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Day 293. 19-October Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Isaiah 5.

<u>. ELOHIM's Disappointing Vineyard.</u>

Let me sing for my well beloved a song of my beloved about his vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.

- 2 He dug it up, gathered out its stones, planted it with the choicest vine, built a tower in its midst, and also cut out a winepress therein. He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
- 3 "Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, please judge between me and my vineyard.
- 4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, did it yield wild grapes?
- 5 Now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will take away its hedge, and it will be eaten up. I will break down its wall of it, and it will be trampled down.
- 6 I will lay it a wasteland. It won't be pruned nor hoed, but it will grow briers and thorns. I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it."
- 7 For the vineyard of YHWH of Hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for justice, but, behold, oppression; for righteousness, but, behold, a cry of distress.

8 . Impending Judgment on Excesses. .

Woe to those who join house to house, who lay field to field, until there is no room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land!

- 9 In my ears, YHWH of Hosts says: "Surely many houses will be desolate, even great and beautiful, unoccupied.
- 10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield an efah "
- 11 Woe to those who rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; who stay late into the night, until wine inflames them!
- 12 The harp, lyre, tambourine, and flute, with wine, are at their feasts; but they don't respect the work of YHWH, neither have they considered the operation of his hands.
- 13 Therefore my people go into captivity for lack of knowledge. Their honorable men are famished, and their multitudes are parched with thirst.
- 14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged its desire, and opened its mouth without measure; and their glory, their multitude, their pomp, and he who rejoices among them, descend into it.
- 15 So man is brought low, mankind is humbled, and the eyes of the arrogant ones are humbled:
- 16 but YHWH of Hosts is exalted in justice, and EL the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness.
- 17 Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture, and strangers will eat the ruins of the rich.
- 18 Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, and wickedness as with cart rope;
- 19 Who say, "Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it!"
- 20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

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- 22 Woe to those who are mighty to drink wine, and champions at mixing strong drink;
- 23 who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice for the innocent!
- 24 Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have rejected the Torah (teaching and instruction) of YHWH of Hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
- 25 Therefore YHWH's anger burns against his people, and he has stretched out his hand against them, and has struck them. The mountains tremble, and their dead bodies are as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.
- 26 He will lift up a banner to the nations from far, and he will whistle for them from the end of the earth. Behold, they will come speedily and swiftly.
- 27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the belt of their waist be untied, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:
- 28 whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent. Their horses' hoofs will be like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind.
- 29 Their roaring will be like a lioness. They will roar like young lions. Yes, they shall roar, and seize their prey and carry it off, and there will be no one to deliver.
- 30 They will roar against them in that day like the roaring of the sea. If one looks to the land behold, darkness and distress. The light is darkened in its clouds.

Isaiah 6.

Isaiah Called to Be a Prophet.

In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw ADONAI sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple.

- 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew.
- 3 One called to another, and said, "Holy, holy, is YHWH of Hosts! The whole earth is full of his glory!"
- 4 The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.
- 5 Then I said, "Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, YHWH of Hosts!"
- 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.
- 7 He touched my mouth with it, and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin forgiven."
- 8 I heard ADONAI's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"
- 9 He said, "Go, and tell this people, 'You hear indeed, but don't understand; and you see indeed, but don't perceive.'
- 10 Make the heart of this people fat. Make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed."
- 11 Then I said, "ADONAI, how long?" He answered, "Until cities are waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land becomes utterly waste,
- 12 And YHWH has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

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13 If there is a tenth left in it, that also will in turn be consumed: as a terebinth, and as an oak, whose stock remains when they are felled; so the holy seed is its stock."

Psalms 109:20-31.

- 20 This is the reward of my adversaries from YHWH, of those who speak evil against my soul.
- 21 But deal with me, YHWH ADONAI, for your name's sake, because your loving kindness is good, deliver me;
- 22 for I am poor and needy. My heart is wounded within me.
- 23 I fade away like an evening shadow. I am shaken off like a locust.
- 24 My knees are weak through fasting. My body is thin and lacks fat.
- 25 I have also become a reproach to them. When they see me, they shake their head.
- 26 Help me, YHWH, my ELOHIM! Save me according to your loving kindness;
- 27 that they may know that this is your hand; that you, YHWH, have done it.
- 28 They may curse, but you bless. When they arise, they will be shamed, but your servant shall rejoice.
- 29 Let my adversaries be clothed with dishonor. Let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.
- 30 I will give great thanks to YHWH with my mouth. Yes, I will praise him among the multitude.
- 31 For he will stand at the right hand of the needy, to save him from those who judge his soul.

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.

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- 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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