

Jeremiah 3:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

Analysis

Detailed theological analysis of Jeremiah 3:8 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

Historical and cultural context for Jeremiah 3:8, 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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Jeremiah 3:8 challenge your understanding of God's character and His dealings with His people?
2. What practical application can you draw from Jeremiah 3:8 for your walk with Christ today?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּרָא	כִּי	עַל	כָּל	אֲדוֹת	אִשְׁרָ	נִאֲפָה
And I saw	H3588	H5921	H3605	when for all the causes	H834	committed adultery
H7200				H182		H5003
מִשָּׁבָה	יִשְׂרָאֵל	שָׁלַחַת יָהּ	וָאֶת־	אֶת	סָפָר	
whereby backsliding	Israel	I had put her away	and given	H853	her a bill	
H4878	H3478	H7971	H5414		H5612	
כְּרִיתַת יָהּ	אֶל יָהּ	וְלֹא	יָרָא הָ	בְּגֵד הָ	יְהוּדָה	אֲחוֹת הָ
of divorce	H413	H3808	feared	yet her treacherous	Judah	sister
H3748			H3372	H898	H3063	H269
וַתִּלְךְ	וַתַּזְזִי	גַּם	הִיא:			
H1980	and played the harlot	H1571	H1931			
	H2181					

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 24:1 (Parallel theme): When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

Isaiah 50:1 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

Hosea 3:4 (References Israel): For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:

Jeremiah 3:1 (Parallel theme): They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.

Deuteronomy 24:3 (Parallel theme): And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;

Ezekiel 16:47 (Parallel theme): Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, as if that were a very little thing, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

Ezekiel 23:9 (Parallel theme): Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.