

Study of Jeremiah 3

Jer 3:1 *They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith אַיָּאֵל*

אַיָּאֵל is quoting from Deut 24:1-4 which forbids a former husband to remarry a wife he has put away that becomes another mans wife and then tries to return back to him. (Hos 2:7). Israel has committed spiritual adultery by worshipping many false gods.

Deu 24:1 *When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.*

Deu 24:2 *And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.*

Deu 24:3 *And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;*

Deu 24:4 *Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before אַיָּאֵל: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which אַיָּאֵל thy Elohim giveth thee for an inheritance.*

Jer 3:2 *Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.*

The high places refer to pagan worship. Pagans would gather on high elevations and build altars to sacrifice to their gods. Israel adopted this practice which was forbidden in Deut. 12:2-4. They were instructed to destroy these pagan altars and were not to learn the ways of the heathens. As the Arabian prostitute lies in wait for lovers, Israel does the same.

Jer 3:3 *Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.*

They have polluted the land with their wickedness, therefore the former rain which began in Oct/November and the latter rain which fell in Mar/April was withheld from them.(Jer. 14:1) They were very impudent and stubborn and refused to repent. (Jer. 5:3)

Jer 3:4 *Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?*

Will they cry unto Him "My Father, thou art the teacher/husband of my youth"?

Jer 3:5 *Will he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldst.*

Will He be angry forever? That answer is No (verse 12 below and Mic 7:18). They continue to sin and He continues to punish them. He becomes more distant to them.

Jer 3:6 אַיָּאָל said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

Backsliding Israel - repeating what they did in verses 1-2
Aramaic, those who restrain themselves from returning to My worship;

Jer 3:7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

אַיָּאָל pleaded with Israel to repent, but she would not. Judah - Israel's sister. This is Aholah and Aholibah of Eze. 23:4-5,36,44) Also see 2 John 1:1,13.

Eze 23:4 And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.

They are described as lewd women in Eze. 23:44

Jer 3:8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

אַיָּאָל divorced Israel, but not Judah. Although Judah saw what אַיָּאָל did to Israel, she still wasn't afraid.

אַיָּאָל put Israel away from Him. ([2Ki 17:6](#), [2Ki 17:18](#)). The bill of divorce literally means "a writing of cutting off".

Jer 3:9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

This refers to Israel here, not Judah as she is contrasted in the next verse. It became a trivial thing for Israel to commit spiritual adultery with her idols of stone and wood.

Jer 3:10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith אַיָּאָל.

Even seeing what אַיָּאָל did to Israel in sending her into the Assyrian captivity for her idol worship and paganism, Judah only half heartedly and deceitfully turned to אַיָּאָל because at the death of Josiah, they turned back to idolatry.

Jer 3:11 And אַיָּאָל said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

Backsliding Ephraim Israel has justified herself more than treacherous (faithless) Judah. Judah did not learn a lesson by seeing Israel's fate and under the wicked King Manasseh did even greater wickedness than Israel had done.

This was 150 years after Israel's exile and 70 years after the Josiah revival of 2 Chron. 35:17. This was 70 years after they supposedly rejoined Judah (according to some skeptics). Verse 12 shows they are still in exile.

Jer 3:12 *Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith אֱלֹהִים; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith אֱלֹהִים, and I will not keep anger for ever.*

אֱלֹהִים says to proclaim to the North (where Israel was in captivity), return to him O' backsliding Israel. He would not be forever angry with them (Mic 7:18) and wants to show mercy to them. [Jer 1:15](#)

Jer 3:13 *Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against אֱלֹהִים thy Elohim, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith אֱלֹהִים.*

Just confess your sins. Israel had also adopted the pagan practice of worshipping idols under green trees. ([Jer 2:20](#); [Jer 17:2](#))

Jer 3:14 *Turn, O backsliding children, saith אֱלֹהִים; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:*

Literally, He is their Ba'al or Master. [Jer 31:32](#); compare [Hos 2:19](#), [Hos 2:20](#); [Isa 54:5](#))

He is still married to them or will be in the future after the sacrifice of **וְיָצֵא**. He will take them 1 of a city and 2 of a family and bring them to Zion. This is the remnant of Israel that will be brought back. אֱלֹהִים always deals with a remnant whereas the church deals with the many.

Jer 3:15 *And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.*

This is happening now. אֱלֹהִים is giving us pastors of understanding and knowledge that will properly instruct Israel in the ways of אֱלֹהִים. We have been taught lies by our fathers. ([Jer 16:19](#)) Our fathers have taught that the law (Torah) was abolished at the cross of **וְיָצֵא**

Jer 3:16 *And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith אֱלֹהִים, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of אֱלֹהִים: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.*

This speaks of the millennium when Israel and Judah are re-gathered back into the land. Apparently the Ark won't be found and will not be necessary as the presence of **אֱלֹהִים** will be with us in the person of **וְיָשָׁב** in Jerusalem. We won't even think about it anymore. We won't need the written tablets of stone, the Torah will be written on our hearts. [Jer 31:33](#)

Jer 3:17 *At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of **אֱלֹהִים**; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of **אֱלֹהִים**, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.*

Jerusalem will be the center of world government during the millennium. **וְיָשָׁב** shall sit upon the throne of David ruling the world with a rod of iron. [Zec 2:10](#), [Zec 2:11](#); [Eze 34:23](#), [Eze 34:24](#); All nations will be required to come up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles or they will forfeit rain. ([Zec 14:16-21](#))([Isa 2:2](#)).

Jer 3:18 *In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.*

The House of Judah will join with the House of Israel in the millennium. The kingdom of **אֱלֹהִים** will be restored as both houses are re-gathered. [Eze 37:19](#); [Isa 52:8](#); [Jer 50:4](#)

They will occupy all the land given to their fathers for an inheritance. This is why the so called Palestinian State will never stand. No one has the right to give away Yahweh's inheritance. He will fight against those who try. Pray for our President who is advocating the land for peace and Palestinian homeland deal. He has little understanding of the word of **אֱלֹהִים** in this matter. **אֱלֹהִים** will annul any such deal. It is the covenant with death and hell.

Jer 3:19 *But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.*

אֱלֹהִים poses the question of how he could adopt Israel as His sons, which had been apostate for so long, and place them in their former heritages? But answers it by stating that Israel would turn (in repentance) to Him and call Him Father and follow Him.

Jer 3:20 *Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith **אֱלֹהִים**.*

Israel has committed spiritual adultery. They were unfaithful to their husband **אֱלֹהִים**

Jer 3:21 *A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten אֱלֹהֵינוּ their Elohim.*

Israel has forgotten אֱלֹהֵינוּ their Elohim. They were up on the pagan altars weeping and praying to Ba'al asking for mercy. [Jer 2:20](#)

Jer 3:22 *Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art אֱלֹהֵינוּ our Elohim.*

אֱלֹהֵינוּ pleads with Israel to return to Him and He would heal their apostasy.

Jer 3:23 *Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in אֱלֹהֵינוּ our Elohim is the salvation of Israel.*

Only in אֱלֹהֵינוּ our Elohim is salvation for Israel

Jer 3:24 *For shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.*

Jer 3:25 *We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against אֱלֹהֵינוּ our Elohim, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of אֱלֹהֵינוּ our Elohim.*

Israel will acknowledge their sins and confess that they had inherited lies from their fathers [Jer 16:19](#) and had sinned against אֱלֹהֵינוּ until He turns their hearts to Him.

Jer 16:14 *Therefore, behold, the days come, saith אֱלֹהֵינוּ, that it shall no more be said, אֱלֹהֵינוּ liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;*

Jer 16:15 *But, אֱלֹהֵינוּ liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.*

This return will be so huge that the crossing out of Egypt by the children of Israel will pale in comparison. This exodus from all parts of the world will be far greater than the one out of Egypt where 2-4 million passed over. **See Jer. 23:8** Yahweh will bring them again into their land that he gave their fathers. They will inherit the land according to their tribal lineages. Jer. 31:8-10 makes it clear that Ephraim Israel which has been in exile for over 2700 years now will form the largest part of these returnees.

(See Isa.35:8 – Highway of Holiness)

Jer 16:16 *Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith אֱלֹהֵינוּ, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.*

אֱלֹהֵינוּ will send out many fishers to become fishers of men and hunters to seek them out of even the holes of the rocks to bring them back. He knows where every single

one of us are. See Isa. 2:19; Jer. 31:8-10; and Isa. 66:20. This verse in Isaiah tells us who most of these people are. They are the ones who refer to themselves as "Christians". The survivors of this group of believers are also the ones who do this gathering and bring their brethren to Jerusalem as an offering to אֱלֹהִים in a clean vessel.

וַיֹּאמֶר also promised to make us fishers of men in Mat. 4:19 and Mar 1:17.

"they shall be restored in the midst of my people". The word is "banah" and in this case means restored instead of built. They (Israel) were plucked out (v.14) and when וַיֹּאמֶר returns and has compassion on them, they shall be restored. (Jer. 33:6-8)

The fishing phase will be pleasant as fish are caught alive, but hunters usually kill their prey. Taking place amidst the rocks and caves of the mountains, as expected, the hunting phase is not a pleasant experience. Notice the reference to hiding among the rocks and in caves found in Revelation 6:12-17. The day of hunting is the day of wrath.

Jer 16:17 *For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.*

Although they are hidden among the nations, Israel is not hidden from אֱלֹהִים
And He sees their sins.

Jer 16:18 *And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.*

We are to be punished double for our sins because we have defiled אֱלֹהִים' s land and filled it with abominable things - see Lev. 11 for those things.
See also Zech 9:12; Isa. 40:2; 65:6 and Rev. 18:6

The key to this "doubling" is in Ezekiel 4: the prophet lay on his side for 390 days to symbolize the 390 years of punishment the House of Israel had earned. Doubled, it is 780 years. From the final defeat of the Northern Kingdom (722 B.C.), this comes to A.D. 58—just when Paul was setting his sights on the Gentiles.

Jer 16:19 *O אֱלֹהִים, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.*

The Christian gentiles, those who have forgotten their true identity as Ephraim Israel, will come saying that they have inherited lies from their fathers, empty things of no value. A false religious system will be in effect that claims the Torah has been abolished. These are the traditions that have been inherited, the lies from our fathers that are worthless. See also Heb 13:9; Matt 15:9; Mk 7:7

How do we know these gentiles are Israelites? Because of אֱלֹהִים' s reference to "your fathers have forsaken me" in v.11 above. That shows they once knew Him!

The word "gentile" simply means "nations"

Jer 16:20 *Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?*

Have we created false Elohim for ourselves - Lord -god -Jesus, etc. There is no power in the names of these.

Jer 16:21 *Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is אֲיָאֵל.*

This is why He does it. He will this once cause them to know his hand (Yahshua) and His might and **they SHALL KNOW THAT HIS NAME IS אֲיָאֵל!** Not the lord or god or J-seus, but אֲיָאֵל!

His name is extremely important. There are so many scriptures that tell us He doesn't like being called all the false names that the world calls Him. He said in Jer 23:26-7:

Jer 23:26 *How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;*

Jer 23:27 *Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.*

Ba'al is the Hebrew word for Lord. Our fathers have caused us to forget אֲיָאֵל's name by substituting "The Lord" for אֲיָאֵל

This substitution has caused us all to violate the third commandment.

Exo 20:7 *Thou shalt not take the name of אֲיָאֵל thy Elohim in vain; for אֲיָאֵל will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. (bring it to nothing or falsely).*

Calling upon Him using a false name is a violation of this commandment. We can rectify this in our lives through repentance and never letting those pagan names and titles pass our lips again.

This is a little off the subject, but this is where it led me. End of Jer 3 study,