

# Jeremiah 3:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say,  
Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not  
cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the  
LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever.

## Analysis

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Detailed theological analysis of Jeremiah 3:12 with Hebrew word studies, doctrinal significance, and connections to broader biblical themes. This would reference original language terms, explain theological concepts, and show how the verse fits into redemptive history and points to Christ.

## Historical Context

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Historical and cultural context for Jeremiah 3:12, including the time period during Jeremiah's ministry (627-586 BC), the political situation with Babylon's rise to power, and how this verse relates to Judah's covenant unfaithfulness and coming judgment.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

1. How does Jeremiah 3:12 challenge your understanding of God's character and His dealings with His people?
2. What practical application can you draw from Jeremiah 3:12 for your walk with Christ today?

## Interlinear Text

בְּלַה	אַתָּה	וְקִרְאָתָם	פָּאַלְהָ	לְהָ	פְּדָבָרָ יִם	כִּפְרָנָה	צָפָנָה	וְנִהְיָה	אַפְרִתָּה
Go	and proclaim	H853	these words	H428	toward the north	and say			
H1980	H7121		H1697		H6828				H559
שׁוּבָה	מַשְׁבֵּת הָ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	נָאֵם	יְהִי הָ	לֹא	אָפָל			
Return	thou backsliding	H3478	saith	H3068	the LORD	H3808	to fall		
H7725	H4878		H5002		H3068				H5307
אַנְיִ	בְּקָם	כִּי	יְדִ	סְכָנָה	אַנְיִ				
and I will not cause mine anger	H6440	H0	H3588	upon you for I am merciful	H2623				H589
saith	the LORD	H3808	and I will not keep	anger for ever	H5769				
H5002	H3068		H5201						

## Additional Cross-References

**Psalms 86:15** (Grace): But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

**Ezekiel 33:11** (References Lord): Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

**Jeremiah 3:22** (References Lord): Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.

**Jeremiah 33:26** (Grace): Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

**Jeremiah 3:18** (References Israel): In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

**Jeremiah 31:20** (Grace): Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

**Psalms 86:5** (Grace): For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

**Psalms 145:8** (Grace): The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

**Jeremiah 30:11** (References Lord): For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

**Jeremiah 23:8** (References Lord): But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.