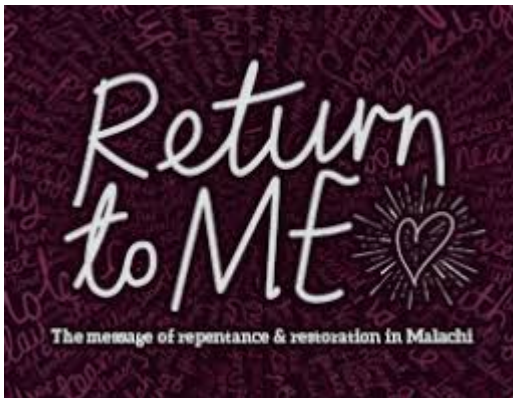


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Return to Me

3:6 to 4:2

During the reign of Josiah



These verses switch back and forth between Josiah's day (**3:21-3:22a**) to **the far eschatological** pleading of the believing remnant at the end of the Great Tribulation before the Second Coming (**3:22b-4:2**), and back to Josiah's day to avoid the wrath of a holy **God**. This is a common literary device in both **Jeremiah** and **Isaiah**.

ADONAI promised punishment to **the people** if **they** didn't repent (**shuw**). Does **YHVH** punish believers today for their sins? Explain. Have you ever felt like **Ha'Shem** was punishing you for sinning? If so, what made you feel that way? If it wasn't truly punishment from **God**, what might **ADONAI** have been doing when you thought **He** was punishing you?