

The Outer Panels of Jer 2:26-3:5  
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**Israel will be ashamed of her surrogate helpers.**

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.

2:27a Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth:

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. 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.

**She abandons God, but comes back for help in time of trouble.**

2:27b 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.

3:1 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; [and now you] return again to me, saith the LORD.

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.

**God summarizes her sin.**

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

3:2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

**He has punished her,...**

2:30a In vain have I smitten your children;

3:3a Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain;

**...but she does not heed.**

2:30b they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

3:3b and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. 3:4 [Hast] thou not from this time [cried] unto me, "My father, thou art the guide of my youth?" 3:5 Will he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end?" Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things [and hast carried it out].