

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 144--Jeremiah 2:1-4:2

Introduction: Jeremiah was called by God to the unhappy task of telling an unheeding nation it was going to be judged and destroyed. In these chapters God sets forth the reasons for His wrath against Judah.

Lesson aim: To see why God was displeased with Judah and how He sought her repentance.

God reproves Judah for her unfaithfulness-- Jeremiah 2:1-3:5

1. What did God remember about Israel's past? (v. 2) To what did God liken Israel in those days? (v. 3)
2. What question did God want Judah to answer? (v. 5) What did God's people not say? (v. 6) How did Israel respond to God's blessings? (v. 7)
3. What did the priests not say? (v. 8) How did the priests, rulers, and prophets behave? (v. 8)
4. What had Israel done that the heathen had not done? (v. 11) To what did God liken this? (v. 13)
5. Judah had brought difficulties upon herself by doing what? (v. 17, 19)
6. Though God had redeemed Israel what did she say? (v. 20) Though God planted her, into what did she turn? (v. 21) Could soap remove her guilt? (v. 22)
7. To what did God liken the people of Judah? (v. 23-25) God said that Judah had as many gods as what? (v. 28)
8. Had Judah despised God's chastening? (v. 29-30) Judah had forgotten God how many times? (v. 31-32)

9. Judah could have taught her harlotrous ways to whom? (v. 33) What was found on her skirts? (v. 34) Yet what did she say? (v. 35)
10. It would seem Judah had sought refuge, vacillating between what two countries? (v. 36)
11. What was Israel attempting to do as God's wife, that God would not allow a woman to do to the husband who put her away? (3:1) How had God tried to bring the nation to repentance? (v. 3)
12. Yet, in spite of all this wickedness what did Judah say? (3:4-5)

God invites his unfaithful "wife" to return to Him--Jeremiah 3:6-4:2

1. What lesson had God hoped Judah would learn from Israel's captivity? (3:6-10)
2. God said, "Faithless _____ has proved herself more righteous than _____ Judah" (v. 11) On this basis what did God urge Israel to do? (v. 12-14)
3. What did God promise Israel if she would repent? (v. 15) What would the people then not remember, miss, or make again? (v. 16) What would they call Jerusalem? (v. 17)
4. In the day of future repentance, both Israel and Judah would do what? (v. 18)
5. What hopes did God have for Judah? (v. 19) Like what had Judah acted instead? (v. 20)
6. In v. 21 Jeremiah pictures his people doing what? (v. 21) God urges them to do what? (v. 22) God's people are pictured as responding by saying what? (v. 22b-24)
7. What promise did God make to Judah? (4:2) Upon what conditions would this happen? (v. 1-2a)