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Day 298. 24-October Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Isaiah 17.

. Proclamation Against Syria and Israel. .

The burden of Damascus: "Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap.

- 2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken. They will be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.
- 3 The fortress shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria. They will be as the glory of the children of Israel," says YHWH of Hosts.
- 4 "It will happen in that day that the glory of Jacob will be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh will become lean.
- 5 It will be like when the harvester gathers the wheat, and his arm reaps the grain. Yes, it will be like when one gleans grain in the valley of Rephaim.
- 6 Yet gleanings will be left there, like the shaking of an olive tree, two or three olives in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outermost branches of a fruitful tree," says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel.
- 7 In that day, people will look to their Maker, and their eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.
- 8 They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands; neither shall they respect that which their fingers have made, either the Asherim, or the incense altars.
- 9 In that day, their strong cities will be like the forsaken places in the woods and on the mountain top, which were forsaken from before the children of Israel; and it will be a desolation.
- 10 For you have forgotten the ELOHIM of your salvation, and have not remembered the rock of your strength. Therefore you plant pleasant plants, and set out foreign seedlings.
- 11 In the day of your planting, you hedge it in. In the morning, you make your seed blossom, but the harvest flees away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.
- 12 Ah, the uproar of many peoples, who roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters!
- 13 The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters: but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far off, and will be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm.
- 14 At evening, behold, terror! Before the morning, they are no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

Isaiah 18.

1 . Proclamation Against Ethiopia. .

Ah, the land of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia;

- 2 that sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of papyrus on the waters, saying, "Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide!"
- 3 All you inhabitants of the world, and you dwellers on the earth, when a banner is lifted up on the mountains, look! When the shofar is blown, listen!
- 4 For YHWH said to me, "I will be still, and I will see in my dwelling place, like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."
- 5 For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening

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grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches.

- 6 They will be left together for the ravenous birds of the mountains, and for the animals of the earth. The ravenous birds will summer on them, and all the animals of the earth will winter on them.
- 7 In that time, a present will be brought to YHWH of Hosts from a people tall and smooth, even from a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of YHWH of Hosts, Mount Zion.

Isaiah 19.

Proclamation Against Egypt.

The burden of Egypt: "Behold, YHWH rides on a swift cloud, and comes to Egypt. The idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence; and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. 2 I will stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians, and they will fight everyone against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

- 3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst. I will destroy its counsel. They will seek the idols, the charmers, those who have familiar spirits, and the wizards.
- 4 I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel master. A fierce king will rule over them," says ADONAI, YHWH of Hosts.
- 5 The waters will fail from the sea, and the river will be wasted and become dry.
- 6 The rivers will become foul. The streams of Egypt will be diminished and dried up. The reeds and flags will wither away.
- 7 The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile, will become dry, be driven away, and be no more.
- 8 The fishermen will lament, and all those who fish in the Nile will mourn, and those who spread nets on the waters will languish.
- 9 Moreover those who work in combed flax, and those who weave white cloth, will be confounded.
- 10 The pillars will be broken in pieces. All those who work for hire will be grieved in soul.
- 11 The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish. The counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become stupid. How do you say to Pharaoh, "I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?"
- 12 Where then are your wise men? Let them tell you now; and let them know what YHWH of Hosts has purposed concerning Egypt.
- 13 The princes of Zoan have become fools. The princes of Memphis are deceived. They have caused Egypt to go astray, who are the cornerstone of her tribes.
- 14 YHWH has mixed a spirit of perverseness in the midst of her; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all of its works, like a drunken man staggers in his vomit.
- 15 Neither shall there be for Egypt any work, which head or tail, palm branch or rush, may do.
- 16 In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of YHWH of Hosts, which he shakes over them.
- 17 The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt. Everyone to whom mention is made of it will be afraid, because of the plans of YHWH of Hosts, which he determines against it.

18 . Egypt, Assyria, and Israel Blessed. .

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In that day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan, and swear to YHWH of Hosts. One will be called "The city of destruction."

- 19 In that day, there will be an altar to YHWH in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to YHWH at its border.
- 20 It will be for a sign and for a witness to YHWH of Hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to YHWH because of oppressors, and he will send them a savior and a defender, and he will deliver them.
- 21 YHWH will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know YHWH in that day. Yes, they will worship with sacrifice and offering, and will vow a vow to YHWH, and will perform it.
- 22 YHWH will strike Egypt, striking and healing. They will return to YHWH, and he will be entreated by them, and will heal them.
- 23 In that day there will be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.
- 24 In that day, Israel will be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth;
- 25 because YHWH of Hosts has blessed them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."

Psalms 114.

. The Power of ELOHIM in His Deliverance of Israel. .

When Israel went forth out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of foreign language;

- 2 Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea saw it, and fled. The Jordan was driven back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like lambs.
- 5 What was it, you sea, that you fled? You Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams; you little hills, like lambs?
- 7 Tremble, you earth, at the presence of ADONAI, at the presence of the ELOHIM of Jacob.
- 8 who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of waters.

Proverbs 8.

1 . The Excellence of Wisdom. .

Doesn't wisdom cry out? Doesn't understanding raise her voice?

- 2 On the top of high places by the way, where the paths meet, she stands.
- 3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entry doors, she cries aloud:
- 4 "To you men, I call! I send my voice to the sons of mankind.
- 5 You simple, understand prudence. You fools, be of an understanding heart.
- 6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things. The opening of my lips is for right things.
- 7 For my mouth speaks truth. Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness. There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
- 9 They are all plain to him who understands, right to those who find knowledge.
- 10 Receive my instruction rather than silver; knowledge rather than choice gold.
- 11 For wisdom is better than rubies. All the things that may be desired can't be compared to it.

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- 12 "I, wisdom, have made prudence my dwelling. Find out knowledge and discretion.
- 13 The fear of YHWH is to hate evil. I hate pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth.
- 14 Counsel and sound knowledge are mine. I have understanding and power.
- 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
- 16 By me princes rule; nobles, and all the righteous rulers of the earth.
- 17 I love those who love me. Those who seek me diligently will find me.
- 18 With me are riches, honor, enduring wealth, and prosperity.
- 19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; my yield than choice silver.
- 20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice;
- 21 That I may give wealth to those who love me. I fill their treasuries.
- 22 "YHWH possessed me in the beginning of his work, before his deeds of old.
- 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth existed.
- 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- 25 Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was brought forth;
- 26 while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world.
- 27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he set a circle on the surface of the deep,
- 28 when he established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong,
- 29 when he gave to the sea its boundary, that the waters should not violate his commandment, when he marked out the foundations of the earth;
- 30 then I was the craftsman by his side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing before him,
- 31 Rejoicing in his whole world. My delight was with the sons of men.
- 32 "Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, for blessed are those who keep my ways.
- 33 Hear instruction, and be wise. Don't refuse it.
- 34 Blessed is the man who hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my door posts.
- 35 For whoever finds me, finds life, and will obtain favor from YHWH!
- 36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death."

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