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Psalms 7.

1 . A Meditation of David, which he sang to YHWH concerning the words of Cush, a Benjamite...

A meditation by David, which he sang to YHWH, concerning the words of Cush, the Benjamite. YHWH, my ELOHIM, I take refuge in you. Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me,

- 2 lest they tear apart my soul like a lion, ripping it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
- 3 YHWH, my ELOHIM, if I have done this, if there is iniquity in my hands,
- 4 if I have rewarded evil to him who was at peace with me (yes, if I have delivered him who without cause was my adversary),
- 5 let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it; yes, let him tread my life down to the earth, and lay my glory in the dust. Selah.
- 6 Arise, YHWH, in your anger. Lift up yourself against the rage of my adversaries. Awake for me. You have commanded judgment.
- 7 Let the congregation of the peoples surround you. Rule over them on high.
- 8 YHWH administers judgment to the peoples. Judge me, YHWH, according to my righteousness, and to my integrity that is in me.
- 9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; their minds and hearts are searched by the righteous ELOHIM!
- 10 My shield is with ELOHIM, who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 ELOHIM is a righteous judge, yes, an El who has indignation every day.
- 12 If a man doesn't relent, he will sharpen his sword; he has bent and strung his bow.
- 13 He has also prepared for himself the instruments of death. He makes ready his flaming arrows.
- 14 Behold, he travails with iniquity. Yes, he has conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
- 15 He has dug a hole, and has fallen into the pit which he made.
- 16 The trouble he causes shall return to his own head. His violence shall come down on the crown of his own head.
- 17 I will give thanks to YHWH according to his righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of YHWH Most High.

Proverbs 7.

- 1 My son, keep my words. Lay up my commandments within you.
- 2 Keep my commandments and live! Guard my teaching as the apple of your eye.
- 3 Bind them on your fingers. Write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 Tell wisdom, "You are my sister." Call understanding your relative,
- 5 that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.

6 . The Crafty Harlot. .

For at the window of my house, I looked out through my lattice.

- 7 I saw among the simple ones. I discerned among the youths a young man void of understanding,
- 8 passing through the street near her corner, he went the way to her house,

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- 9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.
- 10 Behold, there a woman met him with the attire of a prostitute, and with crafty intent.
- 11 She is loud and defiant. Her feet don't stay in her house.
- 12 Now she is in the streets, now in the squares, and lurking at every corner.
- 13 So she caught him, and kissed him. With an impudent face she said to him:
- 14 "Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me. This day I have paid my vows.
- 15 Therefore I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I have found you.
- 16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, with striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.
- 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
- 18 Come, let's take our fill of loving until the morning. Let's solace ourselves with loving.
- 19 For my husband isn't at home. He has gone on a long journey.
- 20 He has taken a bag of money with him. He will come home at the full moon."
- 21 With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him.
- 22 He followed her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, as a fool stepping into a noose.
- 23 Until an arrow strikes through his liver, as a bird hurries to the snare, and doesn't know that it will cost his life.
- 24 Now therefore, sons, listen to me. Pay attention to the words of my mouth.
- 25 Don't let your heart turn to her ways. Don't go astray in her paths,
- 26 for she has thrown down many wounded. Yes, all her slain are a mighty army.
- 27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the rooms of death.

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