

***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further***  
***International Bible Lessons***

**Jeremiah 32:27-37**  
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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

**Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. What kind of an effect can the sins of the parents have on their children?**

The children might be taught to commit the same sins their parents committed and might not learn until later that they were committing sins. They might not learn until later how much their sins hurt others and them. The children can also suffer mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually because of their parents’ sins against them and others.

**2. What did God mean when He told Jeremiah “all shall die for their own sins”?**

God will hold each individual person responsible for their choices. God will not punish anyone for sins that they have not committed but others have committed. God will not punish children for the sins that their parents have committed, but children can still suffer because of their parents’ sins and choices.

**3. Who did God say that He would make His New Covenant with? Why is that important? Where can we learn the most about the New Covenant?**

God said He would make the New Covenant with the house of Israel that had already been destroyed by the Assyrians and the house of Judah that would soon be sent into exile by the Babylonians. This is important to show that God plans to include in the New Covenant the descendants from all the 12 tribes of Israel and not just the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. We can learn the most about the New Covenant from the New Testament

and the good news of Jesus Christ, who is the Messiah that God promised in the Old Testament. See especially, Hebrews 8:8, 13; Hebrews 9:15; Hebrews 12:24.

**4. What did God say that the Israelites had done with the Old Covenant?**

They had broken it.

**5. What did God say that He would do in the New Covenant?**

God would put His law within believers and write it on their hearts; God would be their God and they would be His people; God would forgive them; God would not remember their sins.

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