

## Jeremiah 2:1-19

The word of the LORD came to me:

‘Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem:

‘This is what the LORD says:

“‘I remember the devotion of your youth,  
how as a bride you loved me  
and followed me through the wilderness,  
through a land not sown.

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.

Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob,  
all you clans of Israel.

This is what the LORD says:

‘What fault did your ancestors find in me,  
that they strayed so far from me?

They followed worthless idols  
and became worthless themselves.

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 ravines,  
a land of drought and utter darkness,  
a land where no one travels and no one lives?”

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.  
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.  
‘Therefore I bring charges against you again,’  
declares the LORD.  
‘And I will bring charges against your children’s children.

Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and observe closely;  
see if there has ever been anything like this:  
has a nation ever changed its gods?

(Yet they are not gods at all.)

But my people have exchanged their glorious God  
for worthless idols.

Be appalled at this, you heavens,  
and shudder with great horror,  
declares the LORD.

'My people have committed two sins:  
They have forsaken me,  
the spring of living water,  
and have dug their own cisterns,  
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.  
Is Israel a servant, a slave by birth?  
Why then has he become plunder?  
Lions have roared;  
they have growled at him.  
They have laid waste his land;  
his towns are burned and deserted.  
Also, the men of Memphis and Tahpanhes  
have cracked your skull.

Have you not brought this on yourselves  
by forsaking the LORD your God  
when he led you in the way?

Now why go to Egypt  
to drink water from the Nile?

And why go to Assyria  
to drink water from the Euphrates?

Your wickedness will punish you;  
your backsliding will rebuke you.

Consider then and realise  
how evil and bitter it is for you  
when you forsake the LORD your God  
and have no awe of me,

declares the Lord,  
the LORD Almighty.



I remember the devotion of your youth,  
how as a bride you loved me  
and followed me through the wilderness,  
through a land not sown

Jeremiah 2v2

What fault did your ancestors find in me,  
that they strayed so far from me?

Jeremiah 2 v5a

They followed worthless idols  
and became worthless themselves

Jeremiah 2 v5b

They did not ask, “Where is the LORD,  
who brought us up out of Egypt

Jeremiah 2v6

The priests did not ask,

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Those who deal with the law did not know me;

Jeremiah 2v8

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and shudder with great horror,  
declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 2 v11-12

'My people have committed two sins:  
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the spring of living water,  
and have dug their own cisterns,  
broken cisterns that cannot hold  
water.

Jeremiah 2:13







“Now just hold your horses, everyone. ... Let's let it run for a minute or so and see if it gets any colder.”



Now why go to Egypt  
to drink water from the Nile?  
And why go to Assyria  
to drink water from the Euphrates?

Jeremiah 2 v18

Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

John 4 v13

Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.'

John 7:37