# Day 16. 16-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Psalms 16.

#### 1 . A Michtam of David...

A Poem by David. Preserve me, ELOHIM, for in you do I take refuge.

- 2 My soul, you have said to YHWH, "You are my ADONAI. Apart from you I have no good thing."
- 3 As for the holy ones who are in the earth, they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight.
- 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who give gifts to another idol\_god. Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their names on my lips.
- 5 YHWH assigned my portion and my cup. You made my lot secure.
- 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. Yes, I have a good inheritance.
- 7 I will bless YHWH, who has given me counsel. Yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons
- 8 I have set YHWH always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices. My body shall also dwell in safety.
- 10 For you will not leave my soul in Sheol, neither will you allow your holy one to see corruption.
- 11 You will show me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

#### Proverbs 16.

- 1 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from YHWH!
- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but YHWH weighs the motives.
- 3 Commit your deeds to YHWH, and your plans shall succeed.
- 4 YHWH has made everything for its own end ves, even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to YHWH: they shall certainly not be unpunished.
- 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for. By the fear of YHWH men depart from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways please YHWH, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues with injustice.
- 9 A man's heart plans his course, but YHWH directs his steps.
- 10 Inspired judgments are on the lips of the king. He shall not betray his mouth.
- 11 Honest balances and scales are YHWH's; all the weights in the bag are his work.
- 12 It is an abomination for kings to do wrong, for the throne is established by righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings. They value one who speaks the truth.
- 14 The king's wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man will pacify it.
- 15 In the light of the king's face is life. His favor is like a cloud of the spring rain.
- 16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! Yes, to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
- 17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil. He who keeps his way preserves his soul.
- 18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.
- 19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, than to divide the plunder with the proud.
- 20 He who heeds the Word finds prosperity. Whoever trusts in YHWH is blessed.

- 21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent. Pleasantness of the lips promotes instruction.
- 22 Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, but the punishment of fools is their folly.
- 23 The heart of the wise instructs his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.
- 24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
- 25 There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
- 26 The appetite of the laboring man labors for him; for his mouth urges him on.
- 27 A worthless man devises mischief. His speech is like a scorching fire.
- 28 A perverse man stirs up strife. A whisperer separates close friends.
- 29 A man of violence entices his neighbor, and leads him in a way that is not good.
- 30 One who winks his eyes to plot perversities, one who compresses his lips, is bent on evil.
- 31 Gray hair is a crown of glory. It is attained by a life of righteousness.
- 32 One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; one who rules his spirit, than he who takes a city.
- 33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from YHWH!

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# Day 17. 17-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Psalms 17.

#### 1 . A Prayer of David...

A Prayer by David. Hear, YHWH, my righteous plea; Give ear to my prayer, that doesn't go out of deceitful lips.

- 2 Let my sentence come forth from your presence. Let your eyes look on equity.
- 3 You have proved my heart. You have visited me in the night. You have tried me, and found nothing. I have resolved that my mouth shall not disobey.
- 4 As for the works of men, by the word of your lips, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.
- 5 My steps have held fast to your paths. My feet have not slipped.
- 6 I have called on you, for you will answer me, ELOHIM! Turn your ear to me. Hear my speech.
- 7 Show your marvelous loving kindness, you who save those who take refuge by your right hand from their enemies.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- 9 from the wicked who oppress me, my deadly enemies, who surround me.
- 10 They close up their callous hearts. With their mouth they speak proudly.
- 11 They have now surrounded us in our steps. They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth.
- 12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey, as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
- 13 Arise, YHWH, confront him. Cast him down. Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword;
- 14 from men by your hand, YHWH, from men of the world, whose portion is in this life. You fill the belly of your cherished ones. Your sons have plenty, and they store up wealth for their children.
- 15 As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with seeing your form.

# Proverbs 17.

- 1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife.
- 2 A servant who deals wisely will rule over a son who causes shame, and shall have a part in the inheritance among the brothers.
- 3 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, but YHWH tests the hearts.
- 4 An evildoer heeds wicked lips. A liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.
- 5 Whoever mocks the poor reproaches his Maker. He who is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.
- 6 Children's children are the crown of old men; the glory of children are their parents.
- 7 Arrogant speech isn't fitting for a fool, much less do lying lips fit a prince.
- 8 A bribe is a precious stone in the eyes of him who gives it; wherever he turns, he prospers.
- 9 He who covers an offense promotes love; but he who repeats a matter separates best friends.
- 10 A rebuke enters deeper into one who has understanding than a hundred lashes into a fool.
- 11 An evil man seeks only rebellion; therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

- 12 Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.
- 13 Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
- 14 The beginning of strife is like breaching a dam, therefore stop contention before quarreling breaks out.
- 15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to YHWH!
- 16 Why is there money in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, since he has no understanding?
- 17 A friend loves at all times: and a brother is born for adversity.
- 18 A man void of understanding strikes hands, and becomes collateral in the presence of his neighbor.
- 19 He who loves disobedience loves strife. One who builds a high gate seeks destruction.
- 20 One who has a perverse heart doesn't find prosperity, and one who has a deceitful tongue falls into trouble.
- 21 He who becomes the father of a fool grieves. The father of a fool has no joy.
- 22 A cheerful heart makes good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
- 23 A wicked man receives a bribe in secret, to pervert the ways of justice.
- 24 Wisdom is before the face of one who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool wander to the ends of the earth.
- 25 A foolish son brings grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.
- 26 Also to punish the righteous is not good, nor to flog officials for their integrity.
- 27 He who spares his words has knowledge. He who is even tempered is a man of understanding.
- 28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is counted wise. When he shuts his lips, he is thought to be discerning.

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# Day 18. 18-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Psalms 18.

# 1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of YHWH, who spoke to YHWH the words of this song on the day that YHWH delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said:.

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For the Chief Musician. By David the servant of YHWH, who spoke to YHWH the words of this song in the day that YHWH delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said, I love you, YHWH, my strength.

- 2 YHWH is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my ELOHIM, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.
- 3 I call on YHWH, who is worthy to be praised; and I am saved from my enemies.
- 4 The cords of death surrounded me. The floods of ungodliness made me afraid.
- 5 The cords of Sheol were around me. The snares of death came on me.
- 6 In my distress I called on YHWH, and cried to my ELOHIM! He heard my voice out of his temple. My cry before him came into his ears.
- 7 Then the earth shook and trembled. The foundations also of the mountains quaked and were shaken, because he was angry.
- 8 Smoke went out of his nostrils. Consuming fire came out of his mouth. Coals were kindled by it.
- 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down. Thick darkness was under his feet.
- 10 He rode on a cherub, and flew. Yes, he soared on the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made darkness his hiding place, his pavilion around him, darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 At the brightness before him his thick clouds passed, hailstones and coals of fire.
- 13 YHWH also thundered in the sky. The Most High uttered his voice: hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 He sent out his arrows, and scattered them; Yes, great lightning bolts, and routed them.
- 15 Then the channels of waters appeared. The foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, YHWH, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.
- 16 He sent from on high. He took me. He drew me out of many waters.
- 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me.
- 18 They came on me in the day of my calamity, but YHWH was my support.
- 19 He brought me forth also into a large place. He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
- 20 YHWH has rewarded me according to my righteousness. According to the cleanness of my hands has he recompensed me.
- 21 For I have kept the ways of YHWH, and have not wickedly departed from my ELOHIM!
- 22 For all his ordinances were before me. I didn't put away his statutes from me.
- 23 I was also blameless with him. I kept myself from my iniquity.
- 24 Therefore YHWH has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
- 25 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful. With the perfect man, you will show yourself perfect.
- 26 With the pure, you will show yourself pure. With the crooked you will show yourself shrewd.

- 27 For you will save the afflicted people, but the haughty eyes you will bring down.
- 28 For you will light my lamp, YHWH! My ELOHIM will light up my darkness.
- 29 For by you, I advance through a troop. By my ELOHIM, I leap over a wall.
- 30 As for El, his way is perfect. The word of YHWH is tried. He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him.
- 31 For who is ELOHIM, except YHWH? Who is a rock, besides our ELOHIM,
- 32 the El who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect?
- 33 He makes my feet like deer's feet, and sets me on my high places.
- 34 He teaches my hands to war, so that my arms bend a bow of bronze.
- 35 You have also given me the shield of your salvation. Your right hand sustains me. Your gentleness has made me great.
- 36 You have enlarged my steps under me, My feet have not slipped.
- 37 I will pursue my enemies, and overtake them. Neither will I turn again until they are consumed.
- 38 I will strike them through, so that they will not be able to rise. They shall fall under my feet.
- 39 For you have armed me with strength to the battle. You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.
- 40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me.
- 41 They cried, but there was none to save; even to YHWH, but he didn't answer them.
- 42 Then I beat them small as the dust before the wind. I cast them out as the mire of the streets.
- 43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people. You have made me the head of the nations. A people whom I have not known shall serve me.
- 44 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me. The foreigners shall submit themselves to me.
- 45 The foreigners shall fade away, and shall come trembling out of their close places.
- 46 YHWH lives; and blessed be my rock. Exalted be the ELOHIM of my salvation,
- 47 even the El who executes vengeance for me, and subdues peoples under me.
- 48 He rescues me from my enemies. Yes, you lift me up above those who rise up against me. You deliver me from the violent man.
- 49 Therefore I will give thanks to you, YHWH, among the nations, and will sing praises to your name.
- 50 He gives great deliverance to his king, and shows loving kindness to his anointed, to David and to his seed, forevermore.

#### Proverbs 18.

- 1 An unfriendly man pursues selfishness, and defies all sound judgment.
- 2 A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own opinion.
- 3 When wickedness comes, contempt also comes, and with shame comes disgrace.
- 4 The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters. The fountain of wisdom is like a flowing brook.
- 5 To be partial to the faces of the wicked is not good, nor to deprive the innocent of iustice.
- 6 A fool's lips come into strife, and his mouth invites beatings.
- 7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are a snare to his soul.
- 8 The words of a gossip are like dainty morsels: they go down into a person's innermost parts.
- 9 One who is slack in his work is brother to him who is a master of destruction.

- 10 The name of YHWH is a strong tower: the righteous run to him, and are safe.
- 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, like an unscalable wall in his own imagination.
- 12 Before destruction the heart of man is proud, but before honor is humility.
- 13 He who gives answer before he hears, that is folly and shame to him.
- 14 A man's spirit will sustain him in sickness, but a crushed spirit, who can bear?
- 15 The heart of the discerning gets knowledge. The ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.
- 17 He who pleads his cause first seems right; until another comes and questions him.
- 18 The lot settles disputes, and keeps strong ones apart.
- 19 A brother offended is more difficult than a fortified city; and disputes are like the bars of a castle.
- 20 A man's stomach is filled with the fruit of his mouth. With the harvest of his lips he is satisfied.
- 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who love it will eat its fruit.
- 22 Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor of YHWH!
- 23 The poor plead for mercy, but the rich answer harshly.
- 24 A man of many companions may be ruined, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

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# Day 19. 19-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

# Psalms 19.

#### 1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. The heavens declare the glory of El! The expanse shows his handiwork.

- 2 Day after day they pour forth speech, and night after night they display knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their voice has gone out through all the earth, their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- 5 which is as a bridegroom coming out of his room, like a strong man rejoicing to run his course.
- 6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens, his circuit to its ends; There is nothing hidden from its heat.
- 7 YHWH's Torah is perfect, restoring the soul. YHWH's testimony is sure, making wise the simple.
- 8 YHWH's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart. YHWH's commandment is pure, enlightening the eves.
- 9 The fear of YHWH is clean, enduring forever. YHWH's ordinances are true, and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the extract of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned. In keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can discern his errors? Forgive me from hidden errors.
- 13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins. Let them not have dominion over me. Then I will be upright. I will be blameless and innocent of great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, YHWH, my rock, and my redeemer.

# Proverbs 19.

- 1 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his lips and is a fool.
- 2 It isn't good to have zeal without knowledge; nor being hasty with one's feet and missing the way.
- 3 The foolishness of man subverts his way: his heart rages against YHWH!
- 4 Wealth adds many friends, but the poor is separated from his friend.
- 5 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who pours out lies shall not go free.
- 6 Many will entreat the favor of a ruler, and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.
- 7 All the relatives of the poor shun him: how much more do his friends avoid him! He pursues them with pleas, but they are gone.
- 8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul. He who keeps understanding shall find good.
- 9 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who utters lies shall perish.
- 10 Delicate living is not appropriate for a fool, much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
- 11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger. It is his glory to overlook an offense.
- 12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass.
- 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father. A wife's quarrels are a continual dripping.

- 14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from YHWH!
- 15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep. The idle soul shall suffer hunger.
- 16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is contemptuous in his ways shall die.
- 17 He who has pity on the poor lends to YHWH; he will reward him.
- 18 Discipline your son, for there is hope; don't be a willing party to his death.
- 19 A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty, for if you rescue him, you must do it again.
- 20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end.
- 21 There are many plans in a man's heart, but YHWH's counsel will prevail.
- 22 That which makes a man to be desired is his kindness. A poor man is better than a liar.
- 23 The fear of YHWH leads to life, then contentment; he rests and will not be touched by trouble.
- 24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Flog a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; rebuke one who has understanding, and he will gain knowledge.
- 26 He who robs his father and drives away his mother, is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.
- 27 If you stop listening to instruction, my son, you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down iniquity.
- 29 Penalties are prepared for scoffers, and beatings for the backs of fools.

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# 20. 20-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Psalms 20.

# 1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. May YHWH answer you in the day of trouble. May the name of the ELOHIM of Jacob set you up on high,

- 2 send you help from the sanctuary, grant you support from Zion,
- 3 remember all your offerings, and accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah.
- 4 May He grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your counsel.
- 5 We will triumph in your salvation. In the name of our ELOHIM, we will set up our banners. May YHWH grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that YHWH saves his anointed. He will answer him from his holy heaven, with the saving strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we trust the name of YHWH our ELOHIM!
- 8 They are bowed down and fallen, but we rise up, and stand upright.
- 9 Save, YHWH! Let the King answer us when we call!

#### Proverbs 20.

- 1 Wine is a mocker, and beer is a brawler. Whoever is led astray by them is not wise.
- 2 The terror of a king is like the roaring of a lion. He who provokes him to anger forfeits his own life.
- 3 It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife; but every fool will be quarreling.
- 4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the winter; therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.
- 5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.
- 6 Many men claim to be men of unfailing love, but who can find a faithful man?
- 7 A righteous man walks in integrity. Blessed are his children after him.
- 8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes.
- 9 Who can say, "I have made my heart pure. I am clean and without sin?"
- 10 Differing weights and differing measures, both of them alike are an abomination to YHWH!
- 11 Even a child makes himself known by his doings, whether his work is pure, and whether it is right.
- 12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, YHWH has made even both of them.
- 13 Don't love sleep, lest you come to poverty. Open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread.
- 14 "It's no good, it's no good," says the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasts.
- 15 There is gold and abundance of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a rare jewel.
- 16 Take the garment of one who puts up collateral for a stranger; and hold him in pledge for a wayward woman.
- 17 Fraudulent food is sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth is filled with gravel.
- 18 Plans are established by advice; by wise guidance you wage war!
- 19 He who goes about as a tale-bearer reveals secrets; therefore don't keep company with him who opens wide his lips.
- 20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in blackness of darkness.

- 21 An inheritance quickly gained at the beginning, won't be blessed in the end.
- 22 Don't say, "I will pay back evil." Wait for YHWH, and he will save you.
- 23 YHWH detests differing weights, and dishonest scales are not pleasing.
- 24 A man's steps are from YHWH; how then can man understand his way?
- 25 It is a snare to a man to make a rash dedication, then later to consider his vows.
- 26 A wise king winnows out the wicked, and drives the threshing wheel over them.
- 27 The spirit of man is YHWH's lamp, searching all his innermost parts.
- 28 Love and faithfulness keep the king safe. His throne is sustained by love.
- 29 The glory of young men is their strength. The splendor of old men is their gray hair.
- 30 Wounding blows cleanse away evil, and beatings purge the innermost parts.

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# Day 21. 21-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Psalms 21.

# 1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. The king rejoices in your strength, YHWH! How greatly he rejoices in your salvation!

- 2 You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.
- 3 For you meet him with the blessings of goodness. You set a crown of fine gold on his head.
- 4 He asked life of you, you gave it to him, even length of days forever and ever.
- 5 His glory is great in your salvation. You lay honor and majesty on him.
- 6 For you make him most blessed forever. You make him glad with joy in your presence.
- 7 For the king trusts in YHWH! Through the loving kindness of the Most High, he shall not be moved.
- 8 Your hand will find out all of your enemies. Your right hand will find out those who hate you.
- 9 You will make them as a fiery furnace in the time of your anger. YHWH will swallow them up in his wrath. The fire shall devour them.
- 10 You will destroy their descendants from the earth, their posterity from among the children of men.
- 11 For they intended evil against you. They plotted evil against you which cannot succeed.
- 12 For you will make them turn their back, when you aim drawn bows at their face.
- 13 Be exalted, YHWH, in your strength, so we will sing and praise your power.

#### Proverbs 21.

- 1 The king's heart is in YHWH's hand like the watercourses. He turns it wherever he desires.
- 2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but YHWH weighs the hearts.
- 3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to YHWH than sacrifice.
- 4 A high look, and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, is sin.
- 5 The plans of the diligent surely lead to profit; and everyone who is hasty surely rushes to poverty.
- 6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor for those who seek death.
- 7 The violence of the wicked will drive them away, because they refuse to do what is right.
- 8 The way of the guilty is devious, but the conduct of the innocent is upright.
- 9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a contentious woman.
- 10 The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.
- 11 When the mocker is punished, the simple gains wisdom. When the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.
- 12 The Righteous One considers the house of the wicked, and brings the wicked to ruin.
- 13 Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he will also cry out, but shall not be heard.
- 14 A gift in secret pacifies anger; and a bribe in the cloak, strong wrath.
- 15 It is joy to the righteous to do justice; but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
- 16 The man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall rest in the assembly of

the dead.

- 17 He who loves pleasure shall be a poor man. He who loves wine and oil shall not be rich.
- 18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous; the treacherous for the upright.
- 19 It is better to dwell in a desert land, than with a contentious and fretful woman.
- 20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man swallows it up.
- 21 He who follows after righteousness and kindness finds life, righteousness, and honor.
- 22 A wise man scales the city of the mighty, and brings down the strength of its confidence.
- 23 Whoever guards his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles.
- 24 The proud and haughty man, "scoffer" is his name; he works in the arrogance of pride.
- 25 The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.
- 26 There are those who covet greedily all day long; but the righteous give and don't withhold.
- 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination: how much more, when he brings it with a wicked mind!
- 28 A false witness will perish, and a man who listens speaks to eternity.
- 29 A wicked man hardens his face; but as for the upright, he establishes his ways.
- 30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against YHWH!
- 31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle; but victory is with YHWH!

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# Day 22. 22-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Psalms 22.

# 1 . To the Chief Musician. Set to The Deer of the Dawn. A Psalm of David..

For the Chief Musician; set to "The Doe of the Morning." A Psalm by David. My ELOHIM, my ELOHIM, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?

- 2 My ELOHIM, I cry in the daytime, but you don't answer; in the night season, and am not silent.
- 3 But you are holy, you who inhabit the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers trusted in you. They trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried to you, and were delivered. They trusted in you, and were not disappointed.
- 6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people.
- 7 All those who see me mock me. They insult me with their lips. They shake their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusts in YHWH; let him deliver him. Let him rescue him, since he delights in him."
- 9 But you brought me out of the womb. You made me trust at my mother's breasts.
- 10 I was thrown on you from my mother's womb. You are my ELOHIM since my mother bore me.
- 11 Don't be far from me, for trouble is near. For there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls have surrounded me. Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me.
- 13 They open their mouths wide against me, lions tearing prey and roaring.
- 14 I am poured out like water. All my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax; it is melted within me.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have brought me into the dust of death.
- 16 For dogs have surrounded me. A company of evildoers have enclosed me. They have pierced my hands and feet.
- 17 I can count all of my bones. They look and stare at me.
- 18 They divide my garments among them. They cast lots for my clothing.
- 19 But don't be far off, YHWH! You are my help: hurry to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth! Yes, from the horns of the wild oxen, you have answered me.
- 22 I will declare your name to my brothers. In the midst of the assembly, I will praise you.
- 23 You who fear YHWH, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him! Stand in awe of him, all you descendants of Israel!
- 24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, Neither has he hidden his face from him; but when he cried to him, he heard.
- 25 Of you comes my praise in the great assembly. I will pay my vows before those who fear him.
- 26 The humble shall eat and be satisfied. They shall praise YHWH who seek after him. Let your hearts live forever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to YHWH! All the relatives of the nations shall worship before you.
- 28 For the kingdom is YHWH's. He is the ruler over the nations.
- 29 All the rich ones of the earth shall eat and worship. All those who go down to the dust

shall bow before him, even he who can't keep his soul alive.

- 30 Posterity shall serve him. Future generations shall be told about ADONAI.
- 31 They shall come and shall declare his righteousness to a people that shall be born, for he has done it.

#### Proverbs 22.

- 1 A good name is more desirable than great riches, and loving favor is better than silver and gold.
- 2 The rich and the poor have this in common: YHWH is the maker of them all.
- 3 A prudent man sees danger, and hides himself; but the simple pass on, and suffer for it.
- 4 The result of humility and the fear of YHWH is wealth, honor, and life.
- 5 Thorns and snares are in the path of the wicked: whoever guards his soul stays from them.
- 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.
- 7 The rich rule over the poor. The borrower is servant to the lender.
- 8 He who sows wickedness reaps trouble, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.
- 9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed; for he shares his food with the poor.
- 10 Drive out the mocker, and strife will go out; yes, quarrels and insults will stop.
- 11 He who loves purity of heart and speaks gracefully is the king's friend.
- 12 The eyes of YHWH watch over knowledge; but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.
- 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside! I will be killed in the streets!"
- 14 The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit: he who is under YHWH's wrath will fall into it
- 15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child: the rod of discipline drives it far from him.
- 16 Whoever oppresses the poor for his own increase and whoever gives to the rich, both come to poverty.

#### 17 . Savings of the Wise. .

Turn your ear, and listen to the words of the wise. Apply your heart to my teaching. 18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.

- 19 That your trust may be in YHWH, I teach you today, even you.
- 20 Haven't I written to you thirty excellent things of counsel and knowledge,
- 21 To teach you truth, reliable words, to give sound answers to the ones who sent you?
- 22 Don't exploit the poor, because he is poor; and don't crush the needy in court;
- 23 for YHWH will plead their case, and plunder the life of those who plunder them.
- 24 Don't befriend a hot-tempered man, and don't associate with one who harbors anger:
- 25 lest you learn his ways, and ensnare your soul.
- 26 Don't you be one of those who strike hands, of those who are collateral for debts.
- 27 If you don't have means to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?
- 28 Don't move the ancient boundary stone, which your fathers have set up.
- 29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve kings. He won't serve obscure men.

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