

**Lesson 2**  
**The House of Israel Has Forsaken the Lord**  
**Jeremiah 2:1 – 3:5**

**Questions**

1. How did Israel once act toward the Lord (2:1-3)?
  
2. How did Israel repay the Lord for all his kindness (2:4-8)?
  
3. What did Israel change and what two sins did they commit (2:9-13)?
  
4. Who did Israel forsake and who did they turn to instead (2:14-19; see 1:16 and 2:36)?
  
5. What different things is Israel compared to in Jeremiah 2:20-26?
  
6. Who did Israel turn away from and who did they turn to (2:27-28)?
  
7. How did Israel respond to the Lord's correction of them (2:29-37)?
  
8. What was the Lord willing to do for unfaithful Israel (3:1)?
  
9. What wickedness had Israel done and what was the result (3:2-5)?

## **Digging Deeper**

1. Who does “Israel” refer to in the book of Jeremiah (2:3-4, 14, 26, 31; etc.)? What figure does the Lord use to describe his relationship with Israel at this time (2:2, 32; 3:1)?
2. Where are the following places located on a map: isles of Kittim and Kedar (2:10); Memphis (or “Noph”) and Tahpanes (2:16); the waters of the Shihor and Assyria (2:18); and Arabia (3:2)?
3. What OT law concerning the thief is referenced in Jeremiah 2:34?
4. What Old Testament law is referred in Jeremiah 3:1 and how was God willing to act differently toward Israel compared to this law? How is the last part of Jeremiah 3:1 to be taken, as a question (NIV, CSB, ESV), or as a statement (ASV, NASV, KJV, NKJV, )?

## **Applications for Today**

1. Do not forsake your “first love” (2:1-3; Rev. 2:1-3).
2. May we never forsake the Lord (backslide) and turn away from him after he has blessed us greatly (2:4-19; Heb. 6:4-8; 2 Pet. 2:20-22).
3. Many have a bad habit of changing God’s glory (2:11; Rom. 1:21-23).
4. The “broken cisterns” of man’s ways do not hold water (2:13; Col. 2:4, 8).
5. The fear of the Lord should always be in us (2:19; Col. 3:22).
6. Do not fall in love with the world (2:20-25; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 Jn. 2:15).
7. Idols and false gods do not save (2:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:14; Gal. 5:20; Col. 3:5; 1 Jn. 5:21).
8. When there is sin in your life, never say, “I have not sinned”. Do not be too proud to confess your sin (2:29-37; 1 Jn. 1:8-10).

9. Trust in the Lord, not in man (2:37; 2 Cor. 1:9).

10. Spiritual harlotry among God's people is still a problem today (3:1; Jas. 4:4).

11. If we forsake the Lord, he will accept us back if we return to him (3:1-5; Acts 3:19; 2 Cor. 3:16).