

# Isaiah 2:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

## Analysis

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God's 'forsaking' His people results from their forsaking Him through syncretism —'replenished from the east' suggests adopting foreign religious practices, while 'soothsayers like the Philistines' indicates occult divination prohibited in Torah (Deuteronomy 18:10-14). The phrase 'please themselves in the children of strangers' may denote inter-marriage or commercial alliances that compromise covenant distinctiveness. Divine abandonment is judicial: God gives them over to chosen idolatry (Romans 1:24-28), demonstrating that persistent rebellion leads to covenant judgment.

## Historical Context

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During the 8th century BC, Judah increasingly absorbed surrounding nations' religious practices, despite the first commandment's exclusivity. Cultural assimilation threatened covenant identity.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What contemporary 'eastern' influences or cultural practices compromise our covenant distinctiveness?
2. How does God's 'forsaking' function as both judgment and the natural consequence of our forsaking Him?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי	נָטַשְׁתָּהּ	עַמֶּיךָ	בֵּית יִתְּ	יַעֲקֹב	כִּי
H3588	Therefore thou hast forsaken	thy people	the house	of Jacob	H3588
	H5203	H5971	H1004	H3290	
מֵלֵא	מִקֵּדִים	וְעֹנְנֵי יָם	כַּפְלִישֵׁת יָם		
because they be replenished	from the east	and are soothsayers	like the Philistines		
H4390	H6924	H6049	H6430		
וּבְלִדָּי	נִכְרִים יָם	יִשְׁפִּיקוּ:			
themselves in the children	of strangers	and they please			
H3206	H5237	H5606			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 11:20** (Parallel theme): Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

**2 Kings 1:2** (Parallel theme): And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

