

EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS, JUDE 3

BkJer 2. MY PEOPLE HAVE COMMITTED TWO SINS

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Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation:

but sin *is* a reproach to any people.

Jeremiah 2:1 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

Jeremiah 2:2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.

Jeremiah 2:3 Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

De 26:17-19; Eph 1:4; 1Pe 2:9

Jeremiah 2:4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

Jeremiah 2:5 Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? Jeremiah 2:6 Neither said they, Where *is* the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

Jeremiah 2:7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

Jeremiah 2:8 The priests said not, Where *is* the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that* do not profit.

Condition of those who had influence over the people		
priests:	did not seek the Lord or His word	
scholars, teachers:	did not know God or His word	
pastors:	sinned against God; preach and live by humanistic psychology	
prophets:	did not prophesy by God; but by false gods, demons	
their walk:	walked after things that do not profit; wicked lifestyles	

Jeremiah 2:9 Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead.

Jeremiah 2:10 For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

Jeremiah 2:11 Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for *that which* doth not profit.

Jeremiah 2:12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Jesus is the Fountain of Living Waters (John 4:7-14)		
They have forsaken me the fountain of living	<u>Jer 17:13; John 7:37-39; Isa</u>	
waters	<u>41:17-18; 44:3; Re 21:6; 22:17</u>	
Hewed out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold	<u>2Pe 2:1,17-20; Jude 18-19; Mt</u>	
no water (no truth, life, holy Spirit; only darkness)	<u>7:15; 1Jo 4:1; 5:12; Ga 6:8</u>	

Jeremiah 2:14 *Is* Israel a servant? *is* he a homeborn *slave*? why is he spoiled? Jeremiah 2:15 The young lions roared upon him, *and* yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.

Jeremiah 2:16 Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head.

mixing with Egypt, "the world" destroys your crown (John 17:11-17)

Jeremiah 2:17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?

Jeremiah 2:18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

Waters of the world – spirit of the world (<u>Mt 4:8-10</u>)

Jeremiah 2:19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that *it is* an evil *thing* and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear *is* not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

Forsaking God, no fear of God, are evil things (Job 28:28; 2Pe 2:20-22)

Jeremiah 2:20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

Jeremiah 2:21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

Jeremiah 2:22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, *yet* thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD.

Jeremiah 2:23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: *thou art* a swift dromedary traversing her ways;

How canst thou say, "I can't lose my salvation?" (<u>He 10:26-30</u>; <u>1Jo 1:1-10</u>) thou art a dromedary (camel) that is stubborn and unruly

Jeremiah 2:24 A wild ass used to the wilderness, *that* snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

Jeremiah 2:25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

use the word of God to clothe yourselves and quench your thirst

Jeremiah 6:10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear *is* uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

but no; they would rather love and follow the world

Jeremiah 2:26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

A thief is not ashamed of being a thief, but only that he is caught

Jeremiah 2:27 Saying to a stock, Thou *art* my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned *their* back unto me, and not *their* face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

Jeremiah 2:28 But where *are* thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for *according to* the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

Jeremiah 2:29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 2:30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

Jeremiah 2:31 O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?

Jeremiah 2:32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

Jeremiah 2:33 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

Jeremiah 2:34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.

The evil ways of those who trust in unconditional eternal security give both the wicked and the poor innocents a false hope in a false doctrine

1. allow sin in their life after salvation (Ga 5:16-17; Ro 8:1-2; 1Jo 5:18; He 5:8-9)

2. declare sin everyday by choice in word, thought, and deed (<u>He 10:26-28</u>)

Jeremiah 2:35 Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.

Those who say, "Jesus paid for all my sin, past, present, and future" do greatly err not knowing the Scripture, nor do they understand their walk with God.

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (Joh 8:12; 1Jo 5:18)

Isaiah 66:15 For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. **Isaiah 66:16** For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

Jeremiah 2:36 Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

Jeremiah 2:37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

Unrepentant sin will lead to bondage

- 1. Judah forsook God, the Fountain of Living Waters (v.13),
- 2. for broken cisterns that could hold no water; false gods, false doctrines

586 BC: king Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and deported Judah to Babylon as slaves (<u>1Co 10:1-11</u>)

Loving God and His Word is the Only Solution (Mr 12:30-31)

- 1. the world has no true deliverance, only bondage (2Pe 2:9-22)
- 2. God the Father delivers whosoever will through Christ (John 8:31-32, 36)