



**“God Files for Divorce”  
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“If a man divorces his wife and she leaves him and marries another man, should he return to her again? Would not the land be completely defiled? But you have lived as a prostitute with many lovers—would you now return to me?” declares the Lord.

[Jeremiah 3:1](#)

“Therefore I bring charges against you again,” declares the Lord.

[Jeremiah 2:9](#)

**THE HONEYMOON**

“I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me.”

[Jeremiah 2:2](#)

God had passion for his bride: “Israel was holy to the Lord, the firstfruits of his harvest.”; all who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them,” declares the Lord.

[Jeremiah 2:3a](#)

God protected his bride: “All who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them.”

[Jeremiah 2:3b](#)

God provided for his bride: “I brought you into a fertile land.”

[Jeremiah 2:7](#)

**THE GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE**

“What fault did your fathers find in me, that they strayed so far from me?”

[Jeremiah 2:5a](#)

They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

[Jeremiah 2:5b](#)

“Where is the Lord?”

[Jeremiah 2:6](#)

## **THE EVIDENCE**

### EXHIBIT A

“Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glory for worthless idols.”

[Jeremiah 2:11](#)

“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”

[Revelation 3:15-16](#)

“Be appalled at this, O heavens, at this, and shudder with great horror.”

[Jeremiah 2:12](#)

### EXHIBIT B

“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

[Jeremiah 2:13](#)

### EXHIBIT C

“Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you said, ‘I will not serve you!’

[Jeremiah 2:20a](#)

### EXHIBIT D

“Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you lay down as a prostitute.”

[Jeremiah 2:20a](#)

### EXHIBIT E

“Although you wash yourself with soap and use an abundance of cleansing powder, the stain of your guilt is still before me,” declares the Sovereign Lord.”

[Jeremiah 2:22](#)

## **THE RECONCILIATION**

“Return, faithless people,” declares the Lord, “for I am your husband.”

[Jeremiah 3:14](#)

“The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: ‘I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. I will build you up again, and you will be rebuilt, O Virgin Israel.’”

[Jeremiah 31:3-4](#)