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Jeremiah 17.

1 . Judah's Sin and Punishment. .

The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is engraved on the tablet of their heart, and on the horns of your altars;

2 while their children remember their altars and their Asherim by the green trees on the high hills.

3 My mountain in the field, I will give your substance and all your treasures for a spoil, and your high places, because of sin, throughout all your borders.

4 You, even of yourself, shall discontinue from your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you don't know: for you have kindled a fire in my anger which shall burn forever.

5 Thus says YHWH: Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from YHWH!

6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited.

7 Blessed is the man who trusts in YHWH, and whose trust YHWH is.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, who spreads out its roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat comes, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?

10 I, YHWH, search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge that sits on eggs which she has not laid, so is he who gets riches, and not by right; in the midst of his days they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool.

12 A glorious throne, set on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary.

13 YHWH, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be disappointed. Those who depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken YHWH, the spring of living waters.

14 . Jeremiah Prays for Deliverance. .

Heal me, O YHWH, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for you are my praise.

15 Behold, they tell me, Where is the word of YHWH? let it come now.

16 As for me, I have not hurried from being a shepherd after you; neither have I desired the woeful day; you know: that which came out of my lips was before your face.

17 Don't be a terror to me: you are my refuge in the day of evil.

18 Let them be disappointed who persecute me, but let not me be disappointed; let them be dismayed, but don't let me be dismayed; bring on them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

19 . Hallow the Sabbath Day. .

Thus said YHWH to me: Go, and stand in the gate of the children of the people, through which the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 and tell them, Hear the word of YHWH, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

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- 21 Thus says YHWH, Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;
- 22 neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day holy, neither do any work: but make the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.
- 23 But they didn't listen, neither turn their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, and might not receive instruction.
- 24 It shall happen, if you diligently listen to me, says YHWH, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but to make the Sabbath day holy, to do no work therein;
- 25 then shall there enter in by the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on 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 shall remain forever.
- 26 They shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places around Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from the hill country, and from the South, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meal offerings, and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving, to the house of YHWH!
- 27 But if you will not listen to me to make the Sabbath day holy, and not to bear a burden and enter in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

Jeremiah 18.

1 . The Potter and the Clay. .

The word which came to Jeremiah from YHWH, saying,

- 2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear my words.
- 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he was making a work on the wheels.
- 4 When the vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.
- 5 Then the word of YHWH came to me, saying,
- 6 House of Israel, can't I do with you as this potter? says YHWH! Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, house of Israel.
- 7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it;
- 8 if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them.
- 9 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;
- 10 if they do that which is evil in my sight, that they not obey my voice, then I will repent of the good, with which I said I would benefit them.
- 11 Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says YHWH: Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return you now everyone from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

12 . ELOHIM's Warning Rejected. .

But they say, It is in vain; for we will walk after our own devices, and we will do everyone after the stubbornness of his evil heart.

- 13 Therefore thus says YHWH: Ask now among the nations, who has heard such things; the virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing.
- 14 Shall the snow of Lebanon fail from the rock of the field? Shall the cold waters that

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flow down from afar be dried up?

15 For my people have forgotten me, they have burned incense to false idol gods; and they have been made to stumble in their ways, in the ancient paths, to walk in byways, in a way not built up;

16 to make their land an astonishment, and a perpetual hissing; everyone who passes thereby shall be astonished, and shake his head.

17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

18 **. Jeremiah Persecuted. .**

Then they said, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the Torah (teaching and instruction) shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

19 Give heed to me, YHWH, and listen to the voice of those who contend with me.

20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood before you to speak good for them, to turn away your wrath from them.

21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and give them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives become childless, and widows; and let their men be slain of death, and their young men struck of the sword in battle.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when you shall bring a troop suddenly on them; for they have dug a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

23 Yet, YHWH, you know all their counsel against me to kill me; don't forgive their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from your sight; but let them be overthrown before you; deal you with them in the time of your anger.

Psalms 127.

1 **. A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon. .**

A Song of Ascents. By Solomon. Unless YHWH builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Unless YHWH watches over the city, the watchman guards it in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to stay up late, eating the bread of toil; for he gives sleep to his loved ones.

3 Behold, children are a heritage of YHWH! The fruit of the womb is his reward.

4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of youth.

5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. They won't be disappointed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Proverbs 26.

1 Like snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool.

2 Like a fluttering sparrow, like a darting swallow, so the undeserved curse doesn't come to rest.

3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools!

4 Don't answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.

6 One who sends a message by the hand of a fool is cutting off feet and drinking violence.

7 Like the legs of the lame that hang loose: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

8 As one who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool.

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- 9 Like a thornbush that goes into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- 10 As an archer who wounds all, so is he who hires a fool or he who hires those who pass by.
- 11 As a dog that returns to his vomit, so is a fool who repeats his folly.
- 12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion roams the streets!"
- 14 As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed.
- 15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish. He is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.
- 16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer with discretion.
- 17 Like one who grabs a dog's ears is one who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own.
- 18 Like a madman who shoots torches, arrows, and death,
- 19 is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "Am I not joking?"
- 20 For lack of wood a fire goes out. Without gossip, a quarrel dies down.
- 21 As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindling strife.
- 22 The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, they go down into the innermost parts.
- 23 Like silver dross on an earthen vessel are the lips of a fervent one with an evil heart.
- 24 A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but he harbors evil in his heart.
- 25 When his speech is charming, don't believe him; for there are seven abominations in his heart.
- 26 His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.
- 27 Whoever digs a pit shall fall into it. Whoever rolls a stone, it will come back on him.
- 28 A lying tongue hates those it hurts; and a flattering mouth works ruin.

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