## Jeremiah 17

King James Version (KJV)

(Blessed is the man and woman who trusts in the Lord)

**17** The sin of Judah is written with a <u>pen of iron</u>, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of <u>your altars</u>; (The iron pen is a chisel – their sin is engraved in stone. Their worship of idols never seems to end – from generation to generation)

(Your altar, not My altar – says God. These are altars to heathen idol gods)

- <sup>2</sup>Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills. (These are pagan shrines and grove worship to Ishtar and other heathen deities. Today, Easter is still practiced in all Christian churches; instead of Passover)
- <sup>3</sup>O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders. (They will lose all the blessings that God had given them. The Babylonians will take everything, including the people. They will be servants in Babylon for 70 years)
- <sup>4</sup>And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn for ever. (They have backed out of their covenant with God. Without His protection, they will fall prey to their enemies) See Deuteronomy-32:22
- Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. (man = geeber <in the manuscripts> − they are the hybrid offspring of the fallen angels and flesh women. They were giants; with many deformities. They were an abomination to God) see Genesis-6

(That's why God ordered them to be destroyed by the Israelites. Additionally, these people sacrificed their children to Moloch by fire. Later, the Israelites started doing the same thing to their children. That's when God sent the Assyrians and the Babylonians to destroy them)

(The arm is a symbol of strength. This speaks to when they think that their earthly weapons and their man-made religions can save them)

For he shall be like the <u>heath</u> in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. (Heath is a scrawny desert juniper bush that struggles to survive in the heat. What little rain it gets, sprouts new leaves which are quickly eaten by mountain goats. The word heath means naked in this case)

(Without God's protection, the Israelites will be naked before their enemies)

(Our fine linens in Paradise will be made of the good works that we did in this Age. Those who have no righteous acts will be naked <a term of shame>) See Revelation-19:6-7

- <sup>7</sup>Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. Psalms-1:1-3
- <sup>8</sup> For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. (He will thrive in a worldly sense and in a spiritual sense. God will provide more then enough)
- The heart is deceitful above all things, and <u>desperately</u> wicked: who can know it? (desperately = sick onto the point of death bad translation)

(The things that we crave in this world are nothing but vanity. We need to control those urges and those lusts. We should stay focused on the Word of God. It will give us a good, happy and healthy life)

- <sup>10</sup> I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. (God knows what we are thinking. HE will judge fairly, and reward according to every man's doings) Acts-1:24, Acts-15:8-9
- <sup>11</sup> As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool. (The partridge steals eggs from other birds. She sits on them and hatches them. After these other

birds hatch, they leave the partridge; because they don't recognize it as their parent)

(Those who amass ill-gotten gains will not prosper. In the end, they will lose everything. They will be exposed as fools. You don't want to be like the partridge)

- <sup>12</sup> A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. (The high throne is God's altar; not the one mentioned in verse 1)
- <sup>13</sup> O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of <u>living waters</u>. (The living waters are God's Word) John-4:10-14, Ezekiel-47:1-6

John-1:1 (In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Jesus is the living Word)

- <sup>14</sup> Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise. John-14:6 (Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me)
- <sup>15</sup> Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now. (These are the nay-sayers of the world; daring God to prove Himself & His Word. The Kenites even did that to Jesus at His crucifixion)

(In the end days, those who worship antichrist will say the same thing to the Elect. They will say – where is your God? Show us)

- <sup>16</sup> As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee. (Jeremiah preached what God told him to preach. He never wandered off into the traditions of men. He remained true to God)
- <sup>17</sup> Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil. (Don't leave me alone in my day of trouble like when antichrist will persecute the Christians. We will need God more than ever at that time)

- <sup>18</sup> Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of <u>evil</u>, and destroy them with double destruction. (evil = tumult, conflict) (Bring their own trouble back on them, double) see Revelation-18:2-6
- <sup>19</sup> Thus said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; (The gates of the city are where judgments were made by the rulers)
- <sup>20</sup> And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:
- <sup>21</sup> Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no <u>burden</u> on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; (The burden here would be false doctrines and traditions of men, made up into a religion. Don't bring your false religions in here)
- <sup>22</sup> Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but <u>hallow ye the sabbath day</u>, as I commanded your fathers. (Jesus became our Sabbath. Stay in His Word every day) Mark-2:27-28, 1Corinthians-5:6-7
- <sup>23</sup> But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but <u>made their neck</u> <u>stiff</u>, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction. (stiff neck means stubborn; they refuse to listen to what God asks of them) see Proverbs-1:7
- <sup>24</sup> And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no <u>burden</u> through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but <u>hallow the sabbath day</u>, to do no work therein; (Hallow the Sabbath, not Easter. The burden is on each person that follows traditions of men, instead of the true Word of God)

(There is no Easter in God's Word. The word Easter in Acts is a mistranslation from the word Pasca – which means Passover)

<sup>25</sup> Then shall there enter into 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: <u>and this city shall remain for ever</u>. (After Jesus returns on the Lord's Day, those who follow Him and learn His Word will receive

## salvation and eternal life with God. This new city will be named New Jerusalem) Revelation-21:1-2

<sup>26</sup> And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD. (On the Lord's Day, our love for God will make up our offerings)

<sup>27</sup> But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched. (Turn away from God and He will turn away from you. In the end, you will amount to nothing)