

16 April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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Job 16.

1 . Job Reproaches His Pitiless Friends. .

Then Job answered,

- 2 “I have heard many such things. You are all miserable comforters!
- 3 Shall vain words have an end? Or what provokes you that you answer?
- 4 I also could speak as you do. If your soul were in my soul’s place, I could join words together against you, and shake my head at you,
- 5 but I would strengthen you with my mouth. The solace of my lips would relieve you.
- 6 “Though I speak, my grief is not subsided. Though I forbear, what am I eased?
- 7 But now, ELOHIM, you have surely worn me out. You have made desolate all my company.
- 8 You have shriveled me up. This is a witness against me. My leanness rises up against me. It testifies to my face.
- 9 He has torn me in his wrath, and persecuted me. He has gnashed on me with his teeth. My adversary sharpens his eyes on me.
- 10 They have gaped on me with their mouth. They have struck me on the cheek reproachfully. They gather themselves together against me.
- 11 ELOHIM delivers me to the ungodly, and casts me into the hands of the wicked.
- 12 I was at ease, and he broke me apart. Yes, he has taken me by the neck, and dashed me to pieces. He has also set me up for his target.
- 13 His archers surround me. He splits my kidneys apart, and does not spare. He pours out my gall on the ground.
- 14 He breaks me with breach on breach. He runs on me like a giant.
- 15 I have sewed sackcloth on my skin, and have thrust my horn in the dust.
- 16 My face is red with weeping. Deep darkness is on my eyelids.
- 17 Although there is no violence in my hands, and my prayer is pure.
- 18 “Earth, don’t cover my blood. Let my cry have no place to rest.
- 19 Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven. He who vouches for me is on high.
- 20 My friends scoff at me. My eyes pour out tears to ELOHIM,
- 21 that he would maintain the right of a man with ELOHIM, of a son of man with his neighbor!
- 22 For when a few years have come, I shall go the way of no return.

Psalms 106.

1 . Joy in Forgiveness of Israel's Sins. .

Praise YAH! Give thanks to YHWH, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.

- 2 Who can utter the mighty acts of YHWH, or fully declare all his praise?
- 3 Blessed are those who keep justice. Blessed is one who does what is right at all times.
- 4 Remember me, YHWH, with the favor that you show to your people. Visit me with your salvation,
- 5 that I may see the prosperity of your chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned with our fathers. We have committed iniquity. We have done wickedly.
- 7 Our fathers didn’t understand your wonders in Egypt. They didn’t remember the multitude of your loving kindnesses, but were rebellious at the sea, even at the Sea of

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Suf.

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power known.

9 He rebuked the Sea of Suf also, and it was dried up; so he led them through the depths, as through a desert.

10 He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their adversaries. There was not one of them left.

12 Then they believed his words. They sang his praise.

13 They soon forgot his works. They didn't wait for his counsel,

14 but gave in to craving in the desert, and tested EL in the wasteland.

15 He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron, YHWH's holy one.

17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18 A fire was kindled in their company. The flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshiped a molten image.

20 Thus they exchanged their glory for an image of a bull that eats grass.

21 They forgot EL, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome things by the Sea of Suf.

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had Moses, his chosen, not stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, so that he wouldn't destroy them.

24 Yes, they despised the pleasant land. They didn't believe his word,

25 but murmured in their tents, and didn't listen to YHWH's voice.

26 Therefore he swore to them that he would overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 that he would overthrow their seed among the nations, and scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also to Baal Peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their deeds. The plague broke in on them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up, and executed judgment, so the plague was stopped.

31 That was credited to him for righteousness, for all generations to come.

32 They angered him also at the waters of Meribah, so that Moses was troubled for their sakes;

33 because they were rebellious against his spirit, he spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They didn't destroy the peoples, as YHWH commanded them,

35 but mixed themselves with the nations, and learned their works.

36 They served their idols, which became a snare to them.

37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.

38 They shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan. The land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their works, and prostituted themselves in their deeds.

40 Therefore YHWH burned with anger against his people. He abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them into the hand of the nations. Those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them. They were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their counsel, and were brought low in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless he regarded their distress, when he heard their cry.

45 He remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.

46 He made them also to be pitied by all those who carried them captive.

47 Save us, YHWH, our ELOHIM, gather us from among the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, to triumph in your praise!

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48 Blessed be YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting! Let all the people say, "Amen." Praise YAH!

Proverbs 3.

1 . Guidance for the Young. .

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.

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