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## 4 <u>. The Beloved. .</u>

You are beautiful, my love, as Tirzah, lovely as Jerusalem, awesome as an army with banners.

5 Turn away your eyes from me, for they have overcome me. Your hair is like a flock of goats, that lie along the side of Gilead.

6 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes, which have come up from the washing; of which every one has twins; none is bereaved among them.

7 Your temples are like a piece of a pomegranate behind your veil.

8 There are sixty queens, eighty concubines, and virgins without number.

9 My dove, my perfect one, is unique. She is her mother's only daughter. She is the favorite one of her who bore her. The daughters saw her, and called her blessed; the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

10 Who is she who looks forth as the morning, beautiful as the moon, clear as the sun, and awesome as an army with banners?

## 11 . The Shulamite. .

I went down into the nut tree grove, to see the green plants of the valley, to see whether the vine budded, and the pomegranates were in flower.

12 Without realizing it, my desire set me with my royal people's chariots. Friends

## 13 . The Beloved and His Friends. .

Return, return, Shulammite! Return, return, that we may gaze at you. Lover Why do you desire to gaze at the Shulammite, as at the dance of Mahanaim?

## 1 . The Beloved. .

How beautiful are your feet in sandals, prince's daughter! Your rounded thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a skillful workman.

2 Your body is like a round goblet, no mixed wine is wanting. Your waist is like a heap of wheat, set about with lilies.

3 Your two breasts are like two fawns, that are twins of a roe.

4 Your neck is like an ivory tower. Your eyes are like the pools in Heshbon by the gate of Bathrabbim. Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon which looks toward Damascus. 5 Your head on you is like Carmel. The hair of your head like purple. The king is held

captive in its tresses.

6 How beautiful and how pleasant you are, love, for delights!

7 This, your stature, is like a palm tree, your breasts like its fruit.

8 I said, "I will climb up into the palm tree. I will take hold of its fruit." Let your breasts be like clusters of the vine, the smell of your breath like apples, Beloved

9 Your mouth like the best wine, that goes down smoothly for my beloved, gliding through the lips of those who are asleep.

## 10 . The Shulamite. .

I am my beloved's. His desire is toward me.

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field. Let us lodge in the villages.

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12 Let's go early up to the vinevards. Let's see whether the vine has budded, its blossom is open, and the pomegranates are in flower. There I will give you my love. 13 The mandrakes give forth fragrance. At our doors are all kinds of precious fruits, new and old, which I have stored up for you, my beloved.

1 Oh that you were like my brother, who nursed from the breasts of my mother! If I found you outside, I would kiss you; yes, and no one would despise me. 2 I would lead you, bringing you into my mother's house, who would instruct me. I would have you drink spiced wine, of the juice of my pomegranate.

## 3. (To the Daughters of Jerusalem).

His left hand would be under my head. His right hand would embrace me. 4 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, that you not stir up, nor awaken love, until it so desires. Friends

## Psalms 89.

# 1. A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite...

A contemplation by Ethan, the Ezrahite. I will sing of the loving kindness of YHWH forever. With my mouth, I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. 2 I indeed declare, "Love stands firm forever. You established the heavens. Your faithfulness is in them."

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David, my servant,

4 'I will establish your seed forever, and build up your throne to all generations." Selah.

5 The heavens will praise your wonders, YHWH; your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

6 For who in the skies can be compared to YHWH? Who among the sons of the heavenly beings is like YHWH,

7 a very awesome ELOHIM in the council of the holy ones, to be feared above all those who are around him?

8 YHWH, ELOHIM of Hosts, who is a mighty one, like you? YAH, your faithfulness is around you.

9 You rule the pride of the sea. When its waves rise up, you calm them.

10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, like one of the slain. You have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 The heavens are yours. The earth also is yours; the world and its fullness. You have founded them.

12 The north and the south, you have created them. Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.

13 You have a mighty arm. Your hand is strong, and your right hand is exalted.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Loving kindness and truth go before your face.

15 Blessed are the people who learn to acclaim you. They walk in the light of your presence, YHWH!

16 In your name they rejoice all day. In your righteousness, they are exalted.

17 For you are the glory of their strength. In your favor, our horn will be exalted.

18 For our shield belongs to YHWH; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

19 Then you spoke in vision to your holy ones, and said, "I have bestowed strength on the warrior. I have exalted a young man from the people.

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20 I have found David, my servant. I have anointed him with my holy oil,

21 with whom my hand shall be established. My arm will also strengthen him.

22 No enemy will tax him. No wicked man will oppress him.

23 I will beat down his adversaries before him, and strike those who hate him.

**24** But my faithfulness and my loving kindness will be with him. In my name, his horn will be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also on the sea, and his right hand on the rivers.

26 He will call to me, 'You are my Father, my ELOHIM, and the rock of my salvation!'

27 I will also appoint him my firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my loving kindness for him forevermore. My covenant will stand firm with him.

29 I will also make his seed endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my Torah, and don't walk in my ordinances;

31 if they break my statutes, and don't keep my commandments;

32 then I will punish their sin with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 But I will not completely take my loving kindness from him, nor allow my faithfulness to fail.

34 I will not break my covenant, nor alter what my lips have uttered.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness, I will not lie to David.

36 His seed will endure forever, his throne like the sun before me.

37 It will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky." Selah.

38 But you have rejected and spurned. You have been angry with your anointed.

39 You have renounced the covenant of your servant. You have defiled his crown in the dust.

40 You have broken down all his hedges. You have brought his strongholds to ruin.

41 All who pass by the way rob him. He has become a reproach to his neighbors.42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries. You have made all of his enemies rejoice.

43 Yes, you turn back the edge of his sword, and haven't supported him in battle.

44 You have ended his splendor, and thrown his throne down to the ground.

45 You have shortened the days of his youth. You have covered him with shame. Selah.

46 How long, YHWH? Will you hide yourself forever? Will your wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is! For what vanity have you created all the children of men!

48 What man is he who shall live and not see death, who shall deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah.

49 ADONAI, where are your former loving kindnesses, which you swore to David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, ADONAI, the reproach of your servants, how I bear in my heart the taunts of all the mighty peoples,

51 With which your enemies have mocked, YHWH, with which they have mocked the footsteps of your anointed one.

52 Blessed be YHWH forevermore. Amen, and Amen. BOOK IV

## 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.

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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.

<sup>15</sup> 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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