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Day 299. 25-October Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Isaiah 20.

The Sign Against Egypt and Ethiopia.

In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it;

- 2 at that time YHWH spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and loosen the sackcloth from off your waist, and take your shoes from off your feet." He did so, walking naked and barefoot.
- 3 YHWH said, "As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder concerning Egypt and concerning Ethiopia,
- 4 so the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.
- 5 They will be dismayed and confounded, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.
- 6 The inhabitants of this coast land will say in that day, 'Behold, this is our expectation, where we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria. And we, how will we escape?'"

Isaiah 21.

1 . The Fall of Babylon Proclaimed...

The burden of the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it comes from the wilderness, from an awesome land.

- 2 A grievous vision is declared to me. The treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, Elam; attack! I have stopped all of Media's sighing.
- 3 Therefore my thighs are filled with anguish. Pains have taken hold on me, like the pains of a woman in labor. I am in so much pain that I can't hear. I so am dismayed that I can't see.
- 4 My heart flutters. Horror has frightened me. The twilight that I desired has been turned into trembling for me.
- 5 They prepare the table. They set the watch. They eat. They drink. Rise up, you princes, oil the shield!
- 6 For ADONAI said to me, "Go, set a watchman. Let him declare what he sees.
- 7 When he sees a troop, horsemen in pairs, a troop of donkeys, a troop of camels, he shall listen diligently with great attentiveness."
- 8 He cried like a lion: "ADONAI, I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and every night I stay at my post.
- 9 Behold, here comes a troop of men, horsemen in pairs." He answered, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the engraved images of her idol_gods are broken to the ground.
- 10 You are my threshing, and the grain of my floor!" That which I have heard from YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, I have declared to you.

. Proclamation Against Edom. .

The burden of Dumah. One calls to me out of Seir, "Watchman, what of the night?"

12 The watchman said, "The morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire. Come back again."

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. Proclamation Against Arabia.

The burden on Arabia. In the forest in Arabia you will lodge, you caravans of Dedanites. 14 They brought water to him who was thirsty. The inhabitants of the land of Tema met the fugitives with their bread.

- 15 For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the heat of battle.
- 16 For ADONAI said to me, "Within a year, as a worker bound by contract would count it, all the glory of Kedar will fail,
- 17 and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, will be few; for YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, has spoken it."

Isaiah 22.

Proclamation Against Jerusalem.

The burden of the valley of vision. What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the house-tops?

- 2 You that are full of shouting, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; your slain are not slain with the sword, neither are they dead in battle.
- 3 All your rulers fled away together. They were bound by the archers. All who were found by you were bound together. They fled far away.
- 4 Therefore I said, "Look away from me. I will weep bitterly. Don't labor to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people.
- 5 For it is a day of confusion, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from ADONAI, YHWH of Hosts, in the valley of vision; a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the mountains."
- 6 Elam carried his quiver, with chariots of men and horsemen; and Kir uncovered the shield.
- 7 It happened that your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate.
- 8 He took away the covering of Judah; and you looked in that day to the armor in the house of the forest.
- 9 You saw the breaches of the city of David, that they were many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.
- 10 You numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall.
- 11 You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you didn't look to him who had done this, neither did you have respect for him who purposed it long ago.
- 12 In that day, ADONAI, YHWH of Hosts, called to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to dressing in sackcloth:
- 13 and behold, joy and gladness, killing cattle and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die."
- 14 YHWH of Hosts revealed himself in my ears, "Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven you until you die," says ADONAI, YHWH of Hosts.

. The Judgment on Shebna. .

Thus says ADONAI, YHWH of Hosts, "Go, get yourself to this treasurer, even to Shebna, who is over the house, and say,

16 'What are you doing here? Who has you here, that you have dug out a tomb here?'

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Cutting himself out a tomb on high, chiseling a habitation for himself in the rock!"

17 Behold, YHWH will overcome you and hurl you away violently. Yes, he will grasp you firmly.

- 18 He will surely wind you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a large country. There you will die, and there the chariots of your glory will be, you shame of your master's house.
- 19 I will thrust you from your office. You will be pulled down from your station.
- 20 It will happen in that day that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah,
- 21 and I will clothe him with your robe, and strengthen him with your belt. I will commit your government into his hand; and he will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.
- 22 I will lay the key of the house of David on his shoulder. He will open, and no one will shut. He will shut, and no one will open.
- 23 I will fasten him like a nail in a sure place. He will be for a throne of glory to his father's house.
- 24 They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel, from the cups even to all the pitchers.
- 25 "In that day," says YHWH of Hosts, "the nail that was fastened in a sure place will give way. It will be cut down, and fall. The burden that was on it will be cut off, for YHWH has spoken it."

Psalms 115.

1 . The Futility of Idols and the Trustworthiness of ELOHIM. .

Not to us, YHWH, not to us, but to your name give glory, for your loving kindness, and for your truth's sake.

- 2 Why should the nations say, "Where is their ELOHIM, now?"
- 3 But our ELOHIM is in the heavens. He does whatever he pleases.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but they don't speak. They have eyes, but they don't see.
- 6 They have ears, but they don't hear. They have noses, but they don't smell.
- 7 They have hands, but they don't feel. They have feet, but they don't walk, neither do they speak through their throat.
- 8 Those who make them will be like them; yes, everyone who trusts in them.
- 9 Israel, trust in YHWH! He is their help and their shield.
- 10 House of Aaron, trust in YHWH! He is their help and their shield.
- 11 You who fear YHWH, trust in YHWH! He is their help and their shield.
- 12 YHWH remembers us. He will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel. He will bless the house of Aaron.
- 13 He will bless those who fear YHWH, both small and great.
- 14 May YHWH increase you more and more, you and your children.
- 15 Blessed are you by YHWH, who made heaven and earth.
- 16 The heavens are the heavens of YHWH; but the earth has he given to the children of men.
- 17 The dead don't praise YAH, neither any who go down into silence;
- 18 But we will bless YAH, from this time forth and forevermore. Praise YAH!

Proverbs 9.

1 . The Way of Wisdom. .

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Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out her seven pillars.

- 2 She has prepared her meat. She has mixed her wine. She has also set her table.
- 3 She has sent out her maidens. She cries from the highest places of the city:
- 4 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" As for him who is void of understanding, she says to him,
- 5 "Come, eat some of my bread, Drink some of the wine which I have mixed!
- 6 Leave your simple ways, and live. Walk in the way of understanding."
- 7 He who corrects a mocker invites insult. He who reproves a wicked man invites abuse.
- 8 Don't reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you. Reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- 9 Instruct a wise man, and he will be still wiser. Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- 10 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom. The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- 11 For by me your days will be multiplied. The years of your life will be increased.
- 12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself. If you mock, you alone will bear it.

13 . The Way of Folly. .

The foolish woman is loud, Undisciplined, and knows nothing.

- 14 She sits at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,
- 15 To call to those who pass by, who go straight on their ways,
- 16 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here." as for him who is void of understanding, she says to him,
- 17 "Stolen water is sweet. Food eaten in secret is pleasant."
- 18 But he doesn't know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

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