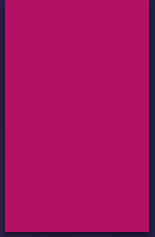


“Broken Cisterns”



Jeremiah 2:1-13

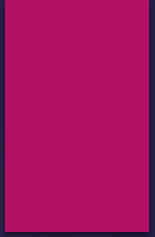


A. Israel's Initial Devotion (1-3)

1 The word of the Lord came to me:

2 *“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.’*

3 *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.”*




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

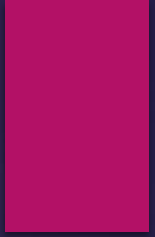
5 This is what the Lord says: *“What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.*

6 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 & ravines, a land of drought & utter darkness, a land where no one travels & no one lives?’”*



7 “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.

8 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.”



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**C. God's Resulting Declaration
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9 *“Therefore I bring charges against you again,” declares the Lord. “And I will bring charges against your children’s children.*

10 *Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this.*

11 *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.*

12 *Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,” declares the Lord.*



13 *“My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken Me, the spring of living
waters, and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”*

John 4:13-14

13 Jesus answered and said to her, *“Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;*

14 *but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”*

John 7:37-38


37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, *“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.*

38 *He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”*

Jeremiah 2:25-28

25 Do not run until your feet are bare and your throat is dry. But you said, *“It is no use! I love foreign gods, and I must go after them.”*

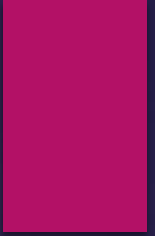
26 As a thief is disgraced when he is caught, so the people of Israel are disgraced—they, their kings & officials, their priests & prophets.



27 They say to wood, *“You are my father,”*
and to stone, *“You gave me birth.”* They have
turned their backs to Me and not their faces;
yet when they are in trouble they say, *“Come
and save us!”*

28 Where then are the gods you made for
yourselves? Let them come if they can save
you when you are in trouble! For you, Judah,
have as many gods as you have towns.

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