

Notes on Jeremiah 16:10-17:27

Further predictions of judgment for Judah's sin--Jeremiah 16:10-17:4

Captivity is to come in consequence of Judah's sin--Jeremiah 10:10-13

Hope of restoration is held forth--Jeremiah 10:14-15

Further descriptions of captivity under the figures of fisherman and hunter as punishment for sin--Jeremiah 10:16-18

Jeremiah hopes for universal salvation as the nations forsake idolatry--16:19-20

God's answer by pointing out that his people will also have to learn the greatness of His power and name--v. 21

Judah's idolatrous spirit permeates their thinking and even defiles their worship to the Lord--17:1-4

Blessings and curses are pronounced upon Judah--Jeremiah 17:5-18

Curses upon the man who trusts in men--v. 5-6 Like a bush in the desert.

Blessings upon the man who trusts in the Lord--v. 7-8. Like a tree planted by the river, Cf. Ps. 1

The connection in v. 9-11 is difficult. Perhaps it explains the reasons for the blessings and curses above. Since the heart of man is deceitful it is unwise to trust in him. Furthermore, man, like the partridge, seeks out "eggs" he has not laid, and thus in God's judgment will lose them. In contrast, God knows all hearts and reward each according to his work. Thus, it is He whom we should put our trust.

In that spirit, Jeremiah extols the temple as the glorious throne of God in the midst of Israel. Those who turn from it turn from their only hope of life, v. 12-13.

Thus, Jeremiah pleads for God's deliverance from persecutors, v. 14-18

Appeals to keep the Sabbath--Jeremiah 17:19-27

Plea to respect the Sabbath, v. 19-23.

Consequences of obedience, v. 24-26

Consequences of disobedience, v. 27