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This chapter starts with the Lord is thinking out loud, connected to the previous chapter; if a man who divorces his wife... part of the pulling down and destroying process

¹ If a man puts away his wife, and she leaves him, and becomes another man's / then the new man divorces her; or... even if he dies,

will she return to the first man again? / that was not permitted by their law -- Deut.24; the Lord asks

will not that landscape be greatly polluted?

but you have played the harlot with many lovers / she wasn't playing; she was feverishly bleeping around with all the neighbors, will not her parcel be contaminated, won't it be 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 wrongdoing.

³ Therefore the showers have been withheld, 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 imagine the LORD God really withholds rain... due to the infidelity of a nation;

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 out 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... trying to sound like a demure, innocent or maybe a whining, vacant headed teenager. And the Lord says,

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, Have you seen what that turncoat Israel has done? (using Dr. Moffatt's descriptor) she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree,



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and there **has played the harlot** / one word: a verb; the **F-word**, she is doing what whores do best.

⁷ And I said after she had done all these *things*, **Return to Me**; but she did **not return** / this word: **return**... in the OT, is very much like the word: *metanoia*, *reconsider*... 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~~ / again in Hebrew one word: the **F-word**, she is not playing, she is doing what whores do best,

I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister **Judah** did not fear, but also went **and played the harlot** / **F-ing**, doing what whores do best.

⁹ And it came to pass through her casual whoring around, that she defiled the land, and ~~committed adultery~~ **F-ing**, doing what whores do best

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 infidelity,

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 off to captivity; and prophesy,

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,

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

¹³ Only **acknowledge** your iniquity, that you have rebelled 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,

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and I will bring you to Zion / where the flock of God gather...no matter how many... or how few find their way back, no one who turns to the Lord will be lost; God will find everyone 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 what 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. So let's hear the LORD again...

I will give you pastors / shepherds... who will feed / pastor, shepherd... you with knowledge and understanding / which will happen when He comes again; until then, know the LORD will find at least one good Teacher – Himself, who will really teach; so learners will really learn what is on His heart!

¹⁶ **And it will come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the earth** / when you become as numerous as the stars in the heavens or sand in the sea -- promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; in a place for Israel a place of their own... promised to king David, 2 Sam. 7 Isaiah told us 2500 years ago, even that lovely island place was... too crowded for all the children, Isaiah 49:20 – 51:5,

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; the 10 tribes first resettled at the foothills of the Caucasus mountains! The place where the Caucasian tribes suddenly appear... and spread across northern Europe,

they will 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 concern about any old relics, even what was at the center of their old worship practices when Moses led them,

they will say no more “**The ark of the covenant of the LORD: nor will it come to mind: nor will they remember it; nor will they visit it; nor will it be re-made.**” don't expect the House of Israel... to look like the House of Judah;

¹⁷ **At that time** / when the time of the Gentiles comes to an end; **they will 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?



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and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem, **to the name of the LORD**: nor will 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.

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;

will walk to *and with*...

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

and they will come together ...these 2 houses will have a kumbaya moment in some other place;

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 to 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 will set you among My children,**

and give you a pleasant land, the finest heritage of all the nations;

and I said,

You will 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 the Gentiles comes to an end;

and will not turn from Me.

And suddenly the Lord brings Jeremiah (and us) back to the hard, cold reality of infidelity; 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 was heard upon the high places** / a worried voice, like the Son of a loving Father... like a good Shepherd searching from the highest vantage point... to rescue, urgently calling;

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

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

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 many 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 destroyed **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** / at least they stopped blaming others:

for we sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

Wow! The LORD is a good Pastor... when His sheep hear His voice; they do follow Him!

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