

# The Choice of Repentance or Judgment

## 3:6 to 6:30

During the reign of Josiah

There are two tension points in **Jeremiah's** prophecy concerning **Judah**. The first is **God's near historical** righteous judgment upon **Y'hudah** for **her** spiritual adultery by seventy years of Babylonian Exile (see **Gt - Seventy Years of Imperial Babylonian Rule**). The second is **ADONAI's far eschatological** restoration of **Judah** in the messianic Kingdom (see the commentary on **Isaiah Kp - My Chosen People Will Inherit My Mountains**). These two tension points are beautifully seen in **Hosea 11:7** and **Hosea 14:4**.

**Near historical:** Hosea 11:7 CJB: My people are hanging in suspense about returning (from **shuwb**) to Me; and though they call upwards, nobody makes a move.

**Near historical:** Hosea 11:7 paraphrased: Since **His people** continue to be impaled as if crucified upon a stake (*Greek: epikremamenos*) and cannot get loose - going out from the dwelling place of living for **YHVH - God** shall become angry with **His** precious and costly things. **None** at all exalt Him.

The southern kingdom of **Y'hudah** was committing spiritual **adultery** in the sense that **she** was no longer dwelling or inhabiting where **ADONAI** lived, and as a result, had no relationship with Him but chose to pursue after other gods.

**Far eschatological:** Hosea 14:4 CJB: I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely; for My anger has turned from [her].

**Far eschatological:** Hosea 14:4 paraphrased: I will restore **her** dwelling place of living for **God** and heal **her** apostasy; I will love **her** freely, for My anger has turned away (from **shuwb**) from **her**.

The **LORD** promises to heal **her** apostasy, in other words, all the hurt and pain that **her** spiritual **adultery** caused Him, and to love **her** with perfect spontaneity since **His** anger had been turned away from **her**.