

# **“Reformation Versus Restoration” Pt. 1**

## **Lesson Text: Jeremiah 6:16-17.**

- Definition of Reformation: Make changes in (something, typically a social, political, or economic institution or practice) in order to improve it.
- Definition of Restoration: To bring back to or put back into a former or original state.
- Examples: 1. Reform in Legislation, In School Curriculum, Reform in Insurance Policies...  
2. Restoration Of An Original Painting, Car, House, Or Antique....
- Which Of The Two Did Jeremiah Call Israel To: Reformation Or Restoration? (**Vs. 16**).

## **I. Why The Need To Restore Israel’s Ways?**

- Because They Had Left God’s Ways- **Jeremiah 6:13-15**. Moral & Spiritual Apostasy.
- The People Of Israel Pledged In Joshua’s Day— **Joshua 24:15-22**. What Happened?
- But Israel Drifted Away- **Jeremiah 18:15; 8:5**.
- How Apostasy Happens In Cycles & Seasons- **Book of Judges**.
- **Isaiah 55:8-9** God’s People Were So Far Away From God.

## **II. How Israel Was Restored.**

- **2 Chronicles 34-35**. Josiah Fully Restores God’s Ways.
  - **34:1-7** He Takes The Evil Things Away....
  - **34:8-13** He Begins To Repair The Temple...
  - **34:14-17** They Find The Book Of The Law...
  - **34:18-21** The King’s Reaction To Hearing The Book....
  - **34:22-28** God’s Words Of Judgment For Disobedience....
  - **34:29-33** Josiah’s Commitment To God’s Covenant....
  - **35:1-15** Everything Is Done By The Book....
- **35:16-19**. They Restored The Passover Of God.

## **III. Applications For Us Today.**

- It Takes God’s Word For Us To Restore God’s Ways- **2 Chronicles 34:21**.
- Any Additions Or Subtractions Would Not Be Restoration- **Deut. 4:2**.
- As Long As We Have God’s Word— We Can Restore God’s Ways.
  - Illustration: The Game Of Baseball; Corrupted—Then Restored!