

"REASONING WITH WAYWARDNESS"

JEREMIAH 2:14-19

I. GOD REASONS WITH THE WAYWARD BY PROVIDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE RESULT OF WHAT EVENTUALLY HAPPENS TO THE WAYWARD (2:14c-16)

A. It Is A Result That Is Entirely Material And Physical

1. Plundered Through Various Types Of Devastation

- a. For Israel, The Tables Had Been Turned
- b. For The N.T. Church, This Result, So Often Overlooked, Is A Principle For Which We Are Warned

2. One Need Not Be Confused As To Whether Or Not It Is The Chastising Hand Of God

B. It Is A Result That Is Designed To Strike Fear In The Heart

II. GOD REASONS WITH THE WAYWARD BY QUESTIONING THE THING THAT THE WAYWARD TEND TO ANALYZE AS THE CAUSE OF THE EVENTUAL DEVASTATION (2:14a,b & 17)

A. Is The Correct Conclusion That Israel Experienced These Things Because She Had Never Been More Than A Slave To Other Nations? (2:14a,b)

1. Consider The Early Days Of Solomon (II Chronicles 9)
2. Consider The Early Days Of Rehoboam (II Chronicles 12)

B. Isn't The Correct Conclusion That Israel Brought The Whole Mess Upon Herself? (2:17)

III. GOD REASONS WITH THE WAYWARD BY POINTING OUT THAT WHATEVER IT IS THAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN INSTEAD OF GOD WILL ULTIMATELY REPROVE THEM (2:18-19)