



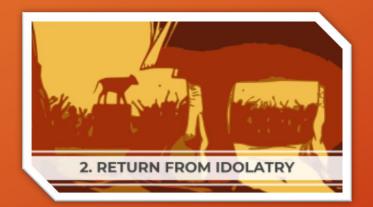
# **RETURN TO ME**

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#### **1. GOD'S CRY THROUGH THE PROPHETS**

# Jeremiah 3:6-7

<sup>6</sup> The LORD said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: "Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot.

<sup>7</sup> And I said, after she had done all these *things*, 'Return to Me.' But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

## Zechariah 1:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Return to Me," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> "Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds." 'But they did not hear nor heed Me," says the LORD.

### Joel 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup> "Now, therefore," says the LORD,
"Turn to Me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

<sup>13</sup> So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.



#### **2. RETURN FROM IDOLATRY**

# GREATER MATURITY & INCREASED FRUITFULNESS

#### Amos 5:4-6

<sup>4</sup> For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: "Seek Me and live;

<sup>5</sup> But do not seek Bethel, Nor enter Gilgal, Nor pass over to Beersheba; For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, And Bethel shall come to nothing.

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## **Psalm 1:1-3**

<sup>3</sup>He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

### **Joshua 1:6-8**

<sup>8</sup>... For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

#### **Exodus 15:26**

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#### **3. SEEK THE LORD & LIVE**

### **Psalm 1:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

<sup>2</sup> But his **delight** *is* in the **law of the LORD**, And in **His law** he **meditates day and night**.

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# **Joshua 1:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

<sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have good success.

### **Exodus 15:26**

<sup>26</sup> and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."



<sup>1</sup> Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter *and* former rain to the earth.

## Luke 24:27, 44

<sup>27</sup> And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning **Himself**.

<sup>44</sup> Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."