

**Jeremiah 17:1** - The sin of Judah is being engraved [ כָּתַב *kathav*: Qal passive participle: sin receives the action of being written in stone ] with an iron chisel [ עֵט 'et: a stylus ] and inscribed [ חָרַשׁ *charash*: to engrave metal ] with a diamond [ שָׁמִיר *shamir*: flint, emery, or adamant stone ] tip on the tablets [ לוּחַ *luach*: stone tablet ] of their hearts and the horns [ קֶרֶן *qeren*: brass projections on the corners of altars ] of their altars [ these actions imply volitional choice ].

**v. 2** - Their children [ בֶּן *ben*: children in general ] remember [ זָכַר *zachar*: memory pertains to places & objects to which the one remembering clings (Jer 17:2) ] their altars and their sacred poles dedicated to the goddess Asherah [ the Baal cult ], set up beside the green trees on the high hills.