

THE STATE OF THE NATION



JEREMIAH 2:1-3:5



They Claimed God Was Unjust

Jer. 2:5

- **A Claim, or Just Rhetoric?**
 - *Yes, They Had Made That Claim!*

EZEKIEL 18:25, 29

- *Their Ungratefulness Exposed*

JEREMIAH 2:6, 7



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- **The Reality:**

- *The Righteousness of God*

DEUT. 32:4; PSA. 97:2; 145:17;
DAN. 4:37

- *Injustice Was Not The Problem*



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- **What About Us?**

“How dare you create a world in which there is such misery that is not our fault? It’s not right. It’s utterly, utterly evil. Why should I respect a capricious, mean-minded, stupid god who creates a world which is so full of injustice and pain?”



— Stephen Fry, *The Irish Times*, Jan. 13, 2015



They Did Not Seek God

Jer. 2:6

- **The Failure**

- *The Issue: A Lack of Faith*

ISAIAH 30:1; 31:1

- *Not A New Problem*

DEUT. 6:8; NUM. 13:31; HEB. 3:19



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- So, Where Was God?

- *It Wasn't That He Didn't Know*

JOB 35:14; PSA. 94:7

- *It Wasn't That He Couldn't Deliver Them*

ISAIAH 59:1, 2



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- **What About Us?**
 - *Aren't We A Nation of God-Seekers?*
 - *Or Is It Just Lip Service?*

EZEKIEL 33:30-32



The Leaders Did Not Know God

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- **The Failure**

- *Not That They Couldn't Have Known*

HOSEA 4:1, 6

- *Some Were Blinded By Greed*

MICAH 3:1 1; JER. 6:13



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- **How Did They Get To This Point?**

- *His Word and Warnings Sent*

2ND CHRON. 36:15, 16

- *They Rejected The Message*

JEREMIAH 6:16; 7:23, 24



The Leaders Did Not Know God

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- **What About Us?**
 - *What Have Religious Leaders Done Here?*
 - *It Is The Truth That Has Been Rejected!*

