

## 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 get real faithful to God when they are in need, but they forget 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.

<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 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? (Once they arrived in the Promised Land, they forgot all about God)

<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. (They allowed idolatry to enter into their country and participated in it – 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)

<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 and became corrupt and rich with ill gotten gains)

<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 to generation)

<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 they abandon their gods? No)

<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. But Israel has done that 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)

<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)

<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, for the fake. Fountains produce water; cisterns are only reservoirs that have to be re-filled. They produce no water) (God's Word is the living fountain; traditions of men are like the cistern)

<sup>14</sup> Is Israel a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled? (Israel let outsiders spoil their land and their heritage. Most people in the Christian nations today call themselves gentiles when they are actually descended from the 12 tribes of Israel)

<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, 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 to God, and 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, and they refused to listen)

<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 doesn't fill you. These waters are not God's living waters. Islam, atheism and heathen practices are no substitute for Christianity. Those countries are not blessed)

<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)

<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 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 we need to succeed, but we trade it away for the ways of the world)

(Jesus taught HE is the vine, we are the branches and God is the pruner. Also see the parable of the tares in Mathew-13)

<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)

<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- Hinnon – the garbage pit outside Jerusalem) (You're like a camel in heat, chasing after her lovers; you chase every false religion and doctrine)

<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 – uncontrollable; 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 if you repent; Ask God for strength to do the right thing)

<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.

<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 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)

<sup>29</sup> Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.

<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? (We are in control. We can save ourselves – the teachings of Satan – today, its called atheism and multi-culturalism)

<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)

<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 harlotry. You are so good at it that even the professionals could learn from you)

<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. That destroys souls which 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. (You think your traditions of men will meet God's approval. You're kidding yourselves. God will judge all people equally. People think that they'll be able to con or persuade God at judgment)

<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 also followers of idolatry; yet you adopt their 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 = 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)