Day 30. 30-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 30.

1 <u>A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the house of David...</u>

A Psalm. A Song for the Dedication of the Temple. By David. I will extol you, YHWH, for you have raised me up, and have not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 YHWH my ELOHIM, I cried to you, and you have healed me.

3 YHWH, you have brought up my soul from Sheol. You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing praise to YHWH, you holy ones of his. Give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his anger is but for a moment. His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may stay for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

7 You, YHWH, when you favored me, made my mountain stand strong; but when you hid your face, I was troubled.

8 I cried to you, YHWH! To YHWH I made supplication:

9 "What profit is there in my destruction, if I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise you? Shall it declare your truth?

10 Hear, YHWH, and have mercy on me. YHWH, be my helper."

11 You have turned my mourning into dancing for me. You have removed my sackcloth, and clothed me with gladness,

12 To the end that my heart may sing praise to you, and not be silent. YHWH my ELOHIM, I will give thanks to you forever!

Proverbs 30.

1 . The Wisdom of Agur. .

The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the oracle: the man says to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

2 "Surely I am the most ignorant man, and don't have a man's understanding.

3 I have not learned wisdom, neither do I have the knowledge of the Holy One.

4 Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if you know?

5 "Every word of ELOHIM is flawless. He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

6 Don't you add to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar.

7 "Two things I have asked of you; don't deny me before I die:

8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me with the food that is needful for me;

9 lest I be full, deny you, and say, 'Who is YHWH?' or lest I be poor, and steal, and so dishonor the name of my ELOHIM!

10 "Don't slander a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be held guilty.11 There is a generation that curses their father, and doesn't bless their mother.

12 There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes, yet are not washed from their filthiness.

13 There is a generation, oh how lofty are their eyes! Their eyelids are lifted up. 14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and their jaws like knives, to devour the poor from the earth, and the needy from among men.

15 "The leach has two daughters: 'Give, give.' "There are three things that are never satisfied; four that don't say, 'Enough:'

16 Sheol, the barren womb; the earth that is not satisfied with water; and the fire that doesn't say, 'Enough.'

17 "The eye that mocks at his father, and scorns obedience to his mother: the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, the young eagles shall eat it.

18 "There are three things which are too amazing for me, four which I don't understand: 19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent on a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maiden.

20 "So is the way of an adulterous woman: she eats and wipes her mouth, and says, 'I have done nothing wrong.'

21 "For three things the earth tremble, and under four, it can't bear up:

22 For a servant when he is king; a fool when he is filled with food;

23 for an unloved woman when she is married; and a handmaid who is heir to her mistress.

24 "There are four things which are little on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise:

25 the ants are not a strong people, yet they provide their food in the summer.

26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks.

27 The locusts have no king, yet they advance in ranks.

28 You can catch a lizard with your hands, yet it is in kings' palaces.

29 "There are three things which are stately in their march, four which are stately in going:

30 The lion, which is mightiest among animals, and doesn't turn away for any;

31 the greyhound, the male goat also; and the king against whom there is no rising up. 32 "If you have done foolishly in lifting up yourself, or if you have thought evil, put your hand over your mouth.

33 For as the churning of milk brings forth butter, and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood; so the forcing of wrath brings forth strife."

Day 31. 31-January Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 31.

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

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. In you, YHWH, I take refuge. Let me never be disappointed. Deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Bow down your ear to me. Deliver me speedily. Be to me a strong rock, a house of defense to save me.

3 For you are my rock and my fortress, therefore for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

4 Pluck me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my stronghold.

5 Into your hand I commend my spirit. You redeem me, YHWH, EL of truth.

6 I hate those who regard lying vanities, but I trust in YHWH!

7 I will be glad and rejoice in your loving kindness, for you have seen my affliction. You have known my soul in adversities.

8 You have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy. You have set my feet in a large place.

9 Have mercy on me, YHWH, for I am in distress. My eye, my soul, and my body waste away with grief.

10 For my life is spent with sorrow, my years with sighing. My strength fails because of my iniquity. My bones are wasted away.

11 Because of all my adversaries I have become utterly contemptible to my neighbors, A fear to my acquaintances. Those who saw me on the street fled from me.

12 I am forgotten from their hearts like a dead man. I am like broken pottery.

13 For I have heard the slander of many, terror on every side, while they conspire together against me, they plot to take away my life.

14 But I trust in you, YHWH! I said, "You are my ELOHIM!"

15 My times are in your hand. Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine on your servant. Save me in your loving kindness.

17 Let me not be disappointed, YHWH, for I have called on you. Let the wicked be disappointed. Let them be silent in Sheol.

18 Let the lying lips be mute, which speak against the righteous insolently, with pride and contempt.

19 Oh how great is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear you, which you have worked for those who take refuge in you, before the sons of men!

20 In the shelter of your presence you will hide them from the plotting of man. You will keep them secretly in a dwelling away from the strife of tongues.

21 Praise be to YHWH, for he has shown me his marvelous loving kindness in a strong city.

22 As for me, I said in my haste, "I am cut off from before your eyes." Nevertheless you heard the voice of my petitions when I cried to you.

23 Oh love YHWH, all you his holy ones! YHWH preserves the faithful, and fully recompenses him who behaves arrogantly.

24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in YHWH!

Proverbs 31.

1 . The Words of King Lemuel's Mother. .

The words of king Lemuel; the oracle which his mother taught him.

2 "Oh, my son! Oh, son of my womb! Oh, son of my vows!

3 Don't give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings.

4 It is not for kings, Lemuel; it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes to say, 'Where is strong drink?'

5 lest they drink, and forget the decree, and pervert the justice due to anyone who is afflicted.

6 Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish; and wine to the bitter in soul:

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8 Open your mouth for the mute, in the cause of all who are left desolate.

9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and serve justice to the poor and needy."

10 <u>. The Virtuous Wife. .</u>

Who can find a worthy woman? For her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her. He shall have no lack of gain.

12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

13 She seeks wool and flax, and works eagerly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships. She brings her bread from afar.

15 She rises also while it is yet night, gives food to her household, and portions for her servant girls.

16 She considers a field, and buys it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard.17 She arms her waist with strength, and makes her arms strong.

18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp doesn't go out by night.

19 She lays her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

20 She opens her arms to the poor; yes, she extends her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She makes for herself carpets of tapestry. Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is respected in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and delivers sashes to the merchant.

25 Strength and dignity are her clothing. She laughs at the time to come.

26 She opens her mouth with wisdom. Faithful instruction is on her tongue.

27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and doesn't eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her:

29 "Many women do noble things, but you excel them all."

30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears YHWH, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands! Let her works praise her in the gates!

Day 32. 1-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 32.

1 . <u>A Psalm of David. A Contemplation...</u>

By David. A contemplative psalm. Blessed is he whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man to whom YHWH doesn't impute iniquity, in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me. My strength was sapped in the heat of

summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin to you. I didn't hide my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to YHWH, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6 For this, let everyone who is godly pray to you in a time when you may be found. Surely when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach to him.

7 You are my hiding place. You will preserve me from trouble. You will surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go. I will counsel you with my eye on you.

9 Don't be like the horse, or like the mule, which have no understanding, who are controlled by bit and bridle, or else they will not come near to you.

10 Many sorrows come to the wicked, but loving kindness shall surround him who trusts in YHWH!

11 Be glad in YHWH, and rejoice, you righteous! Shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart!

Proverbs 1.

Proverbs!

1 . The Beginning of Knowledge. .

The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel:

2 to know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;

3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;

4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young man:

5 that the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; that the man of understanding may attain to sound counsel:

6 to understand a proverb, and parables, the words and riddles of the wise.

7 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

8 <u>. Shun Evil Counsel. .</u>

My son, listen to your father's instruction, and don't forsake your mother's teaching: 9 for they will be a garland to grace your head, and chains around your neck. 10 My son, if sinners entice you, don't consent.

11 If they say, "Come with us, Let's lay in wait for blood; let's lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;

12 let's swallow them up alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down into the pit. 13 We'll find all valuable wealth. We'll fill our houses with spoil.

14 You shall cast your lot among us. We'll all have one purse."

15 My son, don't walk in the way with them. Keep your foot from their path,

16 for their feet run to evil. They hurry to shed blood.

17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird:

18 but these lay wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own lives.

19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owners.

20 . The Call of Wisdom. .

Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She utters her voice in the public squares.

21 She calls at the head of noisy places. At the entrance of the city gates, she utters her words:

22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight themselves in mockery, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you.

24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one has paid attention;

25 but you have ignored all my counsel, and wanted none of my reproof;

26 I also will laugh at your disaster. I will mock when calamity overtakes you;

27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when your disaster comes on like a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come on you.

28 Then will they call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me;

29 because they hated knowledge, and didn't choose the fear of YHWH!

30 They wanted none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own schemes.

32 For the backsliding of the simple will kill them. The careless ease of fools will destroy them.

33 But whoever listens to me will dwell securely, and will be at ease, without fear of harm."

Day 33. 2-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 33.

1 . The Sovereignty of YHWH in Creation and History. .

Rejoice in YHWH, you righteous! Praise is fitting for the upright.

2 Give thanks to YHWH with the lyre. Sing praises to him with the harp of ten strings.

3 Sing to him a new song. Play skillfully with a shout of joy!

4 For the word of YHWH is right. All his work is done in faithfulness.

5 He loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of the loving kindness of YHWH!

6 By YHWH's word, the heavens were made; all their army by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap. He lays up the deeps in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear YHWH! Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 9 For he spoke, and it was done. He commanded, and it stood firm.

10 YHWH brings the counsel of the nations to nothing. He makes the thoughts of the peoples to be of no effect.

11 The counsel of YHWH stands fast forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. 12 Blessed is the nation whose ELOHIM is YHWH, the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.

13 YHWH looks from heaven. He sees all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,

15 he who fashions all of their hearts; and he considers all of their works.

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an army. A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

17 A horse is a vain thing for safety, neither does he deliver any by his great power. 18 Behold, YHWH's eye is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his loving kindness;

19 to deliver their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul has waited for YHWH! He is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart rejoices in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let your loving kindness be on us, YHWH, since we have hoped in you.

Proverbs 2.

1 . The Value of Wisdom. .

My son, if you will receive my words, and store up my commandments within you;

2 So as to turn your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;

3 Yes, if you call out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding;

4 If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures:

5 then you will understand the fear of YHWH, and find the knowledge of ELOHIM!

6 For YHWH gives wisdom. Out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

7 He lays up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk in integrity;

8 that he may guard the paths of justice, and preserve the way of his holy ones.

9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path.

10 For wisdom will enter into your heart. Knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

11 Discretion will watch over you. Understanding will keep you,

12 to deliver you from the way of evil, from the men who speak perverse things;

13 who forsake the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

14 who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of evil;

15 who are crooked in their ways, and wayward in their paths:

16 To deliver you from the strange woman, even from the foreigner who flatters with her words;

17 who forsakes the friend of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her ELOHIM:

18 for her house leads down to death, her paths to the dead.

19 None who go to her return again, neither do they attain to the paths of life:

20 that you may walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

21 For the upright will dwell in the land. The perfect will remain in it.

22 But the wicked will be cut off from the land. The treacherous will be rooted out of it.

Day 34. 3-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 34.

1 <u>. A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who</u> <u>drove him away, and he departed...</u>

By David; when he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed. I will bless YHWH at all times. His praise will always be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall boast in YHWH! The humble shall hear of it, and be glad.

3 Oh magnify YHWH with me. Let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought YHWH, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked to him, and were radiant. Their faces shall never be covered with shame.

6 This poor man cried, and YHWH heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of YHWH encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8 Oh taste and see that YHWH is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

9 Oh fear YHWH, you his holy ones, for there is no lack with those who fear him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger, but those who seek YHWH shall not lack any good thing.

11 Come, you children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of YHWH!

12 Who is someone who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good?

13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking lies.

14 Depart from evil, and do good. seek peace, and pursue it.

15 YHWH's eyes are toward the righteous. His ears listen to their cry.

16 YHWH's face is against those who do evil, to cut off their memory from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and YHWH hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 YHWH is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves those who have a crushed spirit.

¹9 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but YHWH delivers him out of them all.²0 He protects all of his bones. Not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall kill the wicked. Those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

22 YHWH redeems the soul of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him shall be condemned.

Proverbs 3.

1 <u>. Guidance for the Young. .</u>

My son, don't forget my teaching; but let your heart keep my commandments:

2 for length of days, and years of life, and peace, will they add to you.

3 Don't let kindness and truth forsake you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 So you will find favor, and good understanding in the sight of ELOHIM and man.

5 Trust in YHWH with all your heart, and don't lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

7 Don't be wise in your own eyes. Fear YHWH, and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones.

9 Honor YHWH with your substance, with the first fruits of all your increase:

10 so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

11 My son, don't despise YHWH's discipline, neither be weary of his reproof:

12 for whom YHWH loves, he reproves; even as a father reproves the son in whom he delights.

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gets understanding.

14 For her good profit is better than getting silver, and her return is better than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies. None of the things you can desire are to be compared to her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her.

19 By wisdom YHWH founded the earth. By understanding, he established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge, the depths were broken up, and the skies drop down the dew.

21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion:

22 so they will be life to your soul, and grace for your neck.

23 Then you shall walk in your way securely. Your foot won't stumble.

24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid. Yes, you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet.

25 Don't be afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes: **26** for YHWH will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being taken.

27 Don't withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it.

28 Don't say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it to you," when you have it by you.

29 Don't devise evil against your neighbor, since he dwells securely by you.

30 Don't strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.

31 Don't envy the man of violence. Choose none of his ways.

32 For the perverse is an abomination to YHWH, but his friendship is with the upright.

33 YHWH's curse is in the house of the wicked, but he blesses the habitation of the righteous.

34 Surely he mocks the mockers, but he gives grace to the humble.

35 The wise will inherit glory, but shame will be the promotion of fools.

Day 35. 4-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 35.

1 <u>. A Psalm of David...</u>

By David. Contend, YHWH, with those who contend with me. Fight against those who fight against me.

² Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for my help.

3 Brandish the spear and block those who pursue me. Tell my soul, "I am your salvation."

4 Let those who seek after my soul be disappointed and brought to dishonor. Let those who plot my ruin be turned back and confounded.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, YHWH's angel driving them on.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, YHWH's angel pursuing them.

7 For without cause they have hidden their net in a pit for me. Without cause they have dug a pit for my soul.

8 Let destruction come on him unawares. Let his net that he has hidden catch himself. Let him fall into that destruction.

9 My soul shall be joyful in YHWH! It shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, "YHWH, who is like you, who delivers the poor from him who is too strong for him; yes, the poor and the needy from him who robs him?"

11 Unrighteous witnesses rise up. They ask me about things that I don't know about.12 They reward me evil for good, to the bereaving of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth. I afflicted my soul with fasting. My prayer returned into my own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother. I bowed down mourning, as one who mourns his mother.

15 But in my adversity, they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together. The attackers gathered themselves together against me, and I didn't know it. They tore at me, and didn't cease.

16 Like the profane mockers in feasts, they gnashed their teeth at me.

17 ADONAI, how long will you look on? Rescue my soul from their destruction, my precious life from the lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great assembly. I will praise you among many people.19 Don't let those who are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me; neither let those who hate me without a cause wink their eyes.

20 For they don't speak peace, but they devise deceitful words against those who are quiet in the land.

21 Yes, they opened their mouth wide against me. They said, "Aha! Aha! Our eye has seen it!"

22 You have seen it, YHWH! Don't keep silent. ADONAI, don't be far from me.

23 Wake up! Rise up to defend me, my ELOHIM! My ADONAI, contend for me!

24 Vindicate me, YHWH my ELOHIM, according to your righteousness. Don't let them gloat over me.

25 Don't let them say in their heart, "Aha! That's the way we want it!" Don't let them say, "We have swallowed him up!"

26 Let them be disappointed and confounded together who rejoice at my calamity. Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause. Yes, let them say continually, "YHWH be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of his servant!"28 My tongue shall talk about your righteousness and about your praise all day long.

Proverbs 4.

1 <u>. Security in Wisdom. .</u>

Listen, sons, to a father's instruction. Pay attention and know understanding; 2 for I give you sound learning. Don't forsake my Torah (teaching and instruction).

3 For I was a son to my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don't forget, neither swerve from the words of my mouth.

6 Don't forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you.

7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding.

8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her. 9 She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendor to you."

10 Listen, my son, and receive my sayings. The years of your life will be many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you in straight paths.

12 When you go, your steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble.

13 Take firm hold of instruction. Don't let her go. Keep her, for she is your life.

14 Don't enter into the path of the wicked. Don't walk in the way of evil men.

15 Avoid it, and don't pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on.

16 For they don't sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken away, unless they make someone fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light, that shines more and more until the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked is like darkness. They don't know what they stumble over.

20 My son, attend to my words. Turn your ear to my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart.

22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to their whole body.

23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life.

24 Put away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you.

25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you.

26 Make the path of your feet level. Let all of your ways be established.

27 Don't turn to the right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot from evil.

Day 36. 5-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 36.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of YHWH...

For the Chief Musician. By David, the servant of YHWH! An oracle is within my heart about the disobedience of the wicked: "There is no fear of ELOHIM before his eyes." 2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes, too much to detect and hate his sin.

3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit. He has ceased to be wise and to do good.

⁴ He plots iniquity on his bed. He sets himself in a way that is not good. He doesn't abhor evil.

5 Your loving kindness, YHWH, is in the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. 6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of ELOHIM! Your judgments are like a great deep. YHWH, you preserve man and animal.

7 How precious is your loving kindness, ELOHIM! The children of men take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the abundance of your house. You will make them drink of the river of your pleasures.

9 For with you is the spring of life. In your light shall we see light.

10 Oh continue your loving kindness to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Don't let the foot of pride come against me. Don't let the hand of the wicked drive me away.

12 There the workers of iniquity are fallen. They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

Proverbs 5.

1 . The Peril of Adultery. .

My son, pay attention to my wisdom. Turn your ear to my understanding:

2 that you may maintain discretion, that your lips may preserve knowledge.

3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey. Her mouth is smoother than oil,

4 But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, and as sharp as a two-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death. Her steps lead straight to Sheol.

6 She gives no thought to the way of life. Her ways are crooked, and she doesn't know it.

7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me. Don't depart from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house,

9 lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel one;

10 lest strangers feast on your wealth, and your labors enrich another man's house.

11 You will groan at your latter end, when your flesh and your body are consumed,

12 and say, "How I have hated instruction," and my heart despised reproof;

13 neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor turned my ear to those who instructed me!

14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin, in the midst of the gathered assembly."

15 Drink water out of your own cistern, running water out of your own well.

16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares? 17 Let them be for yourself alone, not for strangers with you.

18 Let your spring be blessed. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

19 A loving doe and a graceful deer let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be captivated always with her love.

20 For why should you, my son, be captivated with an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another?

21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of YHWH! He examines all his paths.

22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare him. The cords of his sin hold him firmly.

23 He will die for lack of instruction. In the greatness of his folly, he will go astray.

<u>! !</u> End of This Weeks Daily Reading from the PROPHETS AND WRITINGS! Praise Yah! !

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