1. How is Jeremiah 16:19a (***O Lord,*** ***my strength and my fortress, My refuge*** in the day of affliction) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[1]](#endnote-1)
2. How is Jeremiah 17:1a (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,) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[2]](#endnote-2)
3. How is Jeremiah 17:3 (O My mountain in the field, ***I will give as plunder your wealth, all your treasures***) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[3]](#endnote-3)
4. How is Jeremiah 17:4 (***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.”) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[4]](#endnote-4)
5. How is Jeremiah 17:12 (Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, ***Whose heart departs from the Lord***.”) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[5]](#endnote-5)
6. How is Jeremiah 17:6 (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***.) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[6]](#endnote-6)
7. How is Jeremiah 17:8 (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.***) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[7]](#endnote-7)
8. How is Jeremiah 17:9 (***The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked***; Who can know it?) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[8]](#endnote-8)
9. How is Jeremiah 17:12 (A glorious high throne from the beginning *Is* ***the place of our sanctuary***.) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[9]](#endnote-9)
10. How is Jeremiah 17:13 (O 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 the Lord***, The fountain of living waters.”) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[10]](#endnote-10)
11. How is Jeremiah 17:21-24 (Thus says the Lord: “Take heed to yourselves, and ***bear no burden on the Sabbath day***, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;  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***.  But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction.  “And it shall be, if you heed Me carefully,” says 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***) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[11]](#endnote-11)
1. Leviticus 26:19 – ***I will break the pride of your powe***r; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. The connection here is an opposite. The Haftarah relates how Jeremiah acknowledges that Adonai is his strength. This is thematically connected to the Torah portion in that Adonai chastens Israel for relying on the pride of their own power. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. ‘Leviticus 26:19 – I will break the pride of your power; I will make ***your heavens like iron*** and your earth like bronze. Both texts use the metal iron to illustrate a point – Israel’s hard heart versus a heaven of iron which provides no rain. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Leviticus 26:16 – I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, ***for your enemies shall eat it***. Both passages relate how Israel’s enemies will consumer her produce. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. Leviticus 26:38-39 – You shall perish among the nations, and ***the land of your enemies shall eat you up***. And those of you who are left ***shall waste away in their iniquity in your enemies’ lands***; also in their fathers’ iniquities, which are with them, ***they shall waste away***. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. Leviticus 26:23 – And if by these things you are not reformed by Me, ***but walk contrary to Me*** [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. Leviticus 26:30-32 – I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you. ***I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation***, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas. ***I will bring the land to desolation***, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. Both passages speak of the people living in desolation. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. Leviticus 26:3-4 – If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform themthen ***I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit***. [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. Leviticus 26:41– and *that* I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if ***their uncircumcised hearts*** are humbled, and they accept their guilt. A heart that is desperately wicked is an uncircumcised heart. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
9. Leviticus 26:12 – I will set ***My tabernacle*** among you, and My soul shall not abhor you. [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
10. Leviticus 26:21 – Then, ***if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me***, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins. [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
11. Leviticus 26:33-35 – I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.***Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths*** as long as it lies desolate and you *are* in your enemies’ land; ***then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths. As long as it lies desolate it shall rest—for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it***. [↑](#endnote-ref-11)