

Jeremiah 2 • Contending with God

1. (v.1-3) It begins with a reminder of the contrast between the generation who came out of Egypt and the one who entered Canaan.
2. (v.4-9) But they forgot about what God had done and began seeking other gods.
3. (v.10-19) The end result of “apostasy” came about because:
 - a. (v.14) Israel was to be free of worldly influence but instead had become both a slave to and victim of same.
 - b. (v.17) It was Israel’s own choice to forsake God for false gods.
 - c. (v.18a) They forsook the spiritual living waters of God for the false spiritual water of Egyptian culture and religion.
 - d. (v.18b) They forsook the spiritual living waters of God for the false spiritual water of Assyrian culture and religion.
4. (v.20-28) An apostate only cries to God when it is too late, when they’re about to reap the choices sown.
5. (v.29-37) An apostate inevitably lives in a state of complete and utter deception.

The Characteristics of the Apostate:

- They become immune to discipline.
- They do not merely ignore but destroy messengers of God’s Word.
- They engage in open unfaithfulness in their relationship with God.
- They are deceived to the point that they do not believe what they are doing is sin.