## Jeremiah 3

King James Version (KJV)

- **3** They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD. (You run around and worship idols and then return to God when you're in trouble. HE takes you back, and then after awhile, when things get better, you go back to your idols)
- <sup>2</sup> Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. (They set up high places for idol worship, even in Jerusalem. Today, they celebrate Easter <Ishtar- the goddess of heaven> instead of Passover. The word was changed in the translation of the manuscripts and the feast was changed by corrupt popes to add membership, and money, to the church. They even welcome muslims into Christian countries and let them build mosques in every city)
- <sup>3</sup>Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. (You think you are holy, with your traditions of men. Without the latter rain, the crops cannot ripen for harvest)
- Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth? (Won't you wake up and return to God?)
- Will he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest. (You did everything you could to offend God. Will He put off His anger forever?)
- The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. (They believe every new thing that comes along as a new "religion". They should know better because God has been saving them continually)
- <sup>7</sup>And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. (God asked you to repent, after all you did, and you still refused. Judah saw

## what happened to Israel when they refused to return to God; and yet she followed suit)

- <sup>8</sup> And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. (God spiritually divorced Israel because of her idolatry. And yet, even after Israel fell to the Assyrians, Judah saw it and still refused to return to God)
- <sup>9</sup> And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. (She chased idols built out of wood and stone. She turned everything into a new religion)
- <sup>10</sup> And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but <u>feignedly</u>, saith the LORD. (feignedly=falsely, faking repentance)
- <sup>11</sup> And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. (At least, Israel didn't pretend to repent, like Judah did. That's a very low bar for Judah to have failed at)
- <sup>12</sup> Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. (After all that, all they have to do is truly repent, and God will take them back and bless them)
- <sup>13</sup> Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. (Admit your guilt; ask forgiveness. It's not too late yet. Once Jesus returns, it will be too late for the first resurrection; but still not too late for the second)
- <sup>14</sup>Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: (Repent, return to God; HE will accept you and take you into paradise)
- <sup>15</sup> And I will give you <u>pastors according to mine heart</u>, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. (Pastors that will teach the

## Word of God and not traditions of men. Today, those pastors are very rare)

- <sup>16</sup> And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.
- <sup>17</sup> At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. (This will happen on the Lord's Day)
- <sup>18</sup> In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers. (They were split when Solomon died. God did that because of Solomon's idolatry and marrying heathen women, and buying horses from Egypt. His heathen wives brought in their false gods and idol worship. All against God's Word)
- <sup>19</sup> But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me. (That's all God wanted. They couldn't even do that)
- <sup>20</sup> Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD. (Idolatry is spiritual adultery in God's eyes) (In the end days those who worship antichrist will also be idolaters)
- <sup>21</sup> A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the LORD their God. (The high places were places of idol worship, orgies and other perversions)
- <sup>22</sup> Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.
- <sup>23</sup> Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel. (Other nations' idolatry and false gods will not save them; God would save Israel if they repented and stopped the isol worship on the

hills and hifg places. For us today, anyone who will believe upon Jesus is saved)

<sup>24</sup> For shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. (Kenites had infiltrated Judah, in the days of Joshua; and now they were keeping the books and records for Judah) See 1Chronicles-2:55

<sup>25</sup> We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God. (Even today, Christians celebrate Easter instead of Passover. That is an insult to God, and yet they think it's all holy)