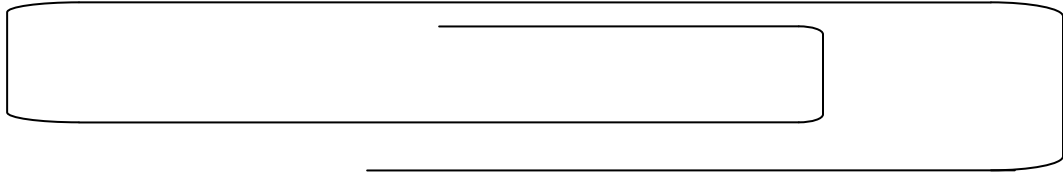


## Lesson 2: Jeremiah 3:6-6:30

### I. Aspects of True Repentance (3:6-4:4)

- A. It is not to be done in \_\_\_\_\_ (3:10).
- B. It involves the guilty party \_\_\_\_\_ their sin against the LORD their God (3:13, 25).
- C. It means (for an apostate people) to \_\_\_\_\_ from being \_\_\_\_\_ away from the LORD (3:14, 22).



- D. Alternatives to apostasy:
  - 1. Never straying seriously (having once turned):
  - 2. Cycles of repentance (in miniature):
- E. It involves a fresh realization of the LORD's \_\_\_\_\_ and kind \_\_\_\_\_ (3:12b, 15-18).
- F. It is accompanied by sincere confession of the LORD as the only \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation, in contrast to previous misguided pursuits (3:22b-23).
- G. It includes positive behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1, 3) that facilitates the fulfillment of the LORD's intended \_\_\_\_\_ for the person/people involved (4:2, Gen 12:2-3).
- H. Its absence eventually facilitates the unleashing of divine \_\_\_\_\_ (4:4b).
- I. Biblical examples concerning repentance:
  - 1. Individual: King David - Ps 51 (after being confronted for committing adultery)  
*"According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions"*
  - 2. Group: The local church at Ephesus - Rev 2:1-7 (after straying from previous devotion)  
*"Repent and do the works you did at first...To the one who conquers, I will grant to eat of the tree of life"*
  - 3. Nation: King Josiah re. Judah - 2 Kg 22:8 - 23:27 (after Book of the Law was discovered)  
*"Great is the wrath of the LORD...because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book"*

## II. Doom from the North (4:5-6:30)

### A. Imagery of coming desolation:

1. Blow the trumpet/raise a standard (4:23)
2. Earth without form and void (4:26)
3. Ruined cities (4:26)
4. People fleeing/being murdered (4:29-31)

### B. Jeremiah's personal anguish (4:10, 19-22)

### C. Reasons for the destruction:

1. Common sins (5:1-9)
2. Lost perspective (5:23-25)

### D. Confusing voices of the false prophets (5:12-13, 6:14)

### E. Yahweh, the Enforcer of the judgment:

1. Will bring the army of terror (5:15, 6:22-26)
2. Will not cause there to be a \_\_\_\_\_ destruction (4:27, 5:18)

## III. Further considerations:

- A. A popular question today: "Is America headed for \_\_\_\_\_?"
- B. Possibly a closer parallel to the Judah of Jeremiah's day would be the \_\_\_\_\_ in America.
- C. In many respects, the church in America has lost much of its \_\_\_\_\_ influence and we now have on our hands a predominantly \_\_\_\_\_ society.
- D. One constructive question we should be asking: "To what extent are aspects of Judah's apostasies evident in my own \_\_\_\_\_?"