

# Jeremiah 2:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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Israel treats created objects (trees and stones) as deity, telling wood "you are my father" and stone "you gave me birth." Yet in trouble they cry to God for salvation —turning backs in prosperity but faces in distress.

## Historical Context

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This verse from Jeremiah 2 continues God's covenant lawsuit against Judah, delivered during the late 7th century BC as the nation spiraled toward Babylonian exile. The prophetic indictment addresses systematic idolatry, failed political alliances, and spiritual adultery that characterized Judah from Manasseh through Jehoiakim's reigns. Archaeological evidence confirms widespread syncretistic worship practices condemned here.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this accusation against ancient Israel reveal patterns of spiritual unfaithfulness that might appear in different forms today?
2. What does God's persistent lawsuit demonstrate about His desire for His people's return versus immediate judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֹּאמֶר	לְעֵץ	אָבִי	אַתָּה	אַתָּה	לֹא בָּן	אַתָּה
Saying	to a stock	Thou art my father		H859	and to a stone	H859
H559	H6086	H1		H68		
וְלֹדֶת נִי	כִּי	פָּנָה	פָּנָה	לֹא	עַד	לֹא
Thou hast brought me forth	H3588	for they have turned	H413	their back	H3808	
H3205		H6437		H6203		
בְּעֵת יְמִים	וְבָעֵת	בְּעֵת	בְּעֵת	וְאָמָר	וְאָמָר	וְאָמָר
unto me and not their face	but in the time	of their trouble	Saying	Arise		
H6440	H6256	H7451	H559	H6965		
וְהוֹשִׁיבָנָה						
and save						
H3467						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 26:16** (Parallel theme): LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

**Hosea 7:14** (Parallel theme): And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me.