**JEREMIAH BIBLE CONFERENCE Historical Background**

**I. The Spiritual Condition of Judah and Jerusalem**

*“Has a nation changed gods?”*- Jeremiah 1:1-19; 2:9-13

Too Late To Intercede- 7:16; 11:14; 14:11-12; 15:1

The Line of God’s Judgment Is Set- 4:28; 23:20; 30:24

**II. Solomon’s Apostasy and Jeroboam’s Idolatry**

I Kings 11-12

**III. Partial Revival- Satisfied With Too Little Too Soon**

*“removed the high places” “but the high places were not taken away”*

Asa- II Ch. 14:2-5; 15:18 I Kings 15:11, 14

Jehoshaphat II Ch 17:3-4, 6 I Kings 22:43; II Chronicles 20:33

Joash (Jehoiada- priest) II Ch. 24:2 II Kings 12:2-3

Amaziah II Ch. 25:2 II Kings 14:3-4; II Ch. 25:14

Uzziah II Ch. 26:4 II Kings 15:3-4

Jotham II Ch. 27:2 II Kings 15:34-35

Hezekiah II Ch. 29:2-31:1 and II King 18:3-4 (the greatest revival to this point-- it went farther than any other revival had)

These revivals, even the one under Hezekiah, were not complete revivals. The people stopped before all of the unGodliness was rooted out. They were **satisfied with too little—too soon.**

**IV. Real Revival- Too Late**

The greatest and most far-reaching revival took place under the young King Josiah. -that revival is described in II Ch. 34-35 and II Kings 22-23 -became king at 8 years old (II Ch. 34:1; II Kings 22:1) -8th year- began to seek God (II Ch. 34:3) -12th year- began to purge Judah (II Ch. 34:3) -13th year- Jeremiah begins his ministry (Jer. 1:2) -18th year- repairing the House of the Lord begins (II Ch. 34:8; II Kings 22:3)

Josiah’s revival goes farther than even the revival of Hezekiah went. He tears down the high places built by Solomon and Jeroboam some 300 years before. (II Kings 23:13, 15). He defiles Topheth. (II Kings 23:10). He also purged the pagan altars from the northern kingdom of Israel. (II Kings 23:19-20).

Even though the revival under Josiah went farther than any other revival had (he tore down the high places and pagan altars left by the others) **it was too late.**