

For Use at Home

Jer 2:10-19

"Go across the sea to the Islands of Kittim. Send someone to the land of Kedar. Look very carefully. See if anyone has ever done anything like this.

Has any nation ever stopped worshiping their old gods so that they could worship new gods? No! And their gods are not really gods at all! But my people stopped worshiping their glorious God and started worshiping idols that are worth nothing.

"Skies, be shocked at what happened! Shake with great fear!" This message is from the LORD.

"My people have done two evil things. They turned away from me, and they dug their own water cisterns. I am the source of living water; those cisterns are broken and cannot hold water.

"Israel is not a slave, is he? He was not born a slave, was he? Then why did the enemy carry him away as a captive?

Like a lion the enemy has roared at Israel. They have destroyed your land. Your cities have been burned, and no one is left in them.

People from Memphis and Tahpanhes have smashed the top of your head.

This trouble is your own fault. The LORD your God was leading you the right way, but you turned away from him.

People of Judah, think about this: How did it help you to go to Egypt and drink from the Nile River? How did it help you to go to Assyria and drink from the Euphrates River?

You have done wrong, and that will only bring punishment to you. Trouble will come to you, and it will teach you a lesson. Think about it and understand how bad it is to turn away from the LORD your God. It is wrong not to fear and respect me." This message is from Lord GOD All-Powerful."

We are nearly through with this passage. Don't become faint-hearted over the duration we are spending on this topic, it is for our good. Please, take some time to work through this passage and journal your response to it.