

"THE SIN OF JUDAH IS WRITTEN DOWN WITH AN IRON STYLUS; WITH A DIAMOND POINT IT IS ENGRAVED UPON THE TABLET OF THEIR HEART AND ON THE HORNS OF THEIR ALTARS, AS THEY REMEMBER THEIR CHILDREN, SO THEY REMEMBER THEIR ALTARS AND THEIR ASHERIM BY GREEN TREES ON THE HIGH HILLS. ...

"O MOUNTAIN OF MINE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, I WILL GIVE OVER YOUR WEALTH AND ALL YOUR TREASURES FOR PLUNDER, YOUR HIGH PLACES FOR SIN THROUGHOUT YOUR BORDERS. AND YOU WILL, EVEN OF YOURSELF, LET GO OF YOUR INHERITANCE THAT I GAVE YOU; AND I WILL MAKE YOU SERVE YOUR ENEMIES IN THE LAND WHICH YOU DO NOT KNOW, FOR YOU HAVE KINDLED A FIRE IN MY ANGER WHICH WILL BURN FOREVER. ...

"THUS SAYS YAHWEH, 'CURSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN MANKIND AND MAKES FLESH HIS STRENGTH, AND WHOSE HEART TURNS AWAY FROM YAHWEH. AND HE WILL BE LIKE A JUNIPER IN THE DESERT AND WILL NOT SEE WHEN PROSPERITY COMES, BUT WILL DWELL IN STONY WASTES IN THE WILDERNESS, A LAND OF SALT WHICH IS NOT INHABITED. ...

"BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN YAHWEH AND WHOSE TRUST IS YAHWEH. AND HE WILL BE LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE WATER, THAT SENDS FORTH ITS ROOTS BY A STREAM AND WILL NOT FEAR WHEN THE HEAT COMES; BUT ITS LEAVES WILL BE GREEN, AND IT WILL NOT BE ANXIOUS IN A YEAR OF DROUGHT NOR REFRAIN FROM YIELDING FRUIT. ...

"THE HEART IS MORE DECEITFUL THAN ALL ELSE AND IS DESPERATELY SICK; WHO CAN KNOW IT? I, YAHWEH, SEARCH THE HEART; I TEST THE INMOST BEING, EVEN TO GIVE TO EACH MAN ACCORDING TO HIS WAYS, ACCORDING TO THE FRUIT OF HIS DEEDS." (JER 17:1–10 LSB)

## WHEN HE IS ANGRY, GOD SAYS ...

- "YOUR SINS ARE DEEP-SEATED AND DESTRUCTIVE" JER 17:1–4; 2:22; 3:6; 7:18; 15:4, 13; 16:16; 20:5; cf. DEUT 6:6; 2 CHRON 24:18.
- "THE ROOT OF YOUR SINFULNESS IS A LACK OF TRUST" JER 17:5–8.
  - TRUSTING IN ANYONE OTHER THAN GOD RESULTS IN DIVINE REJECTION AND LOSS OF ATTENDANT BLESSINGS JER 17:5–6; PS 146:3; ROM 1:24, 26, 28; cf. v. 27.
  - TRUSTING IN GOD (ALONE) RESULTS IN SPIRITUAL SECURITY, FEARLESSNESS, AND PRODUCTIVITY JER 17:7–8; cf. 2:37; PS 118:8; 1:1–3; JOHN 15:4–8.
- "I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CURE YOUR HEART" JER 17:9–10; cf. vv. 1, 5; 31:31–34; 32:36–44; ROM 10:8–10; HEB 10:15–22; 1 JOHN 3:18–24.

