

## Jeremiah 2

King James Version (KJV)

**2** Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

<sup>2</sup>Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. (Israel looked to God for their freedom from Egypt, for their food in the desert, for their protection from other peoples and for a way to go to the Promised Land)

(They always become very faithful to God when they are in need; but they always forget all about Him when things are going well)

<sup>3</sup>Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD. (If they desert God, the world will devour them)

(The same goes for us today. Keeping God in our lives is more important than ever; as we approach the end days of this Age)

<sup>4</sup>Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: (This is to all 12 tribes)

<sup>5</sup>Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? (What wrong did God do; that would have made Israel turn away from Him? God did nothing wrong. He took good care of them through many hardships)

<sup>6</sup>Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? (After they arrived in the Promised Land, they forgot all about God. After Joshua died they rapidly turned to idol worship and other perversions. They are a self-centered, pathetic bunch of narcissists)

<sup>7</sup>And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. (God brought them into a rich and fertile country. The houses were already built for them to just move into. The orchards were already planted so that they could enjoy

the fruits. The vines were already planted for them to enjoy the wine. And yet, they turned away from God and allowed idolatry to enter into their country; and they joyfully participated in it)

NOTE: (Like we allow foreign religions to enter the US today and accept their "doctrines". Even the purported Christian preachers teach traditions of men, instead of teaching the Word of God; chapter by chapter, verse by verse. The result is that the people learn nothing)

<sup>8</sup>The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. (Priests, governors and rulers abandoned the Word of God in their duties. They became corrupt and rich with ill gotten gains)

NOTE: (The same thing has happened in the US and Canada today. Both governments are completely corrupt. Both countries have embraced Islam and other foreign cults as if they were valid religions)

<sup>9</sup>Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead. (God asks them to wake up, and get back on the right path. He won't give up on them, generation after generation. HE is a great and merciful God)

<sup>10</sup>For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing. (Chittim - the bruisers; Kedar - the dark skinned peoples)

(Would the heathen abandon their gods? No. They stay true to their false gods and their superstitions. Yet the Christians abandon God at every opportunity. We could learn a lot about loyalty from the heathen peoples)

<sup>11</sup>Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. (Would they be so fickle to their gods? No, they wouldn't. They remain loyal, generation after generation)

(Yet Israel has done that over and over to the only true God. Israelites have to be the most foolish people on Earth. Even today in Europe and America, the most blessed nations are turning to perversion, Islam and atheism. We are nations of fools)

<sup>12</sup> Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. (God's wrath is building. His patience is running out. We will be judged for our choices)

<sup>13</sup> For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. (They gave up the true God, for the fake)

(Fountains produce water. Cisterns are only reservoirs that have to be re-filled. They produce no water on their own)

(God's Word is the living fountain of spiritual water. Traditions of men are like the cistern. They are void and meaningless) John-4:13-14

<sup>14</sup> Is Israel a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled? (Israel let outsiders come into their nation to spoil their land and their heritage. Most Caucasian people in the Christian nations today call themselves Gentiles. We are actually descended from the 12 tribes of Israel. Most of us don't even know who we are)

NOTES: (When Media-Persia defeated Babylon, the people of the ten northern tribes of Israel were freed. They migrated over the Caucasus Mountains and settled Europe and later America. They became known as Caucasians. The tribe of Judah eventually ended up back in Israel today. They are called Jews today)

(Today, you can get a Bible almost for free in the US. Why don't people do that and get right with God? Instead, they depend on the ways of the world to lead them)

Proverbs-1:7 (The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction)

<sup>15</sup> The young lions roared upon him, and yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant. (Without God's protection, the world will eat your lunch. They will take everything that was yours)

<sup>16</sup> Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head. (You go to Egypt for help, instead of going to God. And yet the Egyptians let you down every time)

<sup>17</sup> Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way? (They did it to themselves. God showed them the way, but they refused to listen to Him. They abandoned God for the ways of the world)

<sup>18</sup> And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river? (Drinking from the Nile or the Euphrates – it won't fill you <spiritually>. Those waters are not God's living waters)

(Islam, atheism and other heathen practices are no substitute for Christianity. Those countries are not blessed today, because they worship idols and false gods)

<sup>19</sup> Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts. (Your evil ways will bring your own punishment upon you – Israel then; the US, Canada and Western Europe today)

NOTE: (God ended the First Age, when Satan and 1/3 of the people rebelled against Him. HE will end this Age as well, when antichrist <Satan> is here. All people will turn to antichrist and worship him as if he were God. He's a fake who will tell them whatever they want to hear. Being the weak willed people that they are, they will believe his lies)

See Jeremiah-4 (God destroyed the First Age when the people turned against Him and sided with Satan. HE will do it again as more and more people have again turned away from Him for false religions or for atheism)

<sup>20</sup> For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot. (God freed Israel and blessed them with prosperity. They vowed to remain true to Him in return)

(It didn't take long for them to renege on their vows and turn to idolatry. God sees idolatry as whoredom. Even Christian churches today teach traditions of men instead of the Word of God)

<sup>21</sup> Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? (God gave us everything that we need to succeed. But, in our stupidity, we traded it all away for the ways of the world)

(Jesus taught that He is the vine, we are the branches and God is the pruner. The branches that do not produce fruit will be pruned off of the vine)

Also see Matthew-13 (the parable of the tares)

<sup>22</sup> For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD. (You can't hide your evil and corrupt ways from God. HE sees everything)

<sup>23</sup> How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways; (the valley of Hinnon was the smoldering garbage pit outside Jerusalem)

(You're like a female camel in heat, chasing after her lovers. You chase every false religion and doctrine; while you abandon God)

<sup>24</sup> A wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. (Also like a wild donkey in heat – she is uncontrollable. She makes herself available to all)

<sup>25</sup> Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go. (STOP IT; God will forgive your sins if you repent. Ask God for the strength to do the right thing)

(The temptations and lusts of the world can lead people to destruction and death. Be on your guard against them)

<sup>26</sup> As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets. (If what you do is so righteous, why are you ashamed when God judges what you do? Your blessings are gone and the world is eating you up)

<sup>27</sup> Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. (a stock= a chunk of wood; they pray to anything but to God, until they are in trouble. Then they come crying back to God for help)

<sup>28</sup> But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah. (Where are these idols when you need help? They can't do anything for you)

(You have as many idols as you have cities. Denominations today are like this as well. They separate Christianity into divisions and teach their own doctrines)

NOTE: (There is only one Christianity; and it is all written in the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts. Denominations are an invention of men. The KJV Bible translation comes closest to the manuscripts; but it does have some translation errors. A good teacher, who is wise in the languages, can help correct the translation errors)

<sup>29</sup> Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD. (Why do you come to me now; after you ignored me when times were good? – God speaking)

(Where did God go wrong that you abandoned Him? The answer is – He didn't. People go wrong. God doesn't)

<sup>30</sup> In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. (God tried to correct them, with tough love, but they refuse to listen. Your own words have neutralized your prophets' teachings. Your sword is your tongue, your words)

<sup>31</sup> O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee? (Why do you say - we are in control? We can save ourselves?)

(These are the teachings of Satan. Today, it's called atheism and multi-culturalism. These ideas lead people to death and destruction)

<sup>32</sup> Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number. (Can a bride forget

what she wore on her wedding day? Yet people forget God, who saved them over and over)

<sup>33</sup> Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways. (Harlotry – God sees idolatry as we see harlotry. You are so good at it that even the professional whores could learn from you)

(You are so good at your false doctrines that even Satan could learn a few tricks from you)

Examples: (Celebrating Easter instead of Passover; believing the rapture doctrine instead of standing up to antichrist in order to testify with the Holy Spirit of God; listening to the sermons of men instead of learning the Word of God – chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

<sup>34</sup> Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these. (You mislead the innocent with your bad examples. Your false teaching destroys the souls who were trying to learn God's Word. That is far worse than destroying lives)

<sup>35</sup> Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned. (Do you think your traditions of men will meet God's approval? You're kidding yourselves. God will judge all people equally)

(Some people think that they'll be able to con or persuade God at judgment. That is just foolishness)

<sup>36</sup> Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria. (Egypt and Assyria were followers of idolatry. And yet you adopt their idolatrous traditions, and turn to them for support; instead of depending on God)

<sup>37</sup> Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them. (thine hands upon thine head = symbolic for shame)

(Your way of worship will not pay off. You will be judged by the same standard as everyone else. Traditions of men are not the Word of God; and yet that is what is taught in most churches)