

# Jeremiah 2:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?

## Analysis

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As a bride remembers her ornaments and wedding attire, so God remembers His covenant. Yet Israel has forgotten Him for days without number—forgetting their true treasure for worthless vanities.

## 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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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## 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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הַדּוֹר	אַתֶּם	רָא ו	דְּבַר	יְהוָה	הַמִּדְבָּר
<b>O generation</b>	H859	<b>see</b>	<b>ye the word</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>	<b>Have I been a wilderness</b>
H1755		H7200	H1697	H3068	H4057
הִי יִתִּי	לְיִשְׂרָאֵל	אֶם	אֶרֶץ	מַאֲפֵלַיִה	מִדְּוַע
H1961	<b>unto Israel</b>	H518	<b>a land</b>	<b>of darkness</b>	H4069
	H3478		H776	H3991	<b>wherefore say</b>
					H559
עַמִּי	בָּדָנוּ	לֹא	נָבִיא	עַד	אֵלֶיךָ:
<b>my people</b>	<b>We are lords</b>	H3808	<b>we will come</b>	H5750	H413
H5971	H7300		H935		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 32:15** (Parallel theme): But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.