

## 15-Mar Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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### Day 75. 15-March Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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##### 12 . The Grief of Wisdom..

I, Kohelet, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under the sky. It is a heavy burden that ELOHIM has given to the sons of men to be afflicted with.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

15 That which is crooked can't be made straight; and that which is lacking can't be counted.

16 I said to myself, "Behold, I have obtained for myself great wisdom above all who were before me in Jerusalem. Yes, my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge."

17 I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also was a chasing after wind.

18 For in much wisdom is much grief; and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

##### 1 . The Vanity of Pleasure..

I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with mirth: therefore enjoy pleasure;" and behold, this also was vanity.

2 I said of laughter, "It is foolishness;" and of mirth, "What does it accomplish?"

3 I searched in my heart how to cheer my flesh with wine, my heart yet guiding me with wisdom, and how to lay hold of folly, until I might see what it was good for the sons of men that they should do under heaven all the days of their lives.

4 I made myself great works. I built myself houses. I planted myself vineyards.

5 I made myself gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit.

6 I made myself pools of water, to water from it the forest where trees were reared.

7 I bought male servants and female servants, and had servants born in my house. I also had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all who were before me in Jerusalem;

8 I also gathered silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and of the provinces. I got myself male and female singers, and the delights of the sons of men musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

9 So I was great, and increased more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also remained with me.

10 Whatever my eyes desired, I didn't keep from them. I didn't withhold my heart from any joy, for my heart rejoiced because of all my labor, and this was my portion from all my labor.

11 Then I looked at all the works that my hands had worked, and at the labor that I had labored to do; and behold, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was no profit under the sun.

##### 12 . The End of the Wise and the Fool..

I turned myself to consider wisdom, madness, and folly: for what can the king's successor do? Just that which has been done long ago.

13 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly, as far as light excels darkness.

14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, and the fool walks in darkness and yet I perceived that one event happens to them all.

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- 15 Then I said in my heart, "As it happens to the fool, so will it happen even to me; and why was I then more wise?" Then I said in my heart that this also is vanity.
- 16 For of the wise man, even as of the fool, there is no memory for ever, since in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. Indeed, the wise man must die just like the fool!
- 17 So I hated life, because the work that is worked under the sun was grievous to me; for all is vanity and a chasing after wind.
- 18 I hated all my labor in which I labored under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who comes after me.
- 19 Who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have rule over all of my labor in which I have labored, and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity.
- 20 Therefore I began to cause my heart to despair concerning all the labor in which I had labored under the sun.
- 21 For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, with knowledge, and with skillfulness; yet he shall leave it for his portion to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.
- 22 For what has a man of all his labor, and of the striving of his heart, in which he labors under the sun?
- 23 For all his days are sorrows, and his travail is grief; yes, even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity.
- 24 There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it is from the hand of ELOHIM!
- 25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I?
- 26 For to the man who pleases him, ELOHIM gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy; but to the sinner he gives travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him who pleases ELOHIM! This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

## Psalms 74.

### 1 . A Contemplation of Asaph..

- A contemplation by Asaph. ELOHIM, why have you rejected us forever? Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture?
- 2 Remember your congregation, which you purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your inheritance; Mount Zion, in which you have lived.
- 3 Lift up your feet to the perpetual ruins, all the evil that the enemy has done in the sanctuary.
- 4 Your adversaries have roared in the midst of your assembly. They have set up their standards as signs.
- 5 They behaved like men wielding axes, cutting through a thicket of trees.
- 6 Now they break all its carved work down with hatchet and hammers.
- 7 They have burned your sanctuary to the ground. They have profaned the dwelling place of your Name.
- 8 They said in their heart, "We will crush them completely." They have burned up all the places in the land where EL was worshiped.
- 9 We see no miraculous signs. There is no longer any prophet, neither is there among us anyone who knows how long.
- 10 How long, ELOHIM, shall the adversary reproach? Shall the enemy blaspheme your name forever?
- 11 Why do you draw back your hand, even your right hand? Take it out of your pocket and consume them!

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- 12 Yet ELOHIM is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.  
13 You divided the sea by your strength. You broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.  
14 You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces. You gave him as food to people and desert creatures.  
15 You opened up spring and stream. You dried up mighty rivers.  
16 The day is yours, the night is also yours. You have prepared the light and the sun.  
17 You have set all the boundaries of the earth. You have made summer and winter.  
18 Remember this, that the enemy has mocked you, YHWH! Foolish people have blasphemed your name.  
19 Don't deliver the soul of your dove to wild beasts. Don't forget the life of your poor forever.  
20 Honor your covenant, for haunts of violence fill the dark places of the earth.  
21 Don't let the oppressed return ashamed. Let the poor and needy praise your name.  
22 Arise, ELOHIM! Plead your own cause. Remember how the foolish man mocks you all day.  
23 Don't forget the voice of your adversaries. The tumult of those who rise up against you ascends continually.

### 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.

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