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Job 20.

1. Zophar's Sermon on the Wicked Man..

Then Zophar the Naamathite answered,

- 2 "Therefore do my thoughts give answer to me, even by reason of my haste that is in me.
- 3 I have heard the reproof which puts me to shame. The spirit of my understanding answers me.
- 4 Don't you know this from old time, since man was placed on earth,
- 5 that the triumphing of the wicked is short, the joy of the godless but for a moment?
- 6 Though his height mount up to the heavens, and his head reach to the clouds,
- 7 yet he shall perish forever like his own dung. Those who have seen him shall say, 'Where is he?'
- 8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found. Yes, he shall be chased away like a vision of the night.
- 9 The eye which saw him shall see him no more, neither shall his place any more see him.
- 10 His children shall seek the favor of the poor. His hands shall give back his wealth.
- 11 His bones are full of his youth, but youth shall lie down with him in the dust.
- 12 "Though wickedness is sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue,
- 13 though he spare it, and will not let it go, but keep it still within his mouth;
- 14 yet his food in his bowels is turned. It is cobra venom within him.
- 15 He has swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again. EL will cast them out of his belly.
- 16 He shall suck cobra venom. The viper's tongue shall kill him.
- 17 He shall not look at the rivers, the flowing streams of honey and butter.
- 18 That for which he labored he shall restore, and shall not swallow it down. According to the substance that he has gotten, he shall not rejoice.
- 19 For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor. He has violently taken away a house, and he shall not build it up.
- 20 "Because he knew no quietness within him, he shall not save anything of that in which he delights.
- 21 There was nothing left that he didn't devour, therefore his prosperity shall not endure.
- 22 In the fullness of his sufficiency, distress shall overtake him. The hand of everyone who is in misery shall come on him.
- 23 When he is about to fill his belly, ELOHIM will cast the fierceness of his wrath on him. It will rain on him while he is eating.
- 24 He shall flee from the iron weapon. The bronze arrow shall strike him through.
- 25 He draws it forth, and it comes out of his body. Yes, the glittering point comes out of his liver. Terrors are on him.
- 26 All darkness is laid up for his treasures. An unfanned fire shall devour him. It shall consume that which is left in his tent.
- 27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity. The earth shall rise up against him.
- 28 The increase of his house shall depart. They shall rush away in the day of his wrath.
- 29 This is the portion of a wicked man from ELOHIM, the heritage appointed to him by EL!"

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1. "A Psalm of David...

A Psalm by David. YHWH says to my ADONAI, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool for your feet."

- 2 YHWH will send forth the rod of your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of your enemies.
- 3 Your people offer themselves willingly in the day of your power, in holy array. Out of the womb of the morning, you have the dew of your youth.
- 4 YHWH has sworn, and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek."
- 5 ADONAI is at your right hand. He will crush kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6 He will judge among the nations. He will heap up dead bodies. He will crush the ruler of the whole earth.
- 7 He will drink of the brook in the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

Proverbs 7.

- 1 My son, keep my words. Lay up my commandments within you.
- 2 Keep my commandments and live! Guard my teaching as the apple of your eye.
- 3 Bind them on your fingers. Write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 Tell wisdom, "You are my sister." Call understanding your relative,
- 5 that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.

6. The Crafty Harlot..

For at the window of my house, I looked out through my lattice.

- 7 I saw among the simple ones. I discerned among the youths a young man void of understanding,
- 8 passing through the street near her corner, he went the way to her house.
- 9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.
- 10 Behold, there a woman met him with the attire of a prostitute, and with crafty intent.
- 11 She is loud and defiant. Her feet don't stay in her house.
- 12 Now she is in the streets, now in the squares, and lurking at every corner.
- 13 So she caught him, and kissed him. With an impudent face she said to him:
- 14 "Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me. This day I have paid my vows.
- 15 Therefore I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I have found you.
- 16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, with striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.
- 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
- 18 Come, let's take our fill of loving until the morning. Let's solace ourselves with loving.
- 19 For my husband isn't at home. He has gone on a long journey.
- 20 He has taken a bag of money with him. He will come home at the full moon."
- 21 With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him.
- 22 He followed her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, as a fool stepping into a noose.
- 23 Until an arrow strikes through his liver, as a bird hurries to the snare, and doesn't know that it will cost his life.
- 24 Now therefore, sons, listen to me. Pay attention to the words of my mouth.
- 25 Don't let your heart turn to her ways. Don't go astray in her paths,

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- 26 for she has thrown down many wounded. Yes, all her slain are a mighty army.
- 27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the rooms of death.

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