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¹ **The sin of Judah** / their moral failure was not things like pushing ducks out of the pond; stepping on somebody's foot; putting extra picante sauce on someone's lunch; or pushing to the front of the line. They were at the front of the line, they were called by God: specially selected to declare His glory.

The sin of Judah is written / imprinted... with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the tablets of their heart, and upon the horns of their altars;

² **As they remember their children** / why? The only time we know Jesus went ballistic... was when He explosively responded to the disciples who prohibited mothers from bringing their little ones to Him. At another time, we learned what we do to the least, we do to the LORD. Having worked in public education many child centered agencies like schools... are magnets that draw pedophiles and perverts to them. There is NO human agency in the world more ready and prepared to be an advocate for children... more than the LORD of glory, Himself.

Judah failed when for decades they despicably practiced the heinous crime burning children in the furnace of Tophet. Something so vile that never entered the Mind of the LORD. How many were burned? Well, probably not as many as the 50,000,000 babies aborted in the last 5 decades in America: a number equal to the entire population being absent... of Washington, Oregon and California combined.

The sin of Judah is written...

As they remember their children,

their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills / the places, not just the groves that were out of sight, but the high places... where they acted out their faithlessness... for all to see; as well as where their children were murdered.

³ **O My mountain in the field** / their mountain of sin was piled high, not even the blind could miss it,

I will give your substance and all your treasures to the spoiler / these words are to Jerusalem,

and your high places for sin, throughout all your borders / your boundaries, your walls; the pagan practices even infiltrated, gained access to the City.

⁴ **And you / Jerusalem, even you will loosen / will let go... your inheritance that I gave you;**

I will cause you to serve your enemies from a land which you know not:

for you kindled a fire in My anger, which will burn forever.

⁵ **Thus says the LORD / THE BAD NEWS;**

Cursed is the one who trusts / in Hebrew: *batach*, to lean on, to rely on, like a walking stick or a shepherd's staff... on a journey

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Cursed is the one who trusts in mankind,

and makes the flesh his arm / his army, his strength,

and whose heart turns from the LORD / not a good thing.

⁶ **He shall be like as bush in the desert, and shall not see when prosperity comes;**

but shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in a lifeless salt land.

THE GOOD NEWS

⁷ **Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,**

and whose hope is the LORD / hope always speaks of future, hope is our reason to get up each day, our hope is with the LORD.

⁸ **For he** / who trusts the LORD; who leans on Him...

shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not notice when the heat comes, but its leaves shall be green;

and will not be anxious in a year of drought, nor cease to yield fruit.

And why does the LORD tell us all this bad news and good news?

Simple, because God created mankind for purposes... we can hardly imagine, but something went terribly wrong; we will learn about it in the next chapter...

⁹ **The heart is deceitful above all things** / nothing is more deceitful than the heart,

and desperately sick: who can understand it?

¹⁰ **I the LORD search the heart,**

I examine the mind / we are supposed to present our minds daily with a metanoia moment; a time dedicated to think on the LORD, to rethink His words and all His ways; to call on Him... and to grow in Him; as a sacrifice to Him,

I the Lord search the heart, I examine the mind...

to give everyone according to his ways,

and according to the fruit of his doings / is it healthy fruit, or rotten fruit needing to be pruned?

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11 As the partridge sits on eggs it did **not hatch;**

So also is he who gets riches, but **not rightly,**

in the midst of his days it shall leave him;

and in the end he shall be a fool / and we know a fool says, there is no God—Psalm 14 and 53.

And Jeremiah who was not a fool declares...

12 From the beginning, a glorious throne on high... is the place of our sanctuary / where the LORD God dwells on high is glorious to all the prophets and people of God who look to Him for safety,

13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who abandon You shall be ashamed, and they who turn from You shall be written in the dust,

because they abandoned the LORD, the Fountain of living waters / without water, in 3 days we start to die; without the living water, we are good as dead.

14 Heal me / mind and heart, O LORD, and I shall be healed;

Save me, and I shall be saved: for You are my Praise / Moses first used this word when he said: the Lord is your Praise, He is your God who has done these great and awesome things for your eyes to see—Deut.10:21.

15 Behold, they say to me, / the people, the leaders mockingly keep asking Jeremiah

Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now / no different than those demanding Jesus on the cross, Come on down! And we will believe. Can't you hear all the titters and see all the smirks?

16 As for me, I have **not hurried from being a pastor / a shepherd... to follow after You:**

nor have I desired the terrible day / the day of God's wrath coming, Jeremiah was no son of thunder;

You know: what came out of my lips / what I spoke... was right and in Your presence.

17 Do **not be a terror to me: You are my only hope in the evil day coming.**

18 Let them be confounded who persecute me, but let me **not be confounded:**

let them be dismayed, but let me **not be dismayed:**

bring upon them / those faithless mockers scoffing God's word... the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

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¹⁹ Thus said the LORD to me;

Go and stand in the gate of the **children** / ben... of the people / and here, is the Lord saying,
start with the children – even those missing / stand where they should be coming in and going out?
where the kings of Judah come in and go out,
and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

²⁰ And say to them, Hear the word of the LORD,

kings of **Judah**, and all **Judah**, and all the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**, who enter by these gates / ALL the rulers and the people, especially the citizens of the capital:

²¹ Thus says the LORD; Take heed for yourselves,

Do not carry not any load on the sabbath / we are to remember the Sabbath day the mark of the people of God in covenant with Him; they keep it holy; 6 days we work, no work should be done that day,

nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem / something when Jesus walked among them 600 years later they still had not learned to do;

it sounds like King Dollar has to be dethrone...

²² **Do not carry any load from your houses on the sabbath,**

Nor do any work, but hallow / dedicate, consecrate, set apart as special... **the sabbath,**

as I commanded your fathers.

²³ **But they did not obey, their ear did not learn to hear,**

but stiffened their necks, not to hear, nor to learn.

²⁴ **And it shall be,**

If you diligently listen to Me, says the LORD,

to bring in no load through the gates of this city on the sabbath,

but hallow / dedicate, consecrate, set apart as special... **the sabbath,**

to do no work therein;

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²⁵ **Then** there shall enter the gates of this city...

kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses,

they / the kings, and princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain forever.

²⁶ And they shall come from the cities of Judah,

from the places about Jerusalem,

from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowlands;

from the mountains / in the north, and from the Negev / in the south,

bringing burnt offerings, sacrifices, meat offerings, and incense / every kind of offering,

and bringing sacrifices of praise / what the Lord God prefers most of all especially since we know...
He inhabits the praise of His people—Psalm 22 ,

and bringing sacrifices of praise... to the house of the LORD...

Remember: Jeremiah was there in Jerusalem 600 BC. 1,000 years before others showed up... no matter how ignorant some in the UN are today. Do such people so stupid actually get a pay check from someone?

²⁷ **But**

if you will **not** listen to Me... to hallow / dedicate, consecrate, set apart as special... **the sabbath,**

by **not** bringing a load, as you enter in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day;

then I will kindle a fire in the gates thereof,

and it shall devour the fortresses of Jerusalem,

and it shall **not** be quenched.