

v1 The word of the LORD came to me: v2 "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: "'I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the desert, through a land not sown. v3 Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of his harvest; all who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them,'" declares the LORD. v4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, all you clans of the house of Israel. v5 This is what the LORD says: "What fault did your fathers find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves. v6 They did not ask, 'Where is the LORD, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and rifts, a land of drought and darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?' v7 I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable. v8 The priests did not ask, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols. v9 "Therefore I bring charges against you again," declares the LORD. "And I will bring charges against your children's children. v10 Cross over to the coasts of Kittim and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this: v11 Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their Glory for worthless idols. v12 Be appalled at this, O heavens, and shudder with great horror," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 2:1-12

God's LOVE in spite of our UNFAITHFULNESS

The main message of the book of Jeremiah

- Repentance from sin would postpone Judah's coming judgment at hands of Babylon
- Repentance is one of the greatest needs in our immoral world

The lessons can we learn from Jeremiah

- He was called by God to teach how intimately God knows us
- How God valued us before anyone else knew that we would exist
- God value's us more highly than we value ourselves

1. THE BROKEN MARRIAGE BETWEEN GOD AND ISRAEL - v1-3

- God reminded the Israel how He cared for them in the wilderness
- God remembers the love
- He remembers their faithfulness
- He calls them the bride

Remember they were not perfect but they Trusted God, they Depended on Him, they Loved Him.

Jeremiah is reminding us that this is the same God that you once followed

2. THE HISTORY OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL - v4-8

Jeremiah recited history to the people of Israel...

- To remind them of God's Faithfulness
- To make sure that people wouldn't forget (because there were no bibles)
- To emphasise God's Love for them
- To remind the people that there was a time where they were close to God

We learn from history so that we can built on it and avoid repeating the same failures

3. GOD'S LEGAL CASE AGAINST ISRAEL - v9-12

God brings legal complaint against Israel

- Not only for them but even their grandchildren
- God say people they never changed the God it is new
- People around you keep their gods even if they are worthless idols
- God calls to heavens to be witness to this desolation

Let's ask ourselves where have we turned our backs on God's long standing faithfulness

We need to turn back to the leaving God

CONCLUSION

v13. Who would set aside a spring of living water, for cisterns that cannot hold water

- God reminds them that He is the living water
- God is saying in the midst of this I can provide a living water
- His saying can you look around, your cisterns cannot hold water.

JESUS said in John 4:10,

IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD AND WHO IT IS THAT ASK YOU FOR A DRINK YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU LIVING WATER.