

Jeremiah 17:1-27 **Indelible sins of Judah and Jerusalem – Repentance required**

Judah's Sin and Punishment

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2 While their children remember Their altars and their wooden images By the green trees on the high hills.

3 O My mountain in the field, I will give as plunder your wealth, all your treasures, And your high places of sin within all your borders.

4 And you, even yourself, Shall let go of your heritage which I gave you; And I will cause you to serve your enemies In the land which you do not know; For you have kindled a fire in My anger which shall burn forever."

5 Thus says Yahweh (the Lord):

"**Cursed** is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from Yahweh (the Lord).

6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited.

7 "**Blessed** is the man who trusts ba-Yahweh (in the Lord), And whose hope is Yahweh (the Lord).

8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

9 "**The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?**

10 I, Yahweh (the Lord), search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

11 "As a partridge that broods but does not hatch, So is he who gets riches, but not by right; It will leave him in the midst of his days, And at his end he will be a fool."

12 A glorious high throne from the beginning Is the place of our sanctuary.

13 O Yahweh (Lord), the hope of Israel, **All who forsake You shall be ashamed.**

"**Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth,** Because they have forsaken Yahweh (the Lord), The fountain of living waters."

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14 Heal me, O Yahweh (Lord), and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, For You are my praise.

15 Indeed they say to me, "Where is the word of Yahweh (the Lord)? Let it come now!"

16 As for me, I have not hurried away from being a shepherd who follows You, Nor have I desired the woeful day; You know what came out of my lips; It was right there before You.

17 Do not be a terror to me; You are my hope in the day of doom.

18 Let them be ashamed who persecute me, But do not let me be put to shame; Let them be dismayed, But do not let me be dismayed. Bring on them the day of doom, And destroy them with double destruction!

Hallow the Sabbath Day

19 Thus Yahweh (the Lord) said to me: "Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;
20 and say to them, 'Hear the word of Yahweh (the Lord), you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who enter by these gates.

21 Thus says Yahweh (the Lord): "Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22 nor carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, nor do any work, but hallow the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

23 But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction.

24 "And it shall be, if you heed Me carefully," says Yahweh (the Lord), "to bring no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work in it,

25 then shall enter the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, accompanied by 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 and from the places around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin and from the lowland, from the mountains and from the South, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and incense, bringing sacrifices of praise to the house of Yahweh (the Lord).

27 "But if you will not heed Me to hallow the Sabbath day, such as not carrying a burden when entering the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched."""

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ "The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron; With the point of a diamond it is engraved On the tablet of their heart, And on the horns of your altars,
While their children remember Their altars and their wooden images By the green trees on the high hills. [\[Jeremiah 17:1-2\]](#)

✧ Judah's sin is so permanently engrained in the hearts of her younger generation that it is like it is engraved by a diamond tipped iron pen.

✧ The sin is sexual immorality tied to pagan worship of idolatry under the groves of trees on the high places of the land.

✧ Worship at the high places has been an abomination to Yahweh through out the history of Israel even though it was practiced by many to worship God.

✧ At this point Yahweh is so enraged at the practice He is acting to end it.

✧ O My mountain in the field, I will give as plunder your wealth, all your treasures, And your high places of sin within all your borders.

And you, even yourself, Shall let go of your heritage which I gave you; And I will cause you to serve your enemies In the land which you do not know; For you have kindled a fire in My anger which shall burn forever." [\[Jeremiah 17:3-4\]](#)

- ✧ Speaking to the mountains, Yahweh declared His intent to deliver it all into the hands of invaders as punishment for the sins of His people.
- ✧ The land will lose its people and the people will lose their land.
- ✧ Yahweh will cause His people to serve their enemies in foreign lands.
- ✧ The fire of His anger will burn forever as long as the earth remains.
- ✧ Yahweh will never accept idolatry of His people.
- ✧ Thus says Yahweh (the Lord):
"Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from Yahweh (the Lord).
 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited. [[Jeremiah 17:5-6](#)]
- ✧ Those who depart from Yahweh and put their trust in human ability are cursed.
- ✧ **"Blessed** is the man who trusts in Yahweh (in the Lord), And whose hope is Yahweh (the Lord).
 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. [[Jeremiah 17:7-8](#)]
- ✧ Blessed and fruitful is the one who has his confidence in Yahweh, fully believing God will do everything He said He will do.
- ✧ **"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?**
 I, Yahweh (the Lord), search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. [[Jeremiah 17:9-10](#)]
- ✧ The heart of man is exceedingly deceitful and desperately wicked, so much so that even the man himself cannot know his own heart.
- ✧ Yahweh searches the mind and tests the heart for accuracy in Judgment and reward according to what the man has done.
- ✧ "As a partridge that broods but does not hatch, So is he who gets riches, but not by right; It will leave him in the midst of his days, And at his end he will be a fool." [[Jeremiah 17:11](#)]
- ✧ The one who focuses his life to accumulate ill-gotten wealth will prove to be foolish on the day of judgment.
- ✧ A glorious high throne from the beginning Is the place of our sanctuary. [[Jeremiah 17:12](#)]
- ✧ Our sanctuary is the glorious high throne of God in Heaven.
- ✧ This is not a reference to worship on the high places of the earth.
- ✧ Our help and security is from the Heavenly God Almighty.
- ✧ O Yahweh (Lord), the hope of Israel, **All who forsake You shall be ashamed.**
"Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth, Because they have forsaken Yahweh (the Lord), The fountain of living waters." [[Jeremiah 17:13](#)]
- ✧ Jeremiah acknowledged that Yahweh is the only hope of Israel, and declared that all who forsake Yahweh will be ashamed on the day of judgment.
- ✧ Yahweh confirmed Jeremiah's words and added that those who depart from Him will be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Yahweh the source of living waters.
- ✧ I believe this was illustrated by Jesus. [[John 8:3-8](#)]

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✧ Jeremiah acknowledged that Yahweh is his entire hope for healing and salvation.

✧ Jeremiah's adversaries mock him saying, "Where is the Word of Yahweh? Let it come now. (This demonstrates the arrogance of scoffers).

✧ Trusting in Yahweh, Jeremiah requested help and strength from Yahweh, and Wrath of God for his adversaries.

Hallow the Sabbath Day

✧ **Thus Yahweh (the Lord) said to me:** "Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; and say to them,

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✧ Honoring the Sabbath Day is the first step in obeying Yahweh and it will result in the preservation of Jerusalem.

✧ Failure to obey will bring the destruction of Jerusalem which will not be stopped.