore we can understand that the Father can "will" something, and yet, not obtain His desire (in one sense,

see “[God in the ways of man](#)”). What if the New Covenant affirmation that, it is “the Father’s will” that none who are “given” to Christ “*should*” ever be “lost” (John 6:37-40), is the same scenario as when God, in the Old Covenant, willed that Saul *should* be King and that his Kingdom *should* continue forever? It can be correctly stated that Saul’s kingdom *should have continued forever*, even as Samuel the prophet stated the Father’s will concerning it: “for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever” (1 Sam. 13:13). What if we can fall short of our God-given promises which are “for ever” so that our latter end becomes like Sauls: “the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him” (1 Sam. 16:14)? Even so, also, what if the statement, “I should lose nothing” in John 6:37-40, can be the same as the statements, “I should”, in Ps. 81:14, “should have” in Ps. 81:15, and “should have” in Ps. 81:16, for it is said of them also, like those of John 6:37-40, “their time should have endured for ever” (Ps. 81:15)... but what happened (see Ps. 81:10-16)? In the light of these biblical events and more, how should we interpret the promise in John 6:37-40? [For more information, see “[The Purpose and Intent For Salvation](#)”.]

“What about The Golden Chain”, *you ask?* “The *eternality* of the promises of God in the New Testament is confirmed by The Golden Chain”, *you argue?* “So that like as Romans 8:30 does declare, the course of redemption is logically promise-bound into its course and logically impossible of alteration”, *you affirm?* I know this is what you *ask, argue,* and *affirm*. I do not disagree that, indeed, the promise is written:

Interpreting the Golden Chain: “Moreover *whom* he did **predestinate**, them he also **called**: and whom he **called**, them he also **justified**: and whom he **justified**, them he also **glorified**.” – Romans 8:30

Nevertheless, my reader, what if our Golden Chain (Rom. 8:28-31) is like the Golden Chains of the Old Covenant (i.e. the Abrahamic & Davidic Covenants)? Did you know that there are Old Testament promises which are promise-bound-to-promise, link-upon-link, just like the New Testament Golden Chain written in Romans 8:30? After studying these Covenants unto their historical conclusion and prophetic consummation, I would ask you, my reader: What if our salvation is LIKE UNTO THEIRS in that it is given to us in an unbreakable chain of promised-bound logical connectedness, so that by a promise-bound-to-promise presentation, our Covenant also, LIKE UNTO THEIRS, logically forbids the possibility of any ulterior reality in existence... except the promises can be *breached* under certain conditions which are laid forth in scripture, like theirs was breached. If indeed the promises of God (in the New & Old Testaments) are held in **breach-ability by conditions**, this interpretation is logically possible. Have you never read of the Abrahamic Covenant, “and ye shall know My **breach** of promise” (Num. 14:34)? Have you never read how, in the appointed time, God will “close up **the breaches**” (Amos 9:11-12) that were made in the Davidic Covenant? Please, let me explain.

**The Abrahamic Covenant**: In [Genesis 15:13-16](#), God swore the Canaanite land ([Gen. 15:18-21](#)) unto the fourth generation after Abraham ([Gen. 15:13-16](#)), a generation called “the Exodus generation”, and this generation fulfilled the number which God promised them to be ([Gen. 15:5](#)); they were as the stars of heaven ([Deut. 10:22](#), [Neh. 9:23](#)). Concerning the Exodus Generation it can be observed,

***God’s Motivation and Intent for Salvation***

“God remembered His Covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob” – [Exodus 2:24](#)

***Salvation as a work of God based upon the faithfulness of God***

“I am come down to deliver,” “to bring them up out of that land,” “unto the place” (the Promised Land)  
– [Exodus 3:8](#)

### *The spoken word of God*

"And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey." ( [Exodus 3:17](#))

### *The Promise of God*

"And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as He hath promised, that ye shall keep this service."  
([Exodus 12:25](#))

### *The Oath to their fathers*

"And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which He sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month." ([Exodus 13:5](#))

### *The Oath to the present-tense Exodus generation*

"And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as He sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee," ([Exodus 13:11](#))

Having so great a Golden Chain of words, promises, and oaths, all-remembered and all-spoken by the faithfulness of God, with the Lord descending according to **the Father's will** that they should be saved, but yet... what happened to them? The whole generation was killed off in the wilderness, even 600,000 men of war who refused to believe for the salvation that had already been given to them ([Deut. 1:20-21](#)). This was a generation whose number was supposed to be as the stars in number when they inherited the Promised Land, but this generation was reduced to two men of war (the Levites excluded)! Even so, God decided to raise up their children in their stead. The Exodus generation refused to take the Promised Land as a gift of grace, thus God condemned them to hell (see Num. 14 & Deut. 1). He reprobated them without any possibility of repentance even though they sought after it with tears ([Deut. 1:41-46](#) like as Heb. 6:6, 12:17). My reader, I repeat, we know that they lost their salvation because they did once partake of Christ and the gospel (see [1 Cor. 10:1-4](#), and for many more proofs see "[The Exodus Generation Saved by Faith](#)"), but then they forsook the gospel which was preached to them while they stood on the edge of Heaven ([Heb. 3:16-4:1](#))! On the edge of final perseverance their faith failed! HOW TERRIFYING! Verily, even the writer of Hebrews was AFRAID, therefore feelingly, he said – "LET US THEREFORE FEAR" ([Heb. 4:1](#))! What about you?

This generation came "short" ([Heb. 4:1](#)) of their gospel promise and were cast away, forsaken, and rejected by God ([Num. 14:34](#)) through a holy **breach** of the Covenant promise; a **holy broken promise**. Now, this was to no fault or error in the integrity and faithfulness of God to perform His word. Intercessors, recognizing that the promises had been broken, cried out for their fulfillment (Ps. 77:7-9). All of the thousands of years leading up to the day of Christ, men were still pleading for and looking after the fulfillment of those promises ([Luke 1:54-55, 72-73](#)), and we, like them, are also waiting for those promises to consummate in Christ's rulership of the Land. We await their final, mysterious fulfillment, but there is no fault upon God because His former word was breached. The Abrahamic Covenant was a "golden chain" which cannot be broken, and though those persons who were called in its promise fell short of it, and though many generations in its call also fell short of it, it was the

mercy of God that He did not entirely and utterly consume the whole seed of Abraham so as to make void the Covenant's final fulfillment altogether ([Neh. 9:17, 19, 27, 31](#)). It was God's mercy that He did not throw out the Golden Chain altogether but rather disintegrated some links to the chain, and with no flaw in the promise, for somehow the higher righteousness of God is able to take a just and righteous occasion to damn saved men because of their sin ([Neh. 9:33](#)). Rising up to vindicate God's faultlessness, God's people, the holy angels, and God's scripture still affirm that God *kept* His word perfectly, faithfully, and righteously ([Neh. 9:7-8, 15, 23-25, 32, Psalm 105:8-11, 42](#)), but the *breach of promise* upon those saved men/generations is never disannulled, disaffirmed, or denied **at the same time**. I say again, they recognized that God's faithfulness to perform the Covenant was magnified in that He kept the Covenant alive at all. They understood that God desired, thought to, and was moved to destroy it altogether, many times, and therefore, to think that God would keep it alive for any further, partial, or a final mysterious fulfillment in Christ for all eternity – this is God's great faithfulness ([Num. 9:31-32, Lam. 3:21](#)). Had it not been for intercessors in every age standing against the wrathful mind of God to destroy the Covenant and His people, then it, and they, would not be alive today ([Exodus 32:13](#), see also "[The Near Annihilation of God's People](#)" for more information). God hears their prayers and still affirms that the New Covenant is arisen to fulfill the age-old, first Covenant given to the fathers' – or Abraham as the first father ([Deut. 9:5, 26-29, 10:15-16, Micah 7:20, Lk. 1:54-55, 72-73, Rom. 11:28-29, Jer. 33:22-26](#)).

Therefore, my reader, in the light of the Abrahamic Covenant, what if our "everlasting" (Heb. 13:20) is as their "everlasting" (1 Chron. 16:17, Ps. 105:10)? The Abrahamic Covenant was fixed with an "immutable counsel" (Heb. 6:17-18), but does this mean that no one who were partakers of its blessed promises (which are salvation) ever fell short of them unto damnation? Can I ask you, my reader, what became of the exodus generation? For it was to them, at the first, the promises were given, and therewith they were to be forever saved, dwelling within the Promised Land as its sole inhabitants. As for the Abrahamic Covenant, the prophets complained, "Doth His promise fail for evermore" ([Psalm 77:8](#))? [For more info, see "[The Abrahamic Covenant](#)" & "[The Exodus Generation](#)".]

**The Davidic Covenant:** The Davidic Covenant's Golden Chain is exactly like unto [Romans 8:28-32](#), this can be thoroughly proven in scripture. At the outset of the Davidic Covenant, God was promising a glorious relationship. It was a *relationship in distinction* from what God had with Saul. This point of argument is of vital importance, so please consider it carefully.

### ***A Distinction of Relationship***

*The argument is a distinction of relationship: how that the former was inferior because damnation ensued, but the latter is superior because damnation is impossible.*

#### **King Saul**

"But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee." – 1 Samuel 16:14-15

**God's Description of Saul:** "I gave thee a king in Mine anger, and took him away in My wrath." – Hosea 13:11

**David's Fear, in light of Saul's Example:** "Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me." – Psalm 51:11

#### **The Davidic Covenant, Speaking of King Solomon**

"And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: **But My mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.** And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever." – 2 Samuel 7:12-16

My reader, I did formerly ask you, *What if our “everlasting” (Heb. 13:20) is as Saul’s “for ever” (1 Sam. 13:13), a “for ever” which Saul fell short of. What if we can fall short of our God-given promises which are “for ever” so that our latter end becomes like Saul’s: “the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him” (1 Sam. 16:14)?* But do you see, my reader? Do you see how the Davidic Covenant is different? What is so exceedingly glorious about the Davidic Covenant is, in it, **a distinction of relationship** is promised from what happened to King Saul. A distinction of relationship which is, namely, a Father-to-son relationship - a relationship which was statedly unlike the former Covenant God had with Saul in that, it was a Covenant which Saul was able to *fall* from (2 Sam. 7:14) and thus, two things: (1) **mercy departed** from Saul, and, (2) Saul was **put away** from being King. Statedly, God is declaring that Saul was able to *fall* from the Covenant-relationship which he had with God, but according to the Davidic Covenant there is a **DISTINCTION** from this **relationship** – therefore Solomon and his seed are not able to *fall*. If we could title the relationship God has with Solomon and his seed in distinction from Saul, what would it be? According to 2 Sam. 7:12-16, the promises of irresistible mercy which inhibit Covenanted-saints from *falling* or being *put away* is, according to God: **a Father-to-son relationship**. By this text we can gather, God did not have a Father-to-son relationship with Saul (*so it seems*), and God did have a Father-to-son relationship with Solomon and his seed. According to 2 Samuel 7:12-16, this relationship promise-binds eternal security and perseverance to Solomon and his seed, and their throne, **forever**, *so it seems...* but what if the Father-to-son relationship that is implied in 2 Sam. 7:14 is exactly like what is implied in the Father-to-son relationship in Psalm 103:13, Jer. 10:20, Isa. 63:8-10, & Mal. 3:13-18? We must be careful here!

My reader, what happened to Solomon and his seed? They **fell**! What happened to the final promise of the Davidic Covenant? It was **breached**!

More specifically, my reader, three promises can be accounted of in this Covenant. Concerning David’s seed, God said, **1)** “I will establish his Kingdom,” **2)** “He shall build an house for My Name,” and **3)** “I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.” These three promises are easily seen in 2 Samuel 7:12-16. Take note of God’s contextual agenda behind these three promises - steadfast mercy, unfailing faithfulness, and persevering grace, which were promised to the seed of David: **a covenanted relationship** unlike what happened to Saul. When Saul sinned, God took away mercy from him and so went the kingdom, but with Solomon, God says, this would not be so *even if he sins*. If Solomon sinned, God said that He would “be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But My mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.” On the basis of **this fatherly relationship**, it was therefore reasonable to believe the following PROMISE to be *inevitable, irreversible,* and without question, *unalterable*: “And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.” My reader, do you think this promise could be breached even though the content of the promise itself appears to be *unconditional* and *unalterable*? Don’t you see, my reader? Do you see how the promises of the Davidic Covenant (seen in 2 Samuel 7:12-16) ARE A GOLDEN CHAIN?! Therefore I asked the question, *What if our Golden Chain is like unto David’s Golden Chain?* [For more information regarding the Davidic Covenant, see [“The Davidic Covenant: Seeking a Performance of the Promises”](#) with a correlating [sermon](#).]

Knowing this, that the Davidic Covenant is subject to *conditions* whereby God can justifiably **breach** the promises, David himself, who is an example for us, related to the Davidic Covenant in a way which is different than the edicts of Calvinism. David was apprehensive that he, Solomon, and Solomon’s seed (as regenerated men) could fall short of the Covenant promises of God for their salvation. In the light of this burden, David *preached, prayed, and said,*

- David *Preached* to Solomon → “serve [God] with a **perfect heart**” – [1 Chron. 28:6-11](#)
- David *Prayed* for Solomon → “give unto Solomon my son a **perfect heart**” – [1 Chron. 29:17-19](#)
- David *said* → “I will behave myself wisely in a **perfect way**. O when wilt Thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a **perfect heart**” ([Psalm 101:2](#)). David can say, “I will behave” and “I will walk,” nevertheless he knows that he can do nothing by himself. He did always confess, “it is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my **way perfect**” ([Psalm 18:32](#)), and again, “The LORD **will perfect** that which concerneth me” ([Ps. 138:8](#)).

A **perfect heart** strives and presses to *obtain* ([Php. 3:14](#)), *fulfill* ([Rom. 8:4](#), [Gal. 5:14](#), [James 2:23](#)), and *lay hold* ([1 Tim. 6:12, 19](#)) on **the promises of God**. Do you have this mind toward the promises of God in the New Testament? Saving faith is objectively defined by a carefulness to fulfill the Covenant's conditions. We cannot affirm to anyone that he or she savingly believes in God, while yet, the present behavior in which they do walk in is blamed by one of *the conditions* of the Covenant.

- God gave Solomon  
Conditions of Warning,  
*despite the Golden Chain* → “**IF...THEN** will I perform My word with thee” – [1 Kings 6:11-13](#)

Solomon sought after that which was promised to be “*fulfilled*” and “*performed*” ([1 Kings 8:15-20](#)), as if he had to “**lay hold upon**” that which was freely promised and freely given to him ([1 Tim. 6:12](#)). To lay hold upon the promises of God in the Davidic Covenant, Solomon prayed for that which was “*promised*” to be “*verified*”; more specifically, verification means - God does indeed “keep” that which was promised, instead of **breaching it** ([2 Chron. 6:14-16](#), [1 Kings 8:22-26](#)). Maintaining a “perfect heart” was Solomon’s most vital concern ([1 Kings 8:54-66](#)); otherwise, he knew - God would **BREACH** the promises.

Eventually Solomon fell from grace, or in other words, iniquitous snares did catch him until they “**turned away his heart**” from God. My reader, this means that “his **heart** was not **perfect** with the LORD his God” anymore ([1 Kings 11:3-6](#)). Therefore, my reader, the promises given in the Davidic Covenant ([2 Sam. 7:4-17](#)) were not completely fulfilled (by breaches).

- “In that day will I raise up the Tabernacle of David that is **fallen**, and close up the **BREACHES** thereof; and I will **raise up his ruins**, and I will **build it** as in the days of old: That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by My Name, saith the LORD that doeth this.” - [Amos 9:11-12](#)

The verses above do prophesy of a day when God does “**build**” and “**raise up**” the Davidic Covenant, because for now, as you can see in Psalm 89, the Davidic Covenant is “**fallen**”, utterly broken with “**breaches**” (breaks), and thus... it has crumbled into “**ruins**” ([Amos 9:11-12](#)). The Davidic Covenant is the second major and *eternal Covenant* that God did **breach**. When the Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants were breached, the people of God were thrust into a holy bewilderment. Psalm 77 reflects on the salvific work of God in the Abrahamic Covenant, when at that time, all such “favour” (77:7), “mercy” (77:8), “promise” (77:8), and “grace” (77:9) were no more. The psalmist who wrote Psalm 77 exudes the painful experience of when the God of the Bible is overwhelmingly absent. Pressing upon his soul is the overwhelming feeling that God has hidden Himself.

As for the Davidic Covenant, the prophets were baffled and questioning God – why had He “made void the Covenant” ([Psalm 89:39](#)) which He swore to perform ([Psalm 89:49](#)), which He said He would not “lie” about nor “fail” to perform because of His “faithfulness” ([Psalm 89:33, 35](#))? Yet how can it be? Likewise, Jeremiah’s complaint echoed with the same words when he questioned God, “Wilt Thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail” ([Jer. 15:18](#))? This is as the question in [Psalm 89:49](#): “Lord, where are Thy former lovingkindnesses, which Thou swarest unto David in Thy truth?” With great detail, my reader, consider Psalm 89, verse by verse & color-coded:

### What God Covenanted by Faithful Promise

Verse 28 - My **mercy** will I keep for him for evermore

Verse 28 - **My covenant shall stand fast with him.**

Verse 34 - **My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips.**

Verse 29 - **his throne as the days of heaven.**

Verse 36 - **his throne as the sun before Me.**

Verse 33 - My **lovingkindness** will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer My faithfulness to fail.

Verse 35 - **Once have I sworn by My holiness that I will not lie unto David.**

### What God Did By Holy Repentance

Verse 38 - Thou hast been **wroth** with Thine anointed

Verse 46 - How long, LORD? wilt Thou hide Thyself for ever? **shall Thy wrath burn like fire?**

Verse 39 - Thou hast **made void the covenant** of Thy servant:

Verse 39 - **Thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.**

Verse 44 - **cast his throne down to the ground.**

Verse 38 - But Thou hast cast off and **abhorred**,  
Verse 49 - Lord, where are Thy **former lovingkindnesses**

Verse 49 - **which Thou swarest unto David in Thy truth?**

What these saints were lamenting was clear. They understood their Covenant promises were breached, but do we? This was a Golden Chain – *breached* – therefore were the saints thrust into bewilderment (Deut. 9:8, 13)!

Now considering our Golden Chain in the New Covenant, my brethren, what if it is exactly as David’s Golden Chain? And as for all the promises of God given to us, what if our “shall not” (Matt. 16:18) is exactly like David’s “shall not” (2 Sam. 7:15)? What if our “forever” (2 Jn. 1:2, Heb. 10:14) and “everlasting” (Heb. 13:20) does follow the course of David’s “for ever” (2 Sam. 7:16), when, after it had taken its course into the beginning stages of what it would become in its prophetic-projectile, it suffered breach after breach (i.e. Amos 9:11-12, etc.) until, alas... David said of God, “Although my house be not so with God; yet He hath made with me an **everlasting Covenant**, ordered in all things, and **sure**: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although He make it not to grow” (2 Sam. 23:5). God spoke and said, “thine house...shall be established for ever” (2 Sam. 7:16), but David prophesied, knowing what shall soon come to pass, “my house be not so with God” (2 Sam. 23:5). Therefore, I say, what if our “**sure** mercies of David” (Isa. 55:3, Acts 13:34) do take the same course in which David’s mercies took, a course that involved momentary and long-lasting breaches until the consummating restoration, and because of this consummating end David is able to say that the mercies which were given to him are “sure” (2 Sam. 23:5)? Should we not, like David, learn the surety of our mercy’s sureness, and thus be careful to make them “sure” (2 Pet. 1:10)!? God be praised that thereby we CAN obtain assurance! In this way, and for the purpose of biblical assurance, let us comprehend that our “everlasting” (Heb. 13:20) is as David’s



“everlasting” (2 Sam. 23:5)! [For more info regarding the subsequent bewilderment caused by the breach of the Davidic Covenant, see “[Bewilderment and Blindness by a Covenant Breached](#)”.]

But you will say, “the New Covenant promises are NOT as the Old Covenant promises”, and by this you argue, they are “**better promises**” (Heb. 8:6) in “**a better Covenant**” (Heb. 8:6), by “**a better Testament**” (Heb. 7:22). This is true, indeed, but not in every sense that you mean to prove. The New Covenant is “better” than the Old Covenant just as the Covenant-relationship of God-to-Solomon is better than the Covenant-relationship of God-to-Saul, this is true! But you mean to argue how, according to Hebrews 8:6, the “better promises” and “better Covenant” is in reference to Jeremiah 31:31-34, which Hebrews quotes in 8:8-12, and by this you affirm, the Old Covenant was a Covenant which “*they brake*” (Jer. 31:32), but the New Covenant is “better” because it is a Covenant which *we cannot break*.

## “They Brake” – Jeremiah 31:32

**The Common Argument:** You argue that their Covenant (The Old Covenant) was a Covenant “*they brake*” (Jer. 31:32), and therefore it was *faulty* (Heb. 8:7), but God, by the mercies of a greater Covenant (The New Covenant), has saved us with a Covenant which *we cannot break*. By this you mean to prove, theirs was a Covenant which “*they brake*”, or in other words it was a Covenant which God was, thereby, able to *breach*, but the New Covenant is *unbreakable* by us and *un-breach-able* by God.

**My Plea:** I understand this argument, my reader... but here in Jeremiah 31:31-34, like as the Davidic Covenant was compared to Saul’s relationship with God, we are faced with *the same* argument of superiority based upon a Covenant distinction (because of *a distinction of relationship*, God-to-man). Keeping in memory the biblical and historical pattern heretofore set forth, let it serve as an interpretive lens. Let us go forth un-blinded by the traditions of men and illuminated by God’s Lamp: The Scripture.

### ***A Distinction of Relationship – the Old Covenant from the New Covenant***

*The argument is a distinction of relationship: how that the former was inferior because damnation ensued, but the latter is superior because damnation is impossible.*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 8:6-13

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: **Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant THEY BRAKE, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:** But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his

“But now hath he obtained a **more excellent ministry**, by how much also he is the mediator of a **better covenant**, which was established upon **better promises**. For if that first *covenant* had been **faultless**, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, **Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.** For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their

brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will **I remember no more**. In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.”

Without contest, the text states a *distinction of relationship*, but we must be biblically consistent and precise in our application. By citing Jeremiah 31:31-34, dear Calvinist, you are wrongfully intent on proving your point. Because of this passage you argue eternal security and the final perseverance of all saints. You argue based upon this passage, specifically speaking, “The way in which the regenerate saints fell in the Old Covenant whereby God did cast them away (see Jer. 31:32, 32:40, Heb. 8:9), the saints of the New Covenant are not able to fall or be cast away”, but in stating this, oh man, you nullify the interpretation and application of the New Testament writers (because the NT inspired writers cited Old Testament breaches of promise to exist as viable potentials for New Testament saints; see link below). Dear Calvinist, you are struggling because you wonder how, if this is the case, there is no difference between the Old and New Covenants, if indeed we can fall and become cast away. On this vein you must remember the context of the Jeremiah 31 and 32 promises, specifically noting in Hebrews how they were applied. Even though Jeremiah 31:31-34 was specifically applied to New Testament saints in Hebrews 8 and 10, so also are **the warnings** by which the Old Covenant was broken in Hebrews 2:1-4, 3:6-4:11, 5:11-6:12, 10:26-39, 12:15-29, when thereby, the saints fell and became castaways (and for greater context in addition to the warnings seen in Hebrews, see 1 Corinthians 9:27-10:13 and Jude 5:5 in connection with Hebrews 3:6-4:11 [especially 4:1]; and for a detailed address of these passages see “[Tracing Hebrews](#)”).

My reader, Jeremiah 31:31-34 is not the only Old Testament passage applied as a New Testament experience in the book of Hebrews. Psalm 95:7-11 is quoted in Hebrews 3:7-11. The events of Numbers 13-14 and Deuteronomy 1 are quoted in Hebrews 3:7-4:11. The potential happening of Numbers 14:39-45 and Genesis 27:34-40 is applied as a New Testament experience in Hebrews 6:6 and Hebrews 12:16-17. The principles of disqualification from mercy and forgiveness by an atoning sacrifice seen in Numbers 15:22-31 are applied as New Testament rules in Hebrews 10:26-29, and thereby, also, the vengeance of God seen in Deuteronomy 35-36 and Isaiah 63:7-10 is quoted and applied to NT saints in Hebrews 10:30-31. So also, the sinful act of despite and the retributive consequence therewith, written in Psalm 106:24 and Numbers 15:31, is recited and applied in Hebrews 10:28-29. Habakkuk 2:3-4 is quoted in Hebrews 10:38. The Old Testament exemplification of chastisement cited in Job 5:17-18, Proverbs 3:11-13, Lev. 26:28, Deut. 11:1-7, which is an experience described in Job 9:34 and Job 21:9, but more specifically in Job 13:24, 16:9, 19:7-8, 19:10-11, 16:13, which is in correlation with the description of chastisement in Lam. 3:3, 2:5, 3:11, 3:7-9, 3:2, 3:10, 3:42, 3:43, 3:47, 3:12-13, 2:4 (Note: the experience of chastisement described in Lamentations was forewarned as a possibility by 2 Sam. 7:14 and Ps. 89:32, and for more information see “[How is repentance wrought in the regenerate children of God?](#)”), is in exact correlation with what is applied in Hebrews 12:5-17. Also for additional confirmation to this context, Deuteronomy 29:18 is quoted in Hebrews 12:15, and Genesis 27:34-40 is quoted in Hebrews 12:16-17. Furthermore, the experiences of fearfulness and the retributive judgment in light of when God revealed Himself in and exercised judgment by – a Consuming Fire – is quoted from the events of Exodus 19-20, Deuteronomy 4-5, 8:19-20, 9:3, Psalm 106:18, and Deuteronomy 18:15-19, and applied as a New Testament experience and warning in Hebrews 12:18-29. These Old Testament passages and many more, being cited by the inspired writer of Hebrews, deeply affect how he interpreted and applied the meaning of Jeremiah 31:31-34 in Hebrews 8 & 10. We err, my beloved brethren, if we interpret Jeremiah 31:31-34 without the balance of the rest of these Old Testament passages, for they are all applied by the inspired writer of Hebrews. Considering all things, the interpretation of the inspired writers of Hebrews is obvious.

Furthermore, my beloved brethren, we must look carefully at the context of Jeremiah 31:31-34. You err, my brethren, when you do not consider the whole context of Jeremiah 31 and 32, very specifically. I testify to you that “we”, the Gentile Church, are NOT the *exclusive recipients* of the promises in Jeremiah chapter 31 & chapter 32. The Gentile

Church is not the “original audience” (in one sense) to whom the prophet declares these promises. Therefore, I say, the Gentile Church is *mysteriously included* in the promises of Jeremiah 31 and 32. And because the promises were not spoken *exclusively* or *entirely* for us, every statement within Jeremiah 31:31-34 is not *performed* or *fulfilled* in us, in the Gentile Church Age. These promises were spoken to **a people** and **time period** beyond the one which does now exist (the Last Generation salvation of the Jews), and in the mystery of God’s unsearchable righteousness He has made Gentiles into Jews (thereby accomplishing our salvation), a thing which is a logical impossibility. The promises of Jeremiah 31 and 32 were spoken for and are committed to the Jews (the literal and physical Jews), and by the power of these promises “they” shall be finally saved (as the Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants prophesied, by the inheritances of the Promised Land through David’s eternal throne). [For more info, see “[Final Salvation & Final Judgment](#)”.]

Before looking at the promises of Jeremiah 31:31-34 very specifically, distinguishing those which are performed in the Gentile Age from those which are performed at the resurrection, by way of summary let me say this: We know that, according to the prophets, these promises will consummate in the resurrection, during the regeneration of the world, and thereby, at the final and complete eradication of SIN from the saints, thus God will never repent of His promises again! At this time, because of the resurrection, and not before this, “repentance shall be hid from His eyes” (Hos. 13:14), therefore we must not apply **a relational aspect** which is promised to us as if we have *already inherited* that promise, which is to say, we must not relate to God in **a relationship aspect** which is *not yet performed* in us. I say again, this peculiar and supreme **relational aspect** between God and man does not exist until the resurrection, at the eradication of all sin from the saints – because then, at this time, it is possible for God to dwell in friendship with man *without repentances* forevermore. This is because there will be no wrestling in His heart anymore, no contrary will at all – NO! – Because there will be no more sin in the saints! God says at this time, “I will plant them in this land with My WHOLE HEART and with My WHOLE SOUL” (Jer. 32:41), with no contrary desires (like the desires seen in Hos. 11:8-9)! This is the expressed meaning of the statement, “My WHOLE heart”! It means that there will be no conflict of thought and desire in God. This *without-repentance wholeness* begins at the moment sin is entirely eradicated from the saints, at the resurrection! Then, God will never “turn away from” us again (Jer. 32:40). In other words, He will never be angry with us again (Isa. 54:9), He will never rebuke us again (Isa. 54:9), His Covenant shall never be anything but kindness because, God said, “My kindness shall not depart from thee” (Isa. 54:10), because this is the hour in which God will, “with everlasting kindness”, “have mercy” on Israel from thenceforth and forevermore (Isa. 54:8). At this time the “everlasting” and “shall not depart” promises are fulfilled and consummated, but until this point – *the resurrection* – we cannot claim this experience as our own. This experience is something for which we are *tested* and *tried*, for which we *wait* for and *look after* with longing desire, acknowledging that it, to us, indeed is promised, and that it, in Christ, is our salvation, but it is yet to “be revealed” (1 Pet. 1:5), and from now until then we must be careful that we do not fall short of our promises of “everlasting”, “forever”, “never”, and “shall not depart”, like the regenerate saints who backslid in former Covenants fell short of theirs! For we, like them, are not resurrected into the glories of these Covenants – in which is the physical inheritance of the land of Israel, the regeneration of the earth, and so on. We all await the same experience which is now, yet again, a long time prolonged!

### **Three Key Passages, Commonly Misinterpreted by Calvinists**

#### **1) The wider context of Hebrews, beyond chapters 7-9**

The fall of the Exodus Generation which caused the breach of the Abrahamic Covenant is explicitly applied as a potential we can experience, according to the interpretation of inspired writers (see 1 Corinthians 9:27-10:13, Hebrews 3:6-4:11 [especially 4:1], Jude 5:5; for more info see “[Tracing Hebrews](#)”).

#### **2) The wider context of Jeremiah, beyond chapter 31 verses 31-34**

This wider context reveals that the Covenant written in Jeremiah 31:31-34 is, by position, giving prophetic illustration of the prophets *looking forward* to the salvation experience of literal physical Israel *supremely*, and until then, *mysteriously*, the Gentiles do become participating Israelites in Christ. What

was *supremely* meant for “them” (literal and physical Israel) is *mysteriously* fulfilled in us (the Gentile Church Age), until what is *partially* performed in us is *entirely* fulfilled in them!

3) **The wider context of Jeremiah 31:31-34 (in light of Jer. 31-33), Isaiah 54:8-10 (in light of Isa. 54-55), and Ezekiel 36:25-29 (in light of Ezek. 36-39), and all other prophetic passages which are commonly misapplied to our present experience in the Gentile Church Age**

According to the position of the prophets who foretold the salvation of Israel, they declared it as those who *looked beyond* the Gentile Church Age. Therefore we must be careful because, that which is beyond the Gentile Church Age should not be applied to the Gentile Church Age. In this carefulness, by properly considering the supreme authorial intent given in the wider context of these prophetic passages, the verses commonly applied as eternal security arguments for the Gentile Church Age are obviously erroneous. The prophets declared salvation in these passages, yes, but to literal physical Israel, therefore their prophecies are descriptive of an event *beyond* the calendar of the Gentile Church Age. The saints of the Gentile Church Age have become recipients of a salvation which was given to literal physical Israel, *primarily* and *supremely*. The Gentile Church Age is, therefore, a forerunning mystery to this climactic conclusion, for in the Gentiles the promises are NOT *entirely performed*. The proponents of eternal security do fail to distinguish between the promises which are performed *now* from those which are exclusively *to come*. [see the concluding section of this appendix for details regarding Isaiah 54-55 & Ezekiel 36-39]

**Examining Jeremiah 31:31-34 to discover, *what is now* and *what is to come?***

*“After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts” – Jer. 31:33*

Because of this redemptive work, it is argued that the New Covenant saints (of the Gentile Church Age) cannot fall away. Yet, I ask you, can it be rightfully said that the Old Covenant was **broken** *because* the law was not written upon the hearts of Old Testament saints? No. In fact, the law was written upon the hearts of Old Testament saints, according to Psalm 37:31, 40:8. Seeing that both the Old Covenant saints and the New Covenant Gentile Church Age undergo this very same experience of redemption (the law written upon the heart), its existence in the New Covenant does not decrease or make impossible the potential of falling from grace into damnation.

*“After those days, saith the LORD, I...will be their God, and they shall be My people.” – Jer. 31:33*

Because of this redemptive work, it is argued that the New Covenant saints (of the Gentile Church Age) cannot fall away. Yet, I ask you, can it be rightfully said that the Old Covenant was **broken** *because* the Old Testament saints were not born again individuals with new hearts and regenerated natures, thereby existing as an authentic people of God? Or in other words, can it be rightfully said that the Old Covenant was **broken** *because* God was not “their God” and they were not “His people”? No. In fact, the Old Testament saints were born again individuals with new hearts and regenerated natures (see “[The Gospel Calling](#)” for exhaustive detail).

The inspired writers of the New Testament understood how and why the answer to the former questions was NO; therefore, without any difficulty they warned the New Testament saints of *falling away* just as Old Testament saints *fell!* These warning passages were not “problem passages” to the NT inspired writers like they are to you, oh Calvinist. Looking onward into Jeremiah 31:31-34, other redemptive acts are written and argued in the same fashion as the former two. In this consideration, look at the promises in verse 34.

*“And **they** shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for **THEY ALL** shall know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” – Jer. 31:34*

The promises in Jeremiah 31:34, *in their entirety*, are not for New Testament saints (of the Gentile Church Age), for we are like unto the Old Testament saints in that, very specifically, we BOTH await the salvation promises which are *prolonged from their performance*, which will be performed in literal physical Israel at the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection. Therefore, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Christ the “**THEY ALL**” of Jer. 31:34 will more entirely come to pass. Yes, at this time there will be no more “teachers”, like we have need of teachers in the Gentile-Church dispensation (see Eph. 4:11, 1 Cor. 12:28-29, Acts 13:1). Why? At the salvation of literal physical Israel (the people to whom this promise is given, supremely), they will exist in the glory of the resurrection! And thereby “**THEY ALL** shall know [the Lord]” (Jer. 31:34) in such a way that the office and ministry of *teaching* will cease to exist among saints (see 1 Cor. 13:8-13)! In addition to this, it can be said of literal physical Israel, “**THEY ALL** shall know [the Lord]” (Jer. 31:34), because at this time, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Christ, “**ALL ISRAEL** shall be saved” (see Rom. 11:26, and as a further confirmation see Isa\_11:11-16, Isa. 45:17, Isa. 54:6-10; Jer. 3:17-23, Jer. 30:17-22, Jer. 31:31-37; Jer. 32:37-41, Jer. 33:24-26; Ezek. 34:22-31, Ezek. 37:21-28, Ezek. 39:25-29, Ezek. 40:1-48:35, Hos. 3:5, Joel 3:16-21, Amos 9:14-15, Mic. 7:15-20, Zeph. 3:12-20, Zech. 10:6-12). Nevertheless, even still, this promise exists in the Gentile-Church Age dispensation (see 1 John 2:27), but it is performed in *an inferior way* to what is promised in Jeremiah 31:34. Until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Christ (the resurrection), every promise experienced by saints of the Gentile-Church Age is **inferior, partial, incomplete, and without entirety!** Yes, therefore we *wait* for what is promised to literal physical Israel, and until then... we abide in a **partial, non-consummating manifestation** of what will finally be performed:

- Adopted now ([Rom. 8:15](#)) – Consummating Adoption to come ([Rom. 8:23](#))
- Redeemed now ([1 Cor. 1:30](#)) – Consummating Redemption to come ([Php. 3:14](#), [Rom. 8:23](#)).
- Regeneration now ([Titus 3:5](#)) – Consummating Regeneration to come ([Rom. 8:18-21](#), [Php. 3:12-14](#))
- Kingdom within you now ([Lk. 17:21](#), [Col. 1:13](#), [Eph. 2:6](#)) – Consummating Kingdom to come ([2 Tim. 4:1](#), [Rev. 3:21](#))
- On Mount Zion now ([Heb. 12:22](#)) – Consummating ascent upon Mount Zion to come ([Rev. 14:1-5](#))
- Resurrection now ([Rom. 6:4](#)) – Consummating Resurrection to come ([1 Cor. 15:50](#))
- Eternal Life now ([1 John 3:15](#), [5:12-13](#)) – Consummating Eternal Life to come ([2 Cor. 5:1-4](#), [1 Tim. 6:12](#))
- Overcoming power now ([Eph. 2:5](#), [1 John 5:4](#)) – Consummating Overcoming power to come ([1 Cor. 15:54-57](#))
- Defeat of Death now ([Rom. 8:2](#), [6](#), [Eph. 2:5](#)) – Consummating Defeat of Death to come ([1 Cor. 15:54-57](#))
- In the Light now ([Eph. 5:8](#)) – Consummating, Eternal Day of Light to come ([Prov. 4:18](#), [2 Peter 1:19](#), [Rev. 21:23-25](#))
- Seeing God now ([2 Cor. 3:17-18](#), [1 Cor. 13:12](#), [Heb. 11:27](#)) – Consummating revelatory sight to come ([1 John 3:2](#))
- Perfect Now ([Heb. 10:14](#)) – Consummating Perfection to come ([Php. 3:12](#), [1 Cor. 13:10](#), [Prov. 4:18](#))
- “As He is” now ([1 John 4:17](#)) – Consummating conformity, “as He is” in glory, to come ([1 John 3:2](#), [Rev. 2:27](#))
- Knowing Him now ([1 John 2:4](#), [John 17:3](#)) – Consummating knowing, “even as also I am known” to come ([1 Cor. 13:12](#))
- Elect now ([2 Jn. 1:1](#), [13](#), [1 Pet. 1:2](#)) – Consummating Election to come ([2 Peter 1:10](#))
- Called now ([1 Cor. 1:26](#)) – Consummating Calling to come ([Php. 3:14](#))
- Chosen now ([1 Peter 2:9](#)) – Consummating Choice to come ([Matt. 22:14](#), [Rev. 17:14](#))

In the light of these realities, my reader, consider Jeremiah 31:34 afresh: Just as the application of Jeremiah 31:34 in 1 John 2:27 is **without entirety** to what will be performed in the consummation, so also, the application of Jeremiah 31:34 in Heb. 10:17 is **without entirety** to what will be performed in the consummation. Please, let me explain.

It is written,

*“for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” – Jer. 31:34*

At the consummation, this promise will be performed in its entirety, eternally and unchangeably, by the abolition of repentances in God-to-man relationships (made possible by the entire eradication of sin by the resurrection; for more info see, “[God in the Ways of Man](#)” & “[The Condescension Withdrawn](#)”). Therefore until the consummation of all things, **God can remember sins He has forgotten!** Did you know this, my reader, that God can remember sins He has forgotten? This can happen by God changing His mind, or repenting. The promise that God would forget sin by

way of forgiveness is in Ezekiel 18:22, and yet the Old Covenant promise was breach-able because God did *remember their sins again* (when necessary), sins which He did *formerly forget* (Ezek. 3:20). The promise of how God will remember sins no more by way of forgiveness did exist BEFORE Jeremiah 31:34 was written, but apparently the “eternal security” interpreters of Jeremiah 31:34 in its Gentile Church Age application do not know this (Jeremiah 31:34 is applied to the Gentile Church in Hebrews 10:17). For an overview of all relevant passages, read Ezekiel 3:17-21, 18:19-29, 33:12-20. When the principles of these passages are seen in their New Testament applications, the people in whom God will perform the literal and unchangeable “NO MORE” of Jeremiah 31:34 is specified. According to the promise given in Jeremiah 31:34, we must understand *the time* and *people*, to whom there will be an *entire* performance of this promise, and also, furthermore, we must understand how that, before the time and people who will experience this promise in its entirety do exist (at the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection), there will be many times and peoples who will experience **a partial performance** of this promise. The partial performance of this promise is salvation, yes, but to a people who are awaiting a fuller manifestation of salvation according to the written promise, therefore they who are waiting are like those of former Covenants who waited: Who, while they waited were *tried*, and during the trial *many fell*, thus God introduced a capacity of justice in which He is able to turn upon Covenant-unfaithful men with “memory-omitting” powers. This is the contextual background of Jeremiah 31:34 in its New Covenant application, written in Hebrews 10:17:

*“And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.” – Hebrews 10:17*

In the wider context, God’s “memory-omitting” powers are used for **the salvation of sinners** (by way of forgiveness) and **the damnation of the righteousness** (by way of unforgiveness) **to un-regenerated and regenerated men alike**. Therefore here, God’s “sin-forgetting” powers are exactly like His “righteousness-forgetting” powers. What if the “I will remember no more” here, in Heb. 8:12, is exactly like the promise, “his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered him”, in Ezek. 3:20 & Ezek. 18:24? I say again, what if God operates in “memory-omitting” powers for regenerate and unregenerate men, in account of sin and righteousness committed (with continuance without repentance), just as it is written (see Ezek. 18:21-24 [specifically verses 22 & 24], and see Ezek. 3:20, Heb. 8:12, 10:17)? God is able to forget sins and then remember them again, truly! And God is able to forget righteousness and remember it again, likewise! Should not this “memory-omitting” power be held in balance with the promise, “their sins and iniquities will I remember no more” (Heb. 10:17), especially because there is a subsequent warning given; namely, the remembrance of sins which were formerly forgotten (of blood-bought saints [Heb. 10:19] who were thereby, “sanctified” through blood-sprinkling, then becoming disqualified from atoning mercies which were provided by the “sacrifice” of Christ (Heb. 10:26-29 [compare Heb. 10:26-28 with Numbers 15:28-31, compare Heb. 10:29 with Num. 15:31 & Ezek. 3:20])). You see, my reader, men perished and will perish in the Old Covenant and New Covenant alike because, God executed justice in “memory-omitting”, atonement-mercy disqualifying, and promise-breaching powers! The Condescension of God makes possible such repentances; the Lord going back on what He thought and said (see Jer. 18:7-11 or Ezek. 33:12-20 as a brief example).

**A Summary of Similarities:** The lens by which we interpreted “the Covenant” prophesied of in Jeremiah 31:31-34 must also be the lens used for Jeremiah chapters 31-33, Ezekiel chapters 36-39, and Isaiah chapters 54-55. In all these prophetic chapters, “the Covenant” being foretold is given *primarily* and *supremely* to literal, physical Israel, and therefore because this Covenant does primarily *look forward* to the consummation, it will not be *completely* and *entirely* fulfilled in us. Thus when we interpret it, we must distinguish between promises and performances which are *now*, from those which are exclusively *to come*. The prophets looked forward to the salvation experience of literal physical Israel *supremely*, and until then, *mysteriously*, the Gentiles do become participating Israelites in Christ. What was *supremely* meant for them (literal physical Israel) is *mysteriously* fulfilled in us (the Gentile Church Age), until what is *partially* performed in us is *entirely* fulfilled in them! Truly, it is amazing. Therefore until then we, who are of the Gentile Church Age, await a consummation which David waited for, which both his and our Covenant declared (by a Golden Chain and “forevers”). Until then we, who are of the Gentile Church Age, await a consummation which David waited for, which both his and our Covenant

argued for (affirming eternal security by means of a relationship distinction). Therefore until then we, who are of the Gentile Church Age, await a consummation which David waited for, for he and us, in like manner, are delayed by God's promise-breaching wrath.

In the light of this, my brethren, I ask you: What if the promise of Heb. 8:9 (also found in Jer. 31:32) is exactly like the promise of 2 Samuel 7:14-16? What if the "mercy" here (Heb. 8:12) is exactly like the "mercy" there (2 Sam. 7:15)? What if the "shall not depart" of 2 Sam. 7:15 works exactly like the "shall not depart" of Jeremiah 32:40, until the time appointed in which, God said, "repentance shall be hid from Mine eyes" (Hos. 13:14), the time when the "shall not depart" is performed in unchangeable powers (Isa. 54:10)? What if the "for ever" of 2 Sam. 7:16 is exactly like the "everlasting" of Jeremiah 32:40? Simply because our Covenant is called an "everlasting Covenant" (Heb. 13:20), this does not mean that it is unlike their "everlasting Covenant" (Isa. 24:5), *specifically*, I say, in the sense that it was a Covenant which was (for some) "broken" by the backsliders (Isa. 24:5). What if the way in which the word of the New Covenant "shall not return unto [God] void" (Isa. 55:11), is exactly like the Davidic Covenant that didn't "return unto [God] void" – in that, namely, even though the Davidic Covenant was *breached* (the prophet lamenting, "Thou hast made void the Covenant"-Ps.89:38), and, even though the New Covenant can and is *breached* (person to person & generation to generation, as the Lord allows), they both shall be consummated changelessly and forever at the very same moment in time by the very same act, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Christ! Therefore preceding this cumulative event, *breaches* transpire, and the mercy of God is magnified in that a remnant of the regenerate multitude did escape the wrath of God, by scarcity, when a total annihilation was underway (Rom. 9:27-29)!

Now for us, dear saints, questions remain. We are in a Covenant-relationship with God via the New Covenant, a relationship which is likewise titled, a Father-to-son relationship; this is true! But what if our Father-to-son relationship is like that which Solomon and his seed had with God? And, what if our Father-to-son chastisement is like what God wrought upon Solomon and his seed? More specifically I ask, what if the Father-to-son relationship spoken of in Matthew 7:7-11, Lk. 11:11-13, 12:32, John 16:23-28 is exactly like the Father-to-son relationship promised and implied in 2 Sam. 7:14? So that, just as 2 Sam. 7:14 is qualified and interpreted by 1 Chron. 28:9, Psalm 103:13, Jer. 10:20, Isa. 63:8-10, & Mal. 3:13-18, so also Matthew 7:7-11, Lk. 11:11-13, 12:32, John 16:23-28 must be qualified by 1 Pet. 1:17, 2 Cor. 6:18-7:1, and Heb. 12 (verses 5 & 9 [charges to endure = coming into subjection], 5 & 10-11 [charges to faint not but rather be exercised by the chastening], 12-13 [so that by this exercise-wrought subjection, the saints continue living and are healed], 15-17 [for otherwise, without exercise-wrought subjection, the saints will fail the grace of God and lose their birthright and inheritance, as reprobate Esau]). We know that "many" saints will, according as it has been prophesied, and like as it was in the past, fail to respond to the chastening of God in this acceptable manner, and thus they will be cut off [For more info concerning Fatherly chastisement, see "[How is repentance wrought in the regenerate children of God?](#)".]. Knowing this, it is evident that our experience of *watching saints perish* is what will train us to fear God. This means that we too, like the OT saints, must *watch saints perish* (see 1 Cor. 10:1-12 & Deut. 11:2). This is because *our Fatherly chastisement* (Heb. 12:5, 1 Cor. 11:31-32 [watching the Corinthians perish]) is exactly like *their Fatherly chastisement* (Deut. 11:1-9 [watching the Exodus Generation perish]). Therefore in the light of all this, what if our Covenant's *intention* of salvation by remedial acts of judgment (1 Cor. 11:30-32) are the same as the intention of God in their remedial acts of judgment (Deut. 11:1-9)?

It is evident that *a distinction of relationship* was promised to the New Covenant saints in Jeremiah 31:32 (applied in Heb. 8:9), one in which it is implied that the "New" Covenant is unlike the "Old" Covenant in that, the Old was a Covenant that "they brake" (Jer. 31:32), which *seems* to imply that the New Covenant is a Covenant that Israel cannot and will not break! This is a glorious promise indeed! But seeing that this is promised *supremely* and *primarily* to literal physical Israelites, and it is to be fulfilled at the resurrection – like as the distinct-relationship promises delivered in the Davidic Covenant – we can understand how and why this is prophesied: because at the resurrection there is a complete removal of sin which will make possible the experience of salvation in unrepentant and un-*breach*-able glory, without change and forever!

## The Old Covenants & The New Covenant in The Gentile Church Age – *both look after one event*

The above statement is an interpretive key which makes plain to us what ways, very specifically, there are Old and New Covenant similarities. Very specifically these similarities must be understood... but men are taught to be dangerously simplistic. When one declares, “It says, ‘FOREVER!’”, the multitude concedes to over-simplistic and unbiblical conclusions, to the destruction of many souls! The scripture seeks to prevent these abuses by building the revelatory explanation of salvation upon the Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants, foremost of all other OT Covenants. Therefore by considering what God did in these two forerunning Covenants we can comprehend the real meaning of the New Testament authors. By considering all things, we can ascertain what is meant by the statement, “He hath commanded His Covenant for ever” (Psalm 111:9), in comparison with what we understand about “for ever” and “everlasting”, written in the New Testament. All would be well if we could understand this one principle between the Old and New Covenants – *Our Singular Gaze*.

**Our Singular Gaze:** Solomon fell short of the final promise of the Davidic chain, and in subsequent generations God sought to fulfill the Covenant so as to give David’s seed an eternal throne... nevertheless, David’s throne was utterly cast down to the ground. For this reason the intercessors did arise and cry (Psalms 89, 132), and God did respond and speak to show the eternity of the Davidic Covenant’s final fulfillment ([Psalm 110:1](#)), but this does not negate the holy breaches of the Covenant in the former, present, and future generations to come. The time of its fulfillment has partially begun with the ascension of Christ to the throne of David in heaven ([Lk. 1:31-33](#), [Acts 2:25-36](#)), and yet remember, it is not fulfilled finally, eternally, without breach-ability until God makes all of Christ’s enemies His footstool ([Acts 2:35](#), [1 Cor. 15:24-28](#), [54-57](#)) – an event which does not arrive until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Christ! The Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants like as the New Covenant in Christ which engages the Gentile Church, WILL BE eternally fulfilled in Christ. The New Covenant (as it exists in the Gentile Church Age) precedes the resurrection, and is, therefore, like unto these former two covenants: *all three of them are golden chains* that WILL BE consummated.

**Comparable Arguments & Experiences:** Both the Davidic Covenant and the New Covenant do argue their supremacy from former events of damnation because of a *distinction of relationship* of God-to-man, but... why would the promises of the Davidic Covenant which declared eternal security by a *distinction of relationship*, be the same as the promises of the New Covenant which declared eternal security by a *distinction of relationship*? This is because saints in both Covenants are positioned from the same point of standing, gazing upon the same consummating event of redemption – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Christ.

**Comparable Mysteries in a Common Problem:** Because of SIN, mysterious, inferior, and incomplete manifestations of eternal Covenants transpire. We can see this, not only in the Exodus Generation via the Abrahamic Covenant, or Solomon’s seed via the Davidic Covenant, but in the nativity of the Gentile Church Age – which transpired as an act of repentance in God (in one sense), caused by the rebellion of literal physical Israel (see Matt. 21:37, Lk. 20:13, Lk. 13:34-35, 19:41-44 in comparison with the “fall” written in Rom. 11:11 & the affirmation that it was because of “unbelief” written in Rom. 11:30, and see also Lk. 13:6-9, Mk. 11:12-21, & Rom. 10:20-21). Throughout the ages and in every Covenant, if there was no SIN, no inferior or mysterious manifestations of the Covenants would ever transpire. That which was prophesied to literal physical Israel is mysteriously (in an inferior sense) fulfilled in us, the Gentile Church, just as the eternal purpose in the Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants were mysteriously (in an inferior sense) fulfilled in the saints of old.

**Differing Components in a Singular Gaze:** Though Old Covenants and the New Covenant do share this singular gaze, the position from which they stand to gaze is of a differing present-tense inheritance. Because of this, the New Covenant saints are greater in *every way*! The Old Testament is a Covenant agreement between God and man via **earthly shadow** – shadows which were passing away – but the New Covenant is an agreement between God and man via the **heavenly realities** (the substance that the earthly shadows declared). The difference between



the two is emphasized in one point, foremost of all: that which is **earthly** is by essence, passing away, but that which is **heavenly** is by essence, eternal and undying. Hebrews chapters 7-9 are devoted to make plain this glorious attribute of the New Covenant, that its eternity is the victory of the “reformation” (Heb. 9:10). That now Christ, who is our Perfection (Heb. 10:14), Sacrifice (Heb. 10:12), Intercessor (Heb. 7:25), Priest (Heb. 5:6), and King (Heb. 1:8; Lk. 1:33), is eternal in His Person and His Work, and therefore the Covenant agreement is eternal.

An Earthly Environment	A Heavenly Environment
<b><u>Old Testament</u></b>	<b><u>New Testament</u></b>
Inferior Covenant	“A Better Covenant” – Heb. 8:6
Inferior Testament	“A Better Testament” – Heb. 7:22
Inferior Promises	“Upon Better Promises” – Heb. 8:6
Inferior Hope	“A Better Hope” – Heb. 7:19
Inferior Sacrifices	“Better Sacrifices” – Heb. 9:23
Inferior Ministers	“A More Excellent Ministry” – Heb. 8:6
Inferior Tabernacle	“The True Tabernacle” – Heb. 8:2
A Lesser and Imperfect Tabernacle	“A Greater and More Perfect Tabernacle”-Heb. 9:11
Inferior “Worldly Sanctuary” –Heb. 9:1	“The Sanctuary...which the Lord pitched, and not man” – Heb. 8:2
Something Inferior	“some Better Thing for us” – Heb. 11:40

The Old Covenant is found “faulty” (Heb. 8:7-8) for all the reasons above, and more - every reason centering around the *earthliness* and *carnality* of the Old Covenant. The “law made nothing perfect” (Heb. 7:19) because it was a “**carnal** commandment” (Heb. 7:16) of “**weakness** and **un-profitableness**” (Heb. 7:18; and compare this passage with Eph. 2:15, Gal. 4:3, 9, Col. 2:20, Heb. 8:1-5, 10:1). The “heavenly calling” (Heb. 3:1) and heavenly commandments given by a Testator who is a Heavenly Man, effectually reforms the former law by a “disannulling of the commandment” given in the Old Covenant (Heb. 7:18). Christ is the eternal Priest after the order of Melchisedec, and with this change of “priesthood” there must be “a change also of the law” (Heb. 7:12).

The priesthood of Christ was sworn in by an oath, which the scripture states, emphasizes how He is a surety for a better testament... but why? Because the oath (Heb. 7:21) signifies that He is an everlasting Man (“He ever liveth to make intercession for them”-Heb. 7:25), and therefore His priesthood is not as the *nominal, earthly, and meager* ones in the Old Covenant. For this reason Christ’s is in an “unchangeable priesthood” (Heb. 7:24), specifically because, namely, He is caught up in the “heavenly things” (Heb. 9:23-24)! Christ is “consecrated” -- “*there*” -- behind the “veil” of heaven (Heb. 6:19-20), standing in office as a High Priest “for evermore” (Heb. 7:28)! This, my reader, is so much greater and better a Covenant than that which is earthly! Of necessity according to the order, and of necessity according to the Man, and of necessity according to the arena of His ministerial office – Christ “abideth a priest continually” (Heb. 7:3)!

Remember, the New Covenant is an everlasting Covenant with an everlasting priesthood, yet to be finally inherited (meaning that, there are promises which remain to be performed, experienced, and in this way, inherited). Ahead, there lies a single point in time where the promises of God will be performed in their eternal and unchangeable realities, but that time IS NOT YET. Seeing that this is the context of Hebrews (Heb. 6:11-12, 10:35-37, etc.; see the [Table](#)), the author is holding before them the need to inherit these remaining qualities which are *promised to them*, but not *performed in them*. This is why all the warnings and clear applications of “falling from grace” are made (Heb. 2:1-4, 3:6-4:11, 6:1-12, 10:24-39, 12:12-29), in the same manner in which the people

of God fell from the promises which were given in the Old Covenant (remember how they too were bound together with the word *forever, never, eternal, perpetual, and everlasting*, and yet the recipients of these covenants were able to come short of the performance of what they hoped for by a *holy breach of promise*).

**The Performance of Promises, Prolonged:** In all these situations that God covenanted with His regenerate people (in all the various oaths and promises), what remains for us to determine as believers is, “the times”. As believers, or hopeful recipients and ordained inheritors of these promises, “**the times**” in which we live is of vital importance lest we, like others, misinterpret our time (which is a **misinterpretation of ourselves**), causing us to incorrectly apply the promises to ourselves, when the hour in which we live is a time of *wrath* and *breach*, a time when *the promises are “prolonged” from their performance* (Ezek. 12:25-28). In all of the aforementioned scenarios which befell saints (times of *wrath* and *breach*), there was a pervasive commonality among all: (1) They all acknowledged that they were recipients of the promises of God (by Covenant); this is true, (2) but they also acknowledged that God’s promises were not being entirely performed in their midst, therefore they rehearsed their present dilemma before the Lord with great distress and longing, desiring that the promises of God would not be “prolonged any more” (Ezek. 12:28). You see, these acts of salvation were promised long ago, “sworn unto our fathers from the days of old” (Micah 7:20), but they have been prolonged from their performance because of sin.

### **God is Faithful, Merciful, Righteous, and True BECAUSE: A Singular Vindictory Proclamation**

In our objective to discern “the times”, we must understand, firstly, how that salvation to Israel has been *prolonged* from its performance. We must understand, secondarily, at what “*time*” salvation will no longer be prolonged from its performance, or in other words, at what “*time*” it will be said of God, “He hath remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel” (Ps. 98:3), according to the promises of old. This “*time*” is a specific point in which God “remembers” the promises which have been prolonged so as to perform them, thus it was also said of God in this time, “The LORD hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly shewed in the sight of the heathen” (Ps. 98:2). This time, according to Psalm 98, is the time of worldwide regeneration (Ps. 98:8-9), a time when the age-old promise is fulfilled, “all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God” (Ps. 98:3).

“the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel” – Isa. 14:1, 5-8

“the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel” – Isa. 44:23

“I the LORD am thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob” – Isa. 49:12-13, 22-23, 26

All of these instances of scripture (and more), namely, God’s “mercy”, “choice”, “redemption”, “glorification”, and His saving acts as “Savior”, or His redeeming acts as “Redeemer”, unanimously point to one consummating act which can be summarized by 1 Chronicles 16:31-33, “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let *men* say among the nations, **The LORD reigneth**. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that *is* therein. Then shall the trees of the wood sing out **at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth**.” This is, my reader, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Christ! This is “the glory which shall be revealed” at “the redemption of our body” (Rom. 8:18-23)! This is “a building of God”, wherewith “mortality might be swallowed up of Life” (2 Cor. 5:1-4)! This act is, by title, the vindictory proclamation of God: that He is “**righteousness**” and “**faithfulness**” (Isa. 11:5-6); the vindictory proclamation of God’s “counsels of old”: that they are “**faithfulness** and **truth**” (Isa. 25:1, 8); the vindictory proclamation of God’s word: that they are “**true** and **faithful**” (Rev. 21:5, 1)! This point in time marks the beginning of the *forevers* in their consummation, “an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Isa. 55:13), yea, therefore, “everlasting joy shall be unto them” (Isa. 61:7)! If times continued contrary, and God allowed the wicked to flourish onward in pomp, prosperity, and pride, afflicting the righteous of humanity forever, then God would be

*unrighteous, unfaithful, and untruthful*, but seeing that this “time” is the consummating end and beginning of all wickedness and righteousness respectively, the world concludes with God’s promises performed and God’s glory vindicated. “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will perform the good thing which I have promised** unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah” (Jer. 33:14).

Amos 9:11-12 (including other passages) does demonstrate the breaches in the Davidic Covenant, but Jer. 31:21 and Ps. 89:34 state that the Davidic Covenant cannot be broken. In like manner, what if our unbreakable Covenant is like David’s? Following the pattern of “unbreakableness”, so are God’s doings which are “without repentance”. Comparing Romans 11:1-2 with Romans 11:15, 29 does exhibit the course of *God’s unrepentant purposes*. God’s unrepentant purposes are manifested by out-lasting and concluding all repentances, so that from thenceforth forever, there are no more repentances. Because there was a breach in the Davidic Covenant, thereby was the promise stalled, but God speaks of “the time” when the breach will be fulfilled and thenceforth forever, never broken again: “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will perform that good thing which I have promised** unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah” (Jer. 33:14), and also, “For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, **so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them**” (Jer. 32:42). This is the same language as Ezek. 12:25-28. Unbreakable promises conclude all breaches and breaks, amending all things in a glory by which breaches are forever abolished! Therefore, my reader, look upon the conclusion of every breach of promise! Stated – here – at the first mention of the Divine act, “breach of promise” (Numbers 14:34); here, at the first point in which the salvation of Israel was detoured from its course, God **declares the end-time consummation of the promise from the beginning** of its breach, saying: “But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD” (Num. 14:21). Is this not characteristic of Almighty God, who said, “I am God, and there is none like Me, **declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done” (Isa. 46:9-10)? Give God the glory, my reader! For at Israel’s first breach, God was declaring the appointed hour which is “the-end-of-all-breaches”, the hour when all Kingdoms of the world become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ (see Rev. 11:15, Dan. 2:44, Zech. 14:9, Ps. 86:9, Hab. 2:14) – *the consummation!* [For a more detailed address of the doctrine of breaches with a historical overview of its happenings, see [The Scottish Covenanters - Mind Zion's Breaches & Mourn With Her.](#)]

It is the unrepentant purpose of God that governs all His intermittent repentances. As for literal and physical Israel, they are elect through an unrepentant election ([Rom. 11:28](#)), “For the gifts and calling of God” toward them “all” ([Rom. 11:26](#)) “are without repentance” ([Rom. 11:29](#)), though throughout time the literal, physical, and spiritual Israelites, both individuals and generations, were damned through God’s repentances, until the persons of His unrepentant love are all saved and the generation of His unrepentant calling doth arise in the end of time. All the Covenants of salvation through the ages of time do testify to this... and can we be blind to it!? My reader, proud men are blind to this. Proud men suppose that there are no other ways by which God’s promises can be fulfilled, except by the salvation of their own souls – but God, not winking at the continuous rebellion of saved men, did, through the centuries, make the performance of the promises of salvation a *mystery*, an unsearchable wonder that cannot be found out! Do you suppose that you are bound to His salvation because of an immutable word of His righteousness? God can repent of His choice of you and choose a stone to replace you, yea, and this stone could become you! I repeat, the stone can be you, and thereby God will still be as He always said He would be, even as He will be finally reckoned by all as **perfectly true**: “For I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham” ([Luke 3:8](#)). God failed you? No, God reprobated you. He cast you away, and then He replaced you, and then that stone became you. Yes. God would more quickly redeem a lying Canaanite who is an already-condemned harlot, whose heart is full of faithful obedience, than He would redeem you, oh proud Christian Pharisee! In your pride, you suppose that you are preferred because you are God’s chosen people, and thus, you embolden yourself in fearless rebellion. You may fancy yourself that you are the elect, but God hath charged all His choice saints - “make your calling and election sure” ([2 Pet. 1:10](#)).

Though many fell... eventually and gloriously, men will be redeemed within God's everlasting glory foretold by all the promises of God, all the Covenants of God, in fulfillment of all the exultant praises of God throughout all time. The promises and praises of this exalted God were patterned to foretell this triumphant END. As the saints waited for this END throughout history, they were bewildered by breaches, broken under God's heavy hand of wrath, and terrified by His repentances. Why? God found out their SIN. False prophets would not have it so; they claim the guilty to be possessors of glory. They fancy themselves to be "the saved", that they are, irrevocably, "the elect", and thus, they unconsciously open their minds to the seduction of sin. They believe they are the elect and they are sure, but they fail to make their calling and election sure ([2 Peter 1:10](#)). This is their horrid woe: their unrighteous assurance that they will be, finally, the elect, causes them to fail to make their election sure. Their banner is eternal security, and the armory of graces have they left behind, not knowing that there is a warfare that must be won if a man of sin is to win the prize. And yet, even still, the saints in every generation gazed upon one consummating END. With this final scene before their eyes they gave God the glory! "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it" (Rom. 8:24-25). [For more info, see "[Final Salvation & Final Judgment](#)".]

### **ELECT & SOVEREIGN MERCY – *Gazing Through the Happenings of Time***

What is *merciful* about the *mercy* of God?

The unchangeable, everlasting mercy of God is enjoyed by all the elect, this is true. But how does one become assured that he is a part of "the elect", to whom belongs this irresistible grace? All the attributes of redemption which spring from "election" have one thing in common: they exist and are operated by *an unrepentant purpose*. In other words, the redemption of "the elect" is *without repentance* (without changes or alterations). I agree with this! But yet, because Calvinists nullify the condescension of *God in the ways of man*, they have an unbiblical definition of mercy (and the assurance thereof) that is enjoyed by the elect. The purposes of God that are without repentance are made discoverable by **outlasting all repentances**. The mercy of God that is elect, unchangeable, and everlasting (God in the Ways of God), is made discoverable by **outlasting the wrath of God** which compels sudden repentances of the purpose of mercy, and because this purpose of wrath was temporary, we can understand that the purpose of mercy was unchangeable and eternal, seeing that it was the final conclusion of the wrestle. The words of God that are spoken by elect, unchangeable, and everlasting mercies (God in the ways of God), are made discoverable by **outlasting the wrath of God** which causes various alterations of God's word and promise (alterations that He was constrained to utter during the duration in which He was angry) – and because God repented of these thoughts and words which were of wrath, anger, and damnation, we can understand that this repentance of wrath happened (within time, by a condescension, God in the ways of man) because of the purpose of God for mercy and redemption that was without repentance (God in the ways of God). All the purposes of God that are without repentance become manifest to us because they **outlast the repentances of God!** The un-repentant purposes of God (God in the ways of God) do govern and predestinate the course and final end of all the repentances of God (God in the ways of Man). All the mercy of God which is unchangeably elect and everlasting, become manifest to us by **outlasting all the changes within God's heart** - from mercy to wrath and wrath to mercy, mercy to wrath and wrath to mercy. This is a biblical explanation of elect mercy as the scriptures teach it.

Calvinists do not believe that God can *change* His mind. This is because they are set to defend a singular vision of God's existence: God in His sovereign and eternal attributes. This is a vision which is incomplete, lacking, and partial, because it omits the condescension of *God in the ways of man*. The Calvinists do unconsciously omit the plain teaching of scripture because they are so ambitious to defend the sovereignty of God, as they would understand it. They, being imprisoned by the presumption that all theology must be logically consistent (according to our limited and misguided human capacity), are compelled into a staunch rejection of all biblical teachings of scripture which are mysteriously

paradoxical to God's sovereignty. Oh, this pride! This blind obedience to human logic! Away with it! Calvinism makes men slaves to their logical capacity instead of God's logical capacity; made evident by the unsearchable wisdom of scripture. The truth is: God coexists in a paradoxical way that is contrary to His sovereign, everlasting, and unchanging attributes. I call it, "God in the ways of man", or, "The Condescension of God". Yes simultaneously to this, God's elect purposes are without repentance, this is true! I am not arguing the non-existence of absolute sovereignty as Calvinism would teach it, I am seeking to clarify how and in what way sovereignty and election are made discoverable by us and manifest in time, according to the scriptures and the potential happenings made possible by *the condescension of God*. Oh man, will you disagree? How will you ever be brought to confess the plain truth that God has purposed to do things which He did repent of? Will you be brought to confess that, indeed, according to scripture, God has altered what He thought and spoke many times!? To name a few, see Exodus 32:10, Num. 14:11-12, Num. 16:21-22, Num. 16:45, Ezek. 20:8-9, Ezek. 20:13-14, Ezek. 20:21-22, Deut. 32:26-27, Deut. 9:4-8. How did God purpose to do something and then repent of it, you wonder? Such a thing is contrary to God's sovereign, eternal, and unchanging attributes, right? Indeed it is... and yet it happened. How?

My reader, this is made possible by "[The Condescension of God](#)". And in this condescended relationship by which God relates to man, the intercession of Holy Spirit-inspired men compels God to change His purpose or spoken word (like as what is seen in Psalm 106:23). According to the examples I provided above via citation, we can see that God *did, does, and will* repent a multitude of times (even though He desires to destroy His people), and this is because His mercy is plenteous and rich! But when God is provoked TOO FAR the fury of His anger can reach the point of irreversibility, thus reprobation ensues (Jer. 15:6, Jer. 6:11). Elect mercies have been made discoverable to us when the sinfulness of God's people did aggravate justice to mount up against them for an annihilating strike, only to be held back beyond all our comprehension of justice - which means that God granted them mercy and salvation "not according to [their] wicked ways, nor according to [their] corrupt doing" (Ezk. 20:44, 103:10, Rom. 9:15), even when their deeds were inciting damnation and destruction, according to the letter of justice written in Holy Scripture. This and this alone is how elect mercy is made discoverable by all (according to scripture)! And yet, how many people who believe in the sovereignty of God by election do also believe (contrary to scripture), that God cannot ever be angry with them again? How terrifying is this heresy! I testify to you my reader, that if elect saints like Jeremiah, Joshua, Jacob, David, Moses, Aaron, Hezekiah, and Josiah would have related to God only based upon His "everlasting love" and higher ways (God in the ways of God), they would be in hell right now [see [The Damnable Abuse & Misapplication of Sovereign Election \(chapter 14\)](#)! I beg you to consider this testimony I have given to you before God and with a careful study of scripture (please, see that it is ordered and cited for you in the hyperlinked chapters provided). God help us to know the truth!

If this generation would study the vast amount of scripture which details how and in what way God's sovereign and elect mercy is administered to man, and furthermore how it is made discoverable by man, the conclusions would be startling! Oh my reader, I ask you, what is *merciful* about the *mercy* of God? Let me exclaim it to you! Mercy restrained wrath so that not all of God's saints were damned (because all DESERVED damnation)! Therefore it is an infinite wonder - the glory of MERCY - that any of God's saints are saved at all! It is the glory of God's elect mercy that *most* of the saints were destroyed by God's near annihilating wrath, and *not all*, for God desired to, moved after, and uttered the sentence of total annihilation... but mercy restrained it! What is *merciful* about the *mercy* of God? It is that He "retaineth not His anger forever" (Mich. 7:18-19)... but Calvinists say it is that God is not angry at all, forever! These are opposite definitions! Which is it, my reader (see "[The Near Annihilation of God's People](#)", "[I Am Weary With Repenting](#)", and "[Mercy On Whom I Will Have Mercy](#)")? After a careful study you will find: elect mercy is manifest when God saves a remnant of His regenerate people from the total annihilation which they deserve, so that *some* instead of *none* are left alive and well! You see, God was endeavoring to totally annihilate His regenerated people, and yet He refrained Himself - sovereign mercy being the cause (Exodus 32:10, Num. 14:11-12, Num. 16:21-22, Num. 16:45, Ezek. 20:8-9, Ezek. 20:13-14, Ezek. 20:21-22, Deut. 32:26-27, Deut. 9:4-8)!

"the righteous scarcely be saved" - 1 Pet. 4:18

It is true that in God's eternity and sovereignty, and in unrepentant ordinations, He has chosen to save literal, physical Israel before the end of time. For this purpose God spared a remnant of Israel, but take heed, it was by pacifying an able-anger which was rearing to annihilate, and, lo! it was engaged by an opposing will in God, and they wrestled, then wrath was scarcely surmounted... and then subdued, and the stronger will in God which dispensed mercy was moved, strengthened, and made unconquerable, because it stands as the highest priority in God, that in preserving His people He preserves *His Name*. In the light of this justice-shattering mercy which no man can explain, in the light of a situation of justice which kindles an eternal, forever-burning, unrelenting wrath unto our total annihilation, the saints recognize and wonder – God saves! – and they praise Him that His anger does not continue FOREVER! This is the mercy of God!

"Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, He will have compassion upon us; He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:18-19).

If the election of God determines the predestination of salvation to arise in a perseverant end, its rise is through a thorny path and raging sea of near annihilation. The survival of the saints through this course unto a salvific end is the exclamation of great, surpassing, unthinkable, inexpressible mercy! The final, finishing, and entire salvation of Israel is the capstone event at the end of time. This is His eternal purpose and sovereign counsel (God in the ways of God), and though His mind, works, and will *change many times*, the sovereignty and eternity of His judgments made from everlasting are always exalted right beside the contrasting events, circumstances, and manifestations of God's condescension in the ways of man. Therefore God says, "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6)! We must learn to relate to God in His condescension, but yet we must glorify God, knowing that every outcome is underneath His higher, secret, and full rule, because He is an unchanging, all-determining, predestinating King.

Do you see how men need to understand the totally annihilating wrath of God, that they might understand mercy? When God is famous for fierce, angry, and destroying blows of perfect, sinless justice, and thus "repayeth them that hate Him to their face, to destroy them", and that, "He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face" ([Deut. 7:10](#)); when God is famous for using centuries of history to verify that in this performance of justice, He is GOOD, even still and, nevertheless, for mercy to contradict, overpass, and triumph over this justice of judgment with heaven-high, incomprehensible, righteous, and eternal mercy - this is shocking! It is utterly amazing, and to mercy's recipients, it is knee-bowing, head-grounding, and heart-melting! Thus, men and angels are irresistibly compelled unto perfect worship and ejaculatory praise! "Let all the earth keep silence before Him" ([Hab. 2:20](#)). Can you see it!? Wrath attempted the total annihilation of YOU, yes YOU, and if you are saved today, it is because sovereign mercy removed you from the reach of God's just and angry swing when He did intend to take you down to hell where you belong! Oh! Any criminal who feels how narrowly he escaped wrath throughout a lifetime of sojourning through a wicked world, he does also feel that prostrated worship in silent admiration of God, even forever, seems like an unworthy privilege – that I, even I would have the honor to bow down in His presence and worship Him!? And for this we are insatiably satisfied so to do! [For more information, see "[Mercy On Whom I Will Have Mercy](#)".]

### **God is Faithful – *from the standpoint of a near annihilation, looking unto the consummation***

What is *faithful* about the *faithfulness* of God? What if our promise that, "God is faithful" (1 Cor. 10:13), allows and disallows the same experiences as the Old Testament affirmation that, "He is God, the faithful God" (Deut. 7:9)? What

if our NT *faithfulness* is as their OT *faithfulness* (Deut. 7:9, Ps. 89:24, Lam. 3:23, Neh. 9:31-32)? My dear reader, you argue for “eternal security” because, you say, “God is faithful”, but do you have an ancient, historical, and biblical definition of how exactly God is faithful? What of all His other attributes, my reader? [For more details concerning the faithfulness of God in correlation with all other attributes, see “[Mercy On Whom I Will Have Mercy](#)”, “[Great is Thy Faithfulness](#)”, “[His Mercy Endureth Forever](#)”, & “[NT Visitation of God: Final Salvation & Final Judgment](#)”. The following paragraphs below are thought-provoking questions and summarized conclusions based upon what is exhaustively proven in the hyperlinked chapters.]

“because the LORD loved you...” – [Deut. 7:8](#)

“because He would **keep the oath** which He had sworn unto your fathers...” – [Deut. 7:8](#)

“He is God, the **faithful** God” – [Deut. 7:9](#)

“which **keepeth Covenant** and **mercy**” – [Deut. 7:9](#)

This **faithfulness** of God is mentioned in reference to the following: the parents of the audience that God is herein speaking to did fall away from their salvation and were lost (though they were born again and saved), and God’s **mercy** and His promised **oath**, and His **covenant-keeping faithfulness** are magnified in this very specific way - that the generation now in Covenant with God is raised up for salvation IN THE STEAD of their parents! This is undeserved! The children of the castaway parents deserved total annihilation. God desired and spoke to accomplish a total annihilation of them (see [Numbers 14:11-12](#)), but He did not do this because He is an **oath-keeping** and **Covenant-keeping** God who is **merciful** and **faithful**! Now, what is so *loving*, *merciful*, *faithful*, and *keeping* about God? It is that *some*, even that *anyone*, even a *small remnant* at all, or *any* at all of the whole multitude of regenerate persons, are saved, in your generation and/or in the end of time, and it is not that none can be lost or fall away who were formerly saved, otherwise the parents of this generation would have been preserved alive for final perseverance!

Furthermore, God forewarned this generation that if they did not maintain His command to them, which required holiness from the Canaanites (see [Deut. 7:11-12](#), [1-5](#), [25-26](#)), then He would destroy them “suddenly” ([Deut. 7:4](#)), for God had made a name for Himself in the castaway wrath He showed to former generations when He, as it is written, “repayeth them that hate Him to their face, to destroy them: He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face” ([Deut. 7:10](#)). My reader, God is willing to keep that reputation. The language here, in Deuteronomy 7, which very specifically speaks that God keeps His Covenant and oath to the magnification of His mercy and faithfulness...became a foundational understanding of what the mercy and faithfulness of God was; therefore, henceforth the people of God do echo these attributes of God in prayers, praises, and prophetic books, with the exact same meaning as Deuteronomy 7. All events of history, including Deuteronomy 7, sung the same sounds in the same songs, resounding the everlasting understanding – the Lord is “the **Great**, the **Mighty**, and the **Terrible** God, Who **keepeth Covenant** and **mercy**” ([Neh. 9:32](#)). This is written, as you can see, in [Nehemiah 9:32](#), and it is a comprehensive summary of the biblical history of God’s people. The Levites built the same historical and contextual foreground of God’s words and deeds, tracing it through history, event-to-event, until finally, they lifted up the praise of what is so merciful about the Covenant-keeping virtues of God. Oh! It is the multitude of God’s Covenant-keeping mercies that salvific mercy is available at all for latter generations, when, behold, He did reprobate the former... thus God is “terrible” and merciful, and, behold, He has “goodness and severity” ([Rom. 11:22](#))! “Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off” ([Rom. 11:22](#)).

Deuteronomy 7 exists as an interpretive foreground to any acclamation of God’s faithfulness! Therefore in the light of Deuteronomy 7, what is *slow* about how God is, “slow to anger” (Ps. 103:8, Neh. 9:17)? What is the cause by which we can understand His *slowness*? What is so *plentiful* about how “plenteous in mercy” God is (Ps. 103:8)? What is so *manifold* about God when He was praised and thanked for the attribute called, “manifold mercies” (Neh. 9:19, 27)? Hereby, in studying the *plenteousness* and *manifold* numbers of God’s mercy, how would this affect our understanding of “the riches of [God’s] glory on vessels of mercy”, in the mercies of predestinating election? What is the *greatness*

of mercy when it was said that God is, “so great in His mercy” (Ps. 103:11)? What is the *greatness* of God’s faithfulness when it was said, “great is Thy faithfulness” (Lam. 3:23)? What is *pitiful* about God’s pity toward His saints when it was said, “as a father pitieth His children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear Him” (Ps. 103:13)? What is so praise-worthy about God’s tender Fatherhood to you, His child? What is so exclamatory when it was stated that God, “delighteth in mercy”, in relationship to the remnant’s salvation from the damning anger of the Almighty (Micah 7:18-19)? What is so magnificent about *the changelessness* of God, how the Lord said, “I change not” (Mal. 3:6)? When you consider the *great mercies* of God, how that He is “a gracious and merciful God” (Neh. 9:31, 17), what is it that you are pondering exactly? With what *readiness* is God “ready to pardon” (Neh. 9:17)?

By way of summary let it be known, my reader: because mercy is plenteous, manifold, and rich, therefore God’s anger was slowed down, and for this reason the people did praise God that He was “slow to anger.” God’s anger was burning hotter, pursuing harder, and minded to a fast and quick annihilation, more than was ever manifested by a plague or a destroying power... He repented of it many times, until finally, He was weary of repenting ([Jer. 15:6](#)). In this weariness, finally, He refused to repent anymore of His angry thoughts toward His people. It was then that His people realized, “Like as the LORD of hosts **thought to do** unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, **so hath He dealt** with us” ([Zech. 1:6](#)). As the Lord thought to do but repented of it, again and again, now the Lord has thought and repented not, and what was it? It was the near annihilation of His people in the Assyrian and Babylonian Captivities, and the people of Nehemiah’s day came out of it “as a firebrand plucked out of the burning” furnace of God’s wrath, still alive, scarcely though, and now that they have returned back into the land of Israel they do solemnly confess to God – “Thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for Thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly” ([Neh. 9:33](#)). God thought to totally annihilate Israel, and then, in an unrepentant purpose, did set His face according to how He had “thought” before, and God dealt with them “according to [their] ways, and according to [their] doings” ([Zech. 1:6](#)), but the very fact that not all were totally annihilated is an unjustifiable mercy. It is a mercy that caused them to escape from the justice of God’s judgment “according to [their] ways, and according to [their] doings” ([Zech. 1:6](#)), a mercy which was said to be “NOT according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings” ([Ezek. 20:44](#)), and again, Israel says, “He hath NOT dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities” ([Psalm 103:10](#)). Even so, when Israel praised God for His faithfulness, His slowness to anger, the plenteous, manifold, richness of His mercy, it was not that none could fall away and perish who were formerly saved, but it was that a few of the many which were of the saved multitude were preserved, and that there was not a *total annihilation* according to what they deserved!

Therefore we must understand – biblically – what happens when God is “a little displeased” ([Zech. 1:15](#)). Or, what happens when God turns upon Israel “in a little wrath” ([Isa. 54:8](#)). Let us consider a Person who is infinitely above us... GOD. Therefore *for GOD*, what is a calculated correction like as it was said, “I will correct thee in measure” ([Jer. 30:11, 46:27-28](#))? And furthermore, how do these experiences which I have heretofore described relate to the manifestation of wrath which the psalmists spoke of and described, being in such a great agony of torments that they thought, verily, if the wrath of God continued its course then it would finalize in deadly magnitude, and, its duration was like a burning that lasts forever (God pacifying His wrath so as to save their lives, He displays His agreement with their affirmations: [Deut. 32:36](#), [Ps. 78:38-39](#), [119:84](#), [39:4-5](#), [89:46-48](#), [79:5](#), [85:5](#), [89:46](#), [80:4](#), [74:1](#), [74:9-10](#), [13:1-2](#), [Isa. 64:9](#)). My beloved brethren, the key to comprehend the answer to all of these questions is, beholding the sinfulness of our sins before the holiness of God ([Ezek. 20:4](#)). Let God be praised because a near annihilation occurred, merely, when a total annihilation was galloping forward and scarcely unaccomplished ([Ps. 103:8-16](#), [Lam. 3:23](#), [Mal. 3:6](#), [Neh. 9:31](#))! Do you agree with the scriptures, my reader? Leonard Ravenhill did. It was Ravenhill who said that the Church stands in need of two great revelations: namely, (1) *the sinfulness of her sins* and (2) *the holiness and majesty of God*.

From such a standpoint David affirmed, “I have declared *Thy faithfulness* and Thy salvation” ([Ps. 40:10](#)). Death-like circumstances are described in [40:1-2, 12](#), so much so that David said, “therefore my heart faileth me.” David was pursuing God’s faithfulness for the performance of unfulfilled promises, by the appeasement of Divine wrath from its



breaching powers, which means, David was seeking safety while yet in real danger. From such standpoints David and other psalmists depicted their relationship to God's "*faithfulness*" (Ps. 88:11). Like in Psalm 40 so also in Psalm 88, this man of God was drowning in an outpouring of wrath and Divine displeasure, and it was taking him to the point where he was "ready to die!" Thus his appeal was, "shall Thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? Or *Thy faithfulness* in destruction" ([Ps. 88:11](#))!? His main appeal for perseverance was, in other words, "Don't let me die, for Your Name will die with me!" At this point he was not experiencing the faithfulness of God which performs the Covenant promises, but rather, the wrath of God performing its curses, and thus he sought the promises of God through soul-travailing intercessions. Likewise again, it was written:

"Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in *Thy faithfulness* answer me, and in *Thy righteousness*" – [Psalm 143:1](#)

"Quicken me, O LORD, for Thy Name's sake: for *Thy righteousness*' sake" – [Psalm 143:11](#)

David had the faithfulness and righteousness of God in correct interpretation. During the time that he wrote this psalm, he was surrounded by "enemies" which did "afflict [his] soul" ([Ps. 143:12](#)), to the point where David was recognizing that God was hiding His face from him in wrath ([Ps. 143:7](#)), and therefore "the enemy" had, David says, "smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead" ([Ps. 143:3](#)). David knew that if he abode here in this spiritual avalanche of wrath, he would be soon swallowed up by death, and thus he said – "Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit" ([Ps. 143:7](#)). David recognized that God was entering into judgment with him according to his sins, or the sins of Israel, and David understood that if God did not have sovereign mercy, if wrath took its course according to the judgment of holy justice, then, like all the others, David would come to a full end in total annihilation. Even so, David prayed: "*in Thy faithfulness* answer me, and in Thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified" ([Ps. 143:1-2](#)). David knew that God's faithfulness and righteousness would be declared forever, but this did not mean that none had ever perished who were formerly saved, but that of the many who were saved and then fell away, not all were judged and destroyed, and these saints, with a chosen multitude in the future, will be the object of God's final and forever righteousness and faithfulness, to perform all of the promises in the END of days. David just wanted to be a part of this holy and elect number who makes it to the END!

The fact that a near-annihilating wrath came upon God's people, rather than a total annihilation, is slowness to anger, little wrath, and a little displeasure, comparatively to what God thought, intended, wanted, said, or could have done in the cause of pure, undefiled, unrestrained justice. If a remnant is spared, then, lo, we have much to be thankful for! This is RICH, PLENTEOUS, and MANIFOLD mercy which overcame the whelming storm of wrath which was alive in God's heart of justice, against us "the criminals", who have sinned in exceedingly sinful sins. This mercy wins for Israel a near annihilation instead of a total annihilation, and this is "not according to [our] wicked ways, nor according to [our] corrupt doings", and again, "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities" ([Ezek. 20:44](#), [Ps. 103:10](#))! This is how the biblical, inspired writers understood the mercy of God – specifically speaking, the riches of it! The plenteousness of mercy is shown forth in that it was more manifold and numerous than our sins! Perhaps now we are prepared to understand what true worship is, and why God's people repeatedly praised God with the exact same praise: "His mercy endureth for ever"!

## Jeremiah 30-32, Isaiah 54-55, & Ezekiel 36-39

When examining Jeremiah 31:31-34 carefully, being mindful of “the times” and “the people” to whom the Lord was giving promise to, we can see the double-sensed applications made of inferior and superior fulfillments. Jeremiah 31:31-34 is a template for how the prophets prophesied salvation in the coming days – with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent promises that are double-sensed. By way of reminder, please consider the following conclusions drawn from our study of Jeremiah 31:31-34, formerly addressed:

### Jeremiah 31:31-34 → Double-Sensed for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent

*“And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for **THEY ALL** shall know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” – Jer. 31:34*



This is a 1<sup>st</sup> Advent, NT Gentile Church Age experience with inferiority and without entirety, but it is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent experience supremely and with entirety. *The NT Gentile Church Age experience, which is without entirety, is applied by the inspired writers in 1 John 2:27.*

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With this in mind, please consider the wider context of Jeremiah 30-32.

<b>Jeremiah 30-32</b>	
<u>Commonly Quoted Passages for NT Gentile Church Age</u>	<u>Commonly Quoted Passages for NT Gentile Church Age</u>
<p>“...I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall <b>NO MORE</b> serve themselves of him” – Jer. 30:8</p> <p>“<b>NONE SHALL</b> make him afraid” – Jer. 30:10</p> <p>“At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of <b>ALL THE FAMILIES</b> of Israel, and they shall be My people.” – Jer. 31:1</p> <p>“...their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow <b>ANY MORE AT ALL.</b>” – Jer. 31:12, see Rev. 21:3-5</p>	<p><b>(Jer. 30:1-10, 17-24)</b> with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [literal physical Israel is depicted regathering unto the Promised Land, inhabiting it forevermore because of “David their King” whom God has raised up as a Savior (Jer. 30:9) – and because of King David, thereby God is able to say, “NO MORE” and “NONE SHALL” (Jer. 30:8, 10)!]</p> <p><b>(Jer. 31:1-14)</b> with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [according to Jer. 31:1, this is the time in which “ALL THE FAMILIES” of Israel will be saved, which means that the families of Israel which were formerly divided will then be unified into one nation under one king (an act known in prophesy to be performed at the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> of Christ, seen in Ezek. 34:23-24, 37:15-28, &amp; Hos. 1:11). The salvation of literal physical Israel is in view here, and therefore as further confirmation, God said, “I will build” (31:4), “and gather” (31:8), unto the location called “the height of Zion” (31:12). Apparently, this is the time when by regathering and regeneration, God said, “they shall not</p>

<p>“teach <b>NO MORE</b>”, “<b>THEY ALL</b>”, &amp; “remember their sin <b>NO MORE</b>” – Jer. 31:34</p> <p>“If those ordinances depart from before Me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me <b>FOR EVER</b>.” – Jer. 31:36</p> <p>“...it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down <b>ANY MORE FOR EVER</b>” – Jer. 31:40</p> <p>“And I will make an <b>EVERLASTING COVENANT</b> with them, that <b>I WILL NOT TURN AWAY</b> from them, to do them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts, that they <b>SHALL NOT DEPART</b> from Me” – Jer. 32:40</p> <p>“For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them <b>ALL THE GOOD THAT I HAVE PROMISED THEM</b>.” – Jer. 32:42</p>	<p>sorrow <b>ANY MORE AT ALL</b>” (Jer. 31:12), an experience which is impossible until the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> (see Rev. 21:3-5).]</p> <p><b>(Jer. 31:15-40)</b> With inferiority and without entirety the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b> [according to Jer. 31:31-34 quoted and applied as a New Testament experience in Hebrews 8:8-12, 10:16-17, &amp; 1 John 2:27], but with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [remembering all that was accounted in Jer. 31:1-14, it is clear that the prophesy gazes upon what will be accomplished by the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> of Christ; nevertheless the prophesy forewarns how great suffering will forerun this glorious end at the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> (according to Jer. 31:15 &amp; Matt. 2:17 this suffering will be experienced in the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b> of Christ, in part), but God confirms physical literal Israel that “they shall come again” into the land of Israel at the time of the “<b>END</b>” (Jer. 31:16-17), though they suffer much pain and chastisement until then (Jer. 31:18-20). God said, “I shall bring again their captivity” (Jer. 31:23), “to build and to plan” (Jer. 31:28) - this time is the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> of Christ, by necessity, here called “a new thing” (Jer. 31:22) and “a new Covenant” (Jer. 31:31) in which “<b>THEY SHAL ALL KNOW ME</b>” (Jer. 31:34), scripture states, because “<b>ALL THE FAMILIES of Israel</b>” are saved (Jer. 31:1), therefore it is possible that they do <b>ALL</b> know God, every one of them! Only by the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> is it possible that there is Land-wide, Nation-wide, and City-wide holiness and security without ceasing “<b>FOR EVER</b>” (Jer. 31:36-40), therefore by the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> “the city shall be built to the LORD” (Jer. 31:38).]</p> <p><b>(Jer. 32:1-15)</b> With superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> of Christ [according to Jer. 32:15, which states, “Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land”]</p> <p><b>(Jer. 32:16-25)</b> Jeremiah’s confusion of how this regathering and restoration of Israel could happen... giving platform for the glory of God in the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b>.</p> <p><b>(Jer. 32:26-44)</b> with inferiority and without entirety the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b> [but any potential application has not been specified or cited by inspired writers], but with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [“I will gather them”, God said (Jer. 32:37), by fulfilling “<b>ALL THE GOOD THAT I HAVE PROMISED THEM</b>” (Jer. 31:42), which is, namely, the “restitution of all things” (Acts 2:21) accomplished by the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> of Christ - thus with the resurrection accomplished God will never “<b>TURN AWAY</b>” from Israel nor will they “<b>DEPART</b>” from Him (Jer. 32:40), because repentances in God are abolished (Jer. 32:41)! In this way, specifically, God “will cause their captivity to return” (Jer. 32:44).].</p>
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With this in mind, please reexamine your former interpretations of popular passages in Isaiah 54-55 or Ezekiel 36-39 which are used to argue eternal security. Behold how in all of these chapters, the inferior and superior senses of the prophesies being made are perfectly consistent. All are given to one primary audience, and if any application is made to the Gentile Church Age it is mysterious, inferior, and without entirety.

## Isaiah 54-55

<u>Commonly Quoted Passages for NT Gentile Church Age</u>	<u>Wider Context of Double-Sensed Complexity</u>
<p>“with <b>EVERLASTING</b> kindness will I have mercy on thee” – Isa. 54:8</p> <p>“so have I sworn that <b>I WILL NOT BE WROTH</b> with thee, nor rebuke thee” – Isa. 54:9</p> <p>“My kindness <b>SHALL NOT DEPART</b> from thee, neither shall the Covenant of peace <b>BE REMOVED</b>, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee” – Isa. 54:10</p>	<p><b>(54:1)</b> with inferiority and without entirety the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b> [according as it is quoted in Gal. 4:27], but with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [when literal, physical Israel is the desolate that becomes more fruitful].</p> <p><b>(54:2-10)</b> with inferiority and without entirety the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b> [according to 54:10 applied in Heb. 12:28, depicting the Gentile Church looking forward to the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b>], but with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [the physical inheritance of worldwide desolations can be seen in 54:3 &amp; 54:5, an event which follows the worldwide shaking seen in 54:10]</p> <p><b>(54:11-17)</b> solely and entirely the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [according to 54:11-12 those enduring the affliction are established in physical and literal inheritances within the borders of the Promised Land, then afterward, according to 54:13-14, the millennial reign of peace transpires which ends in the battle of Armageddon according to 54:15-17]</p> <p><b>(55:1-13)</b> with inferiority and without entirety the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b> [according to 55:1-2 applied in John 4:14 &amp; 7:37, we see an application, and also according to Acts 13:34 we can see the Davidic Throne in its beginning], but with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [according to 55:1-2 applied in Rev. 21:6 &amp; 22:17, the thirst-quenching act is entirely fulfilled which is, according to 55:3-13, not inward regeneration only but worldwide regeneration, as 55:12-13 does emphasize, and this is, we know, the consummation of the Davidic Throne, seen in 1 Cor. 15]</p>

## Ezekiel 36-39

<u>Commonly Quoted Passages for NT Gentile Church Age</u>	<u>Wider Context of Double-Sensed Complexity</u>
<p>“Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the shame of the heathen <b>ANY MORE</b>, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people <b>ANY MORE</b>, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall <b>ANY MORE</b>, saith the Lord GOD.” – Ezek. 36:15</p> <p>“I will also save you from <b>ALL</b> your uncleanness: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive <b>NO MORE</b> reproach of famine among the heathen.” – Ezek. 36:29-30</p> <p>“...Son of man, these bones are <b>THE WHOLE</b> house of Israel” – Ezek. 37:11, see also 39:25</p>	<p><b>(36:1-15)</b> the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> of Christ [whereby Israel is gathered together again within the land of Israel, inhabiting waste cities and old estates rebuilt]</p> <p><b>(36:16-38)</b> with inferiority and without entirety the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b> of Christ [but any potential application has not been specified or cited by inspired writers], but with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> of Christ [the entire context speaks of the means whereby God will regather His people Israel within the physical literal land of Israel, and it is by means of their regeneration in soul (36:24-33), but in this “day” also, take note, it is by regeneration of land and city (36:33-38). Both of these experiences are a single act in one single “day” (36:33)! The</p>

<p>“...One King shall be King to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms <b>ANY MORE at all</b>” – Ezek. 37:22</p> <p>“Neither shall they defile themselves <b>ANY MORE</b> with their idols...I will save them...” – Ezek. 37:23</p> <p>“So will I make My holy Name known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let them pollute My holy Name <b>ANY MORE</b>: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.” – Ezek. 39:7</p> <p>“...and have mercy upon <b>THE WHOLE</b> house of Israel, and will be jealous for My holy Name” – Ezek. 39:25, see also 37:11</p> <p>“but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left <b>NONE OF THEM ANY MORE</b> there.” – Ezek. 39:28</p> <p>“neither will I hide My face <b>ANY MORE</b> from them: for I have poured out My Spirit upon the house of Israel” – Ezek. 39:29</p>	<p>Land shall be regenerated and planted like as God, not man, planted the Garden of Eden (36:34-38).</p> <p><b>(37:1-14)</b> with inferiority and without entirety the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b> [but any potential application has not been specified or cited by inspired writers], but with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [the Israelite regathering for land inhabiting, like as Ezek. 36 promised, is accomplished by the resurrection. According to 37:11-14, this is the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant spoken long ago, “performed”].</p> <p><b>(37:15-28)</b> with inferiority and without entirety the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b> [but any potential application has not been specified or cited by inspired writers], but with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [divided Israel becomes one nation and people again, without division and transgression “any more” (37:22-23), and this is accomplished by a single act: David taking the throne thereto and forevermore (37:25-28)]</p> <p><b>(38:1-23)</b> with inferiority and without entirety the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent</b> [but any potential application has not been specified or cited by inspired writers], but with superiority and entirety the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> [38:19-20 is earth-shaking and mountain removing powers, and 38:22-23 is the fire, culminating in worldwide renown unto the Lord]</p> <p><b>(39:1-29)</b> the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent</b> in entirety, see 7, 25, 28-29 especially for regathering and land-inhabiting, forever.</p>
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**NOTE:** *the prophecies in these charts are actually triple-sensed, but for the sake of clarity and simplicity I kept the scope of our study to double-sensed - I neglected to address the inferior fulfillments that were accomplished in the regathering under Nehemiah, Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.*