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¹ **If a man put away his wife ...a man who divorces his wife,**

and she go from him, and become another man's ...then the new man divorces her; or... even if he dies,

shall she **return unto *the first man* again? ...not permitted by their law—**Deut.24**; the Lord asks**

shall not that land be greatly polluted?

but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers ...if she was feverishly bleeping around with all the neighbors, shall not her parcel be contaminated, infected, diseased by now?;

yet you **return to Me? says the LORD ...so the thrill is gone, and now you've come back?**

² **Lift up your eyes to the high places, and see where you have not been *violated*.**

In the ways you have sat for them, as a nomad in the wilderness ...like someone waiting to plunder a passing caravan; or like a harlot waiting to solicit fresh clients;

and you have polluted the land with your whoredoms ...with your zealous bleeping around

and with your wickedness.

³ **Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there has been no latter rain ...so this metaphor is a made up story, the LORD is talking about his 2 wives... and why there was a drought, why the March and April springtime rains were absent; because they were acting no different than those of our genius 21st century, who can't image the LORD God really withholds rain... due to faithlessness of nations;**

and you were as brazen as a whore, you refused to be ashamed ...studies of the effects of a male's sperm on a female's physiology are interesting; multiple partners over a period of time produce this very visible hardened forehead.

⁴ **Will you not from this time cry to Me,**

My father, You are the guide of my youth?

⁵ **Will He reserve *his anger* forever? will He keep *it* to the end? ...so they respond... suddenly sounding like a demure, innocent or maybe even whining, vacant headed teenager**

Behold, this is how you have spoken,

***while* you have done all the evil you could.**

⁶ **The LORD also said to me in the days of Josiah the king ...the last good king of Judah,**

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Have you seen *that* which **turncoat Israel** (...using Moffatt's descriptor) has done?

she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree,

and there has played the harlot.

⁷ And I said after she had done all these *things*, **Return** to Me.

But she **returned not** ...this word: *return*... in the OT, is very much like the word: *metanoia*, **change your thinking**... in the NT; in this verse, something she did not want to do.

And her treacherous sister **Judah** saw *it*.

⁸ And I saw, when for all the causes whereby **turncoat Israel** committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce;

yet her treacherous sister **Judah** feared not, but also went and played the harlot.

⁹ And it came to pass through her light-hearted whoring around,

that she defiled the land,

and committed adultery with stones and with sticks ...willing to have any relation.. with every dildo she could grab... for a cheap thrill, for an exhilarating feel good moment.

¹⁰ And yet for all this her treacherous sister **Judah** has **not returned** to Me with her whole heart,

but feignedly ...she faked her orgasm, says the LORD.

¹¹ And the LORD said to me ...it is the Lord telling Jeremiah this seductive story of faithlessness,

The **turncoat Israel** has justified herself more than treacherous **Judah**.

¹² Go and proclaim these words **toward the north** ...the Lord wants prophet Jeremiah to go face the direction they last saw Israel... as she was taken into captivity; and prophecy,

and say, **Return**, you **turncoat Israel**, says the LORD;

I will not cause My **anger** to fall upon you:

for I *am* merciful, says the LORD,

and I will not keep anger forever ...though He is slow to anger; He is quick to show mercy.

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¹³ Only **acknowledge your iniquity,**

that you have transgressed against the LORD your God,

and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree,

and you have not obeyed My voice, says the LORD.

¹⁴ **Return, O rebellious children, says the LORD** ...and God remembers his covenant promises with both Israel and Judah; He is faithful;

for I am married to you:

and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family ...in other words: even if only 1 or 2 from a city return I will welcome you back,

and I will bring you to Zion ...no matter how many... or how few find their way back, no one who turns to the Lord will be lost; God will find every one and bring them to victory:

¹⁵ **And I will give you pastors / shepherds...**

according to My heart, / and isn't this interesting. Ezekiel says, The LORD fired all the shepherds of Israel and He would come and be the Good Pastor and do the job the shepherds refused to do. So the book of Hebrews makes lots of sense, *God spoke in times past in bits and pieces through the prophets... but in the last days spoke to us through His Son...* the Good Pastor.

This verse speaks to the time the House of Israel returns to the Lord...when the time of the Gentiles comes to an end... and Messiah returns. Until then, we know of One who came... who said, I AM the Good Pastor. So let's hear the LORD again...

I will give you pastors / shepherds... who shall feed / pastor, shepherd... you with knowledge and understanding

...and this will happen when He comes again with a rod of iron... until then, be confident the LORD is going to find at least one good Teacher – Himself... who will actually teach; so, the learners will actually learn... what is on the LORD's heart! Wow! How novel!

¹⁶ **And it shall come to pass,**

when you are multiplied and increased in the land ...when you increase and become as numerous as *the stars in the heavens* or *sand in the sea*—promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... in a place toward the north: *an appointed place for Israel... a place of their own...* promised to king David, **2 Sam 7**...though Isaiah tells us 2500 years ago, even that lovely island place was... *too crowded for all the children,* and wanted yet... *another place to dwell,* **Isaiah 49:20 – 51:5**),

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in those days ...when the time of the Gentiles comes to an end,

says the LORD ...in that other place somewhere north... Hosea says: *where they are scattered... where they no longer have mercy... where they are no longer My people...* in that northern place..., the direction they were last seen carried into Assyrian captivity; so wherever the 10 tribes of Israel went... considered lost to history around the Caucasus mountains... Oh?! The same place where the Caucasian tribes suddenly appear... and spread across northern Europe,

they shall say no more ...lots of old legalistic, religious ceremonial sounding hocus pocus. In that other place prepared for the House of **Israel**, the 10 northern tribes... inheritors of the birthright promises of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... **the Lord says:** Don't expect to hear a question or concern about any old relics, even what was at the center of their old worship practices when Moses led them,

they shall say no more

“The ark of the covenant of the LORD:

neither shall it come to mind:

neither shall they remember it;

neither shall they visit it;

neither shall it be re-made.” ...said differently, wherever they go, don't expect the House of **Israel**... to look like the House of **Judah**; don't expect those *ruled by God*, who are now called: *the sons of the living God*, **Hosea 1:** don't expect them to resemble... or act Jewish... because they are **NOT JEWISH!** There is a new and better way coming since... *God does not dwell in houses made by human hands!*

¹⁷ **At that time** ...when the time of the Gentiles comes to an end

they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD ...especially when the LORD returns to reign... *and the kingdom of this world becomes the kingdom of our LORD and of His Christ!* It makes you want to shout: *Hallelujah!* Doesn't it?

and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to Jerusalem,

to the name of the LORD:

neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart ...because these people finally got at least one good Teacher to listen to; and finally had a **METANOIA** moment... or 2; and finally changed their thinking... no longer believing the ideas and images and advertisements of the world; but took to heart... the way the LORD thinks... the way that always leads to peace and joy! And it is as if the LORD himself decided He would be the Teacher... and get the job done right.

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¹⁸ **In those days** ...when the time of the Gentiles comes to an end

the house of Judah ...the **2 southern tribes** who went into **Babylonian** captivity 170 years later

shall walk to *and with*...

the house of Israel ...the **10 northern tribes** who went into **Assyrian** captivity 170 years earlier,

and they shall come together ...these 2 houses will have a kumbaya moment someplace

out of the land of the north ...in a northern place; Isaiah says, *Israel in the isles*: some parcel of land on planet earth: *an appointed place for Israel... a place of their own...* promised to king David

out of the land... returning to the land that I have given

for an inheritance unto your fathers ...returning to the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and in the 20th century **that is exactly what happened**... with the Balfour Declaration November 1917.

¹⁹ **I said, How I shall set you among My children,**

and give you a pleasant land,

the finest heritage of all the nations;

and I said, You shall call Me,

My father ...and the Lord God who speaks in faith is our loving Father... who will act in faith and do all this... as the time of Gentiles comes to an end;

and shall not turn from Me ...suddenly we are brought back to the hard, cold reality of faithlessness; yet hearing from His heart, the way home!

²⁰ **Surely as a wife treacherously departs from her husband,**

so you have dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel, says the LORD.

²¹ **A voice** ...a worried voice, a concerned voice... searching to rescue, urgently calling

was heard upon the high places,

weeping and supplications of the children of Israel ...seeking both lost **Israel** and **Judah**:

for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the LORD their God.

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²² **Return**, you **rebellious** children,

and I will heal your faithlessness.

And our Father patiently, longingly hopes to hear...

Behold, we come to You; for You are the LORD our God ...so 1 or 2 from a city and family came to their senses and returned. Good! I bet He would have come looking even if no one responded!

²³ **Truly the hilltops and the multitude of mountains / all the high places feign help:**

Only in the LORD our God is the help of all Israel ...which includes: Judah and Benjamin; Issachar, Dan, Gad, Levi and the 6 others.

²⁴ **For our faithless shame has devoured / has consumed the work of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.**

²⁵ **We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covers us ...so they stopped blaming others:**

for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day,

and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

The LORD is the good Pastor... His sheep do hear His voice; and follow Him!