

## Scripture for March 21 2021

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,<sup>\*</sup> says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## **Adaptation of John 12:20-33 by Robert Benson**

Love one another as I have loved you.

Do not be proud of yourselves simply because you have seen the Light that illumines all, but be to each other as I am to you. Be all goodness as the One Who made us in all goodness.

If you seek only to protect your own life, then you will lose it.

But if you would lose your own life, then you will save it indeed.

There is no greater love than to lay down your life for another. And if there is such love in you, then others will know that you are my follower.

This is the way of the kingdom –

If you hold a kernel of wheat in your hand, then there will be no harvest.

Unless it falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed.

But if the kernel dies, then there will be a rich harvest. Is this not the way that it is?

This is what I say to you that you must do:

Love one another as I have loved you.