

## 7 April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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### Day 98. 7-April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Job 7.

##### **1 . Job: My Suffering Is Comfortless. .**

“Isn’t a man forced to labor on earth? Aren’t his days like the days of a hired hand?

2 As a servant who earnestly desires the shadow, as a hireling who looks for his wages,

3 so am I made to possess months of misery, wearisome nights are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, ‘When shall I arise, and the night be gone?’ I toss and turn until the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust. My skin closes up, and breaks out afresh.

6 My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7 Oh remember that my life is a breath. My eye shall no more see good.

8 The eye of him who sees me shall see me no more. Your eyes shall be on me, but I shall not be.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanishes away, so he who goes down to Sheol shall come up no more.

10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

11 “Therefore I will not keep silent. I will speak in the anguish of my spirit. I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a sea monster, that you put a guard over me?

13 When I say, ‘My bed shall comfort me. My couch shall ease my complaint;’

14 then you scare me with dreams, and terrify me through visions:

15 so that my soul chooses strangling, death rather than my bones.

16 I loathe my life. I don’t want to live forever. Leave me alone, for my days are but a breath.

17 What is man, that you should magnify him, that you should set your mind on him,

18 that you should visit him every morning, and test him every moment?

19 How long will you not look away from me, nor leave me alone until I swallow down my spittle?

20 If I have sinned, what do I do to you, you watcher of men? Why have you set me as a mark for you, so that I am a burden to myself?

21 Why do you not pardon my disobedience, and take away my iniquity? For now shall I lie down in the dust. You will seek me diligently, but I shall not be.”

#### Psalms 97.

##### **1 . A Song of Praise to the Sovereign YHWH. .**

YHWH reigns! Let the earth rejoice! Let the multitude of islands be glad!

2 Clouds and darkness are around him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him, and burns up his adversaries on every side.

4 His lightning lights up the world. The earth sees, and trembles.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of YHWH, at the presence of ADONAI of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness. All the peoples have seen his glory.

7 Let all them be shamed who serve engraved images, who boast in their idols. Worship him, all you gods!

8 Zion heard and was glad. The daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of your judgments, YHWH!

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- 9 For you, YHWH, are most high above all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods.  
10 You who love YHWH, hate evil. He preserves the souls of his holy ones. He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.  
11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.  
12 Be glad in YHWH, you righteous people! Give thanks to his holy Name.

### Proverbs 25.

- 1 These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.  
2 It is the glory of ELOHIM to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.  
3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.  
4 Take away the dross from the silver, and material comes out for the refiner;  
5 Take away the wicked from the king's presence, and his throne will be established in righteousness.  
6 Don't exalt yourself in the presence of the king, or claim a place among great men;  
7 for it is better that it be said to you, "Come up here," than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen.  
8 Don't be hasty in bringing charges to court. What will you do in the end when your neighbor shames you?  
9 Debate your case with your neighbor, and don't betray the confidence of another;  
10 lest one who hears it put you to shame, and your bad reputation never depart.  
11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.  
12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover to an obedient ear.  
13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to those who send him; for he refreshes the soul of his masters.  
14 As clouds and wind without rain, so is he who boasts of gifts deceptively.  
15 By patience a ruler is persuaded. A soft tongue breaks the bone.  
16 Have you found honey? Eat as much as is sufficient for you, lest you eat too much, and vomit it.  
17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he be weary of you, and hate you.  
18 A man who gives false testimony against his neighbor is like a club, a sword, or a sharp arrow.  
19 Confidence in someone unfaithful in time of trouble is like a bad tooth, or a lame foot.  
20 As one who takes away a garment in cold weather, or vinegar on soda, so is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.  
21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat. If he is thirsty, give him water to drink:  
22 for you will heap coals of fire on his head, and YHWH will reward you.  
23 The north wind brings forth rain: so a backbiting tongue brings an angry face.  
24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a contentious woman.  
25 Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

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26 Like a muddied spring, and a polluted well, so is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.

27 It is not good to eat much honey; nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor.

28 Like a city that is broken down and without walls is a man whose spirit is without restraint. .”

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