

JEREMIAH 17 vs 1

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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 agencies are magnets that draw pedophiles to them.

Judah failed when for decades they despicably practiced the crime of burning children in the furnace of Tophet. Something so vile that never entered the Mind of the LORD. How many were burned? Well, not as many as the 50,000,000 babies aborted (often sold for body parts) 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 / all 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 I will give your substance and all your treasures to the spoiler** / their mountain of sin was piled high, not even the blind could miss it, these words were first to Jerusalem; but remember the city is not mentioned; perhaps it describes your city, and my city; not good news,

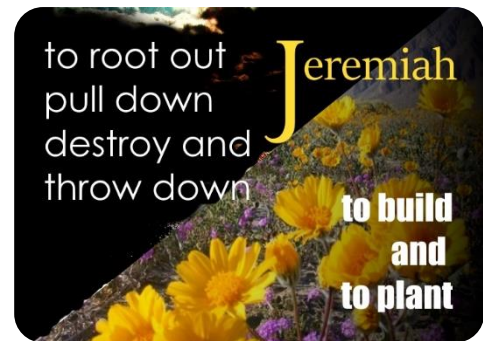
and your high places for sin, throughout all your borders / your boundaries, your walls; the pagan practices infiltrated, gaining access to the City.

⁴ **And you, even you 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 ignited a fire in My anger, which will burn forever.**

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

Cursed is the one who leans on mankind, and makes the flesh his arm / in Hebrew: *batach*, to lean on, to rely on, like a walking stick or shepherd's staff on a journey, and makes man's arm his strength,

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



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6 He will be like as bush in the desert, and will not see when prosperity comes; but will live in the parched places of the wilderness, in a lifeless salt land.

THE GOOD NEWS

7 Blessed is the one who leans on 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...

will be as a tree planted by the waters, that spreads out her roots by the river, and will not notice when the heat comes, but its leaves will 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 and desperately sick: who can understand it? / nothing is more deceitful than the heart,

10 I the LORD search the heart, I examine the mind / what we treasure, and what we are thinking; 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,

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?

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 will leave him; and in the end he will 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 people of God who look to Him for safety,

13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who abandon You will be ashamed, and they who turn from You will 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.

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14 Heal me / mind and heart, O LORD, and I will be healed; Save me, and I will 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.**

19 Thus said the LORD to me;

Go and stand in the gate of the children 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 any load on the sabbath / Friday evening to Saturday evening; to remember the Sabbath day, marking the people of our God who created us; 6 days we work, no work on 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...

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²² **Do not carry any load from your houses on the sabbath, nor do any work, but hallow the sabbath / dedicate it, consecrate, set apart as special,**

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 will 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 the sabbath / dedicate it, consecrate, set apart as special,

to do no work therein;

²⁵ **Then** there will enter the gates of this city... kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city will remain forever.

²⁶ **And they will 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; and bringing sacrifices of praise / every kind of offering; 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 stupid people actually get a paycheck from someone?

²⁷ **But**

if you will not listen to Me... to hallow the sabbath / dedicate, consecrate, set apart as special, 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 its gates, and it will devour the fortresses of Jerusalem, and it will not be quenched.