

## Prophet Jeremiah Chap 2-3

Theme: *Laboring in the purpose God design for our life.*

### I. Communicating God's displeasure for Judah's disobedience.

#### A. What was Judah's relationship with God at the beginning? -*Jeremiah 2:2-3*

**Jeremiah 2:2-3** — <sup>2</sup> "Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the Lord, "I remember concerning you the devotion of your youth, The love of your betrothals, Your following after Me in the wilderness, Through a land not sown. <sup>3</sup> "Israel was holy to the Lord, The first of His harvest. All who ate of it became guilty; Evil came upon them," declares the Lord.' ""

#### B. How did that relationship change over time? - *Jeremías 2:5-7*

**Jeremiah 2:5** — <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord, "What injustice did your fathers find in Me, That they went far from Me And walked after emptiness and became empty?" **Jeremiah 2:7** — <sup>7</sup> "I brought you into the fruitful land To eat its fruit and its good things. But you came and defiled My land, And My inheritance you made an abomination."

#### C. How did they defile the land? -v8

**Jeremiah 2:8** — <sup>8</sup> "The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' And those who handle the law did not know Me; The rulers also transgressed against Me, And the prophets prophesied by Baal And walked after things that did not profit."

1. What example of cities have been defiled by sin that you know of?

#### D. What is the essence of Judah's sin? -v13

**Jeremiah 2:13** — <sup>13</sup> "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water."

### II. Communicating God's call to repent from their sin:

#### A. What example did God give Judah as an object lesson?

**Jeremiah 3:7-8** — <sup>7</sup> "I thought, 'After she has done all these things she will return to Me'; but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. <sup>8</sup> "And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also."

1. Did Judah learn anything from watching Israel's judgment?
2. Do you think Judah would receive stricter judgment for not responding?

#### B. What promise did God offer if they both would return? -v12

**Jeremiah 3:12-13** — <sup>12</sup> "Go and proclaim these words toward the north and say, 'Return, faithless Israel,' declares the Lord; 'I will not look upon you in anger. For I am gracious,' declares the Lord; 'I will not be angry forever. <sup>13</sup> 'Only acknowledge your iniquity, That you have transgressed against the Lord your God ..., And you have not obeyed My voice,' declares the Lord." **Jeremiah 3:22** — <sup>22</sup> "Return, O faithless sons, I will heal your faithlessness." "Behold, we come to You; For You are the Lord our God."

1. Promise of God's favorable disposition:
2. Promise of God's healing spiritual condition:

### III. God's promise of Salvation in the end times:

#### A. Salvation by the coming of the Messianic King over Israel and Judah. -*Jeremiah 23:5-6*

#### B. Salvation by the indwelling of God's word. - *Jeremiah 31:31-34*