Jeremiah 1, 2, Psalms 119:161-176, Proverbs 18.

## Day 308. 3-November Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Jeremiah 1.

#### 1 Jeremiah!

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

- 2 to whom the word of YHWH came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.
- 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

## 4 . The Prophet Is Called. .

Now the word of YHWH came to me, saying,

- 5 "Before I formed you in the belly, I knew you. Before you came forth out of the womb, I sanctified you. I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."
- 6 Then I said, "Ah, ADONAI YHWH! Behold, I don't know how to speak; for I am a child."
- 7 But YHWH said to me, "Don't say, 'I am a child;' for to whoever I shall send you, you shall go, and whatever I shall command you, you shall speak.
- 8 Don't be afraid because of them; for I am with you to deliver you," says YHWH!
- 9 Then YHWH put forth his hand, and touched my mouth; and YHWH said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.
- 10 Behold, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."
- 11 Moreover the word of YHWH came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree."
- 12 Then YHWH said to me, "You have seen well; for I watch over my word to perform it."
- 13 The word of YHWH came to me the second time, saying, "What do you see?" I said, "I see a boiling caldron; and it is tipping away from the north."
- 14 Then YHWH said to me, "Out of the north evil will break out on all the inhabitants of the land.
- 15 For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north," says YHWH; "and they shall come, and they shall each set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Judah.
- 16 I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other idol\_gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.
- 17 "You therefore put your belt on your waist, arise, and speak to them all that I command you. Don't be dismayed at them, lest I dismay you before them.
- 18 For, behold, I have made you this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land.
- 19 They will fight against you; but they will not prevail against you; for I am with you," says YHWH, "to deliver you."

#### Jeremiah 2.

## 1 . ELOHIM's Case Against Israel. .

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The word of YHWH came to me, saying,

- 2 "Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says YHWH, "I remember for you the kindness of your youth, the love of your weddings; how you went after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.
- 3 Israel was holiness to YHWH, the first fruits of his increase. All who devour him shall be held guilty. Evil shall come on them," says YHWH!"
- 4 Hear the word of YHWH, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel!
- 5 Thus says YHWH, "What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me, that they have gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?
- 6 Neither did they say, 'Where is YHWH who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of the shadow of death, through a land that none passed through, and where no man lived?'
- 7 I brought you into a plentiful land, to eat its fruit and its goodness; but when you entered, you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.
- 8 The priests didn't say, 'Where is YHWH?' and those who handle the Torah (teaching and instruction) didn't know me. The rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.
- 9 "Therefore I will yet contend with you," says YHWH, "and I will contend with your children's children.
- 10 For pass over to the islands of Kittim, and see; and send to Kedar, and consider diligently; and see if there has been such a thing.
- 11 Has a nation changed its idol\_gods, which really are no idol\_gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit.
- 12 "Be astonished, you heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid. Be very desolate," says YHWH!
- 13 "For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the spring of living waters, and cut them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.
- 14 Is Israel a servant? Is he a native-born slave? Why has he become a prey?
- 15 The young lions have roared at him, and yelled. They have made his land waste. His cities are burned up, without inhabitant.
- 16 The children also of Memphis and Tahpanhes have broken the crown of your head.
- 17 "Haven't you procured this to yourself, in that you have forsaken YHWH your ELOHIM, when he led you by the way?
- 18 Now what have you to do in the way to Egypt, to drink the waters of the Shihor? Or what have you to do in the way to Assyria, to drink the waters of the River?
- 19 "Your own wickedness shall correct you, and your backsliding shall reprove you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and a bitter, that you have forsaken YHWH your ELOHIM, and that my fear is not in you," says ADONAI, YHWH of Hosts.
- 20 "For of old time I have broken your yoke, and burst your bonds; and you said, 'I will not serve;' for on every high hill and under every green tree you bowed yourself, playing the prostitute.
- 21 Yet I had planted you a noble vine, wholly a right seed. How then have you turned into the degenerate branches of a foreign vine to me?
- 22 For though you wash yourself with lye, and use much soap, yet your iniquity is marked before me," says ADONAI YHWH!
- 23 "How can you say, 'I am not defiled. I have not gone after the Baals'? See your way in the valley. Know what you have done. You are a swift dromedary traversing her ways;
- 24 a wild donkey used to the wilderness, that snuffs up the wind in her desire. When she is in heat, who can turn her away? All those who seek her will not weary themselves. In her month, they will find her.

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- 25 "Withhold your foot from being unshod, and your throat from thirst. But you said, 'It is in vain. No, for I have loved strangers, and I will go after them.'
- 26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets;
- 27 who tell wood, 'You are my father;' and a stone, 'You have brought me out:' for they have turned their back to me, and not their face; but in the time of their trouble they will say, 'Arise, and save us.'
- 28 "But where are your idol\_gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble: for according to the number of your cities are your idol\_gods, Judah.
- 29 "Why will you contend with me? You all have transgressed against me," says YHWH!
- 30 "I have struck your children in vain. They received no correction. Your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.
- 31 Generation, consider the word of YHWH! Have I been a wilderness to Israel? Or a land of thick darkness? Why do my people say, 'We have broken loose. We will come to you no more?'
- 32 "Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me for days without number.
- 33 How well you prepare your way to seek love! Therefore you have taught even the wicked women your ways.
- 34 Also the blood of the souls of the innocent poor is found in your skirts. You did not find them breaking in; but it is because of all these things.
- 35 "Yet you said, 'I am innocent. Surely his anger has turned away from me.' "Behold, I will judge you, because you say, 'I have not sinned.'
- 36 Why do you go about so much to change your way? You will be ashamed of Egypt also, as you were ashamed of Assyria.
- 37 From there also you shall go forth, with your hands on your head; for YHWH has rejected those in whom you trust, and you shall not prosper with them.

## Psalms 119:161-176.

#### 161 . SHIN. .

Princes have persecuted me without a cause, but my heart stands in awe of your words.

- 162 I rejoice at your word, as one who finds great spoil.
- 163 I hate and abhor falsehood. I love your Torah.
- 164 Seven times a day, I praise you, because of your righteous ordinances.
- 165 Those who love your Torah have great peace. Nothing causes them to stumble.
- 166 I have hoped for your salvation, YHWH! I have done your commandments.
- 167 My soul has observed your testimonies. I love them exceedingly.
- 168 I have obeyed your precepts and your testimonies, for all my ways are before you. TAV

## 169 .TAU..

Let my cry come before you, YHWH! Give me understanding according to your word.

- 170 Let my supplication come before you. Deliver me according to your word.
- 171 Let my lips utter praise, for you teach me your statutes.
- 172 Let my tongue sing of your word, for all your commandments are righteousness.
- 173 Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.
- 174 I have longed for your salvation [yeshuat], YHWH! Your Torah is my delight.
- 175 Let my soul live, that I may praise you. Let your ordinances help me.

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176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I don't forget your commandments.

#### Proverbs 18.

- 1 An unfriendly man pursues selfishness, and defies all sound judgment.
- 2 A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own opinion.
- 3 When wickedness comes, contempt also comes, and with shame comes disgrace.
- 4 The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters. The fountain of wisdom is like a flowing brook.
- 5 To be partial to the faces of the wicked is not good, nor to deprive the innocent of justice.
- 6 A fool's lips come into strife, and his mouth invites beatings.
- 7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are a snare to his soul.
- 8 The words of a gossip are like dainty morsels: they go down into a person's innermost parts.
- 9 One who is slack in his work is brother to him who is a master of destruction.
- 10 The name of YHWH is a strong tower: the righteous run to him, and are safe.
- 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, like an unscalable wall in his own imagination.
- 12 Before destruction the heart of man is proud, but before honor is humility.
- 13 He who gives answer before he hears, that is folly and shame to him.
- 14 A man's spirit will sustain him in sickness, but a crushed spirit, who can bear?
- 15 The heart of the discerning gets knowledge. The ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.
- 17 He who pleads his cause first seems right; until another comes and questions him.
- 18 The lot settles disputes, and keeps strong ones apart.
- 19 A brother offended is more difficult than a fortified city; and disputes are like the bars of a castle.
- 20 A man's stomach is filled with the fruit of his mouth. With the harvest of his lips he is satisfied.
- 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who love it will eat its fruit.
- 22 Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor of YHWH!
- 23 The poor plead for mercy, but the rich answer harshly.
- 24 A man of many companions may be ruined, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

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