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Day 314. 9-November Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Jeremiah 13.

Symbol of the Linen Sash. .

Thus says YHWH to me, Go, and buy yourself a linen belt, and put it on your waist, and don't put it in water.

- 2 So I bought a belt according to the word of YHWH, and put it on my waist.
- 3 The word of YHWH came to me the second time, saying,
- 4 Take the belt that you have bought, which is on your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock.
- 5 So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates, as YHWH commanded me.
- 6 It happened after many days, that YHWH said to me, Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take the belt from there, which I commanded you to hide there.
- 7 Then I went to the Euphrates, and dug, and took the belt from the place where I had hidden it; and behold, the belt was marred, it was profitable for nothing.
- 8 Then the word of YHWH came to me, saying,
- 9 Thus says YHWH, In this way I will mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.
- 10 This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and are gone after other idol_gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this belt, which is profitable for nothing.
- 11 For as the belt clings to the waist of a man, so have I caused to cling to me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, says YHWH; that they may be to me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

. Symbol of the Wine Bottles. .

Therefore you shall speak to them this word: Thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall tell you, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

- 13 Then you shall tell them, Thus says YHWH, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings who sit on David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.
- 14 I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, says YHWH: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them.

. Pride Precedes Captivity. .

Hear, and give ear; don't be proud; for YHWH has spoken.

- 16 Give glory to YHWH your ELOHIM, before he causes darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains, and, while you look for light, he turns it into the shadow of death, and makes it gross darkness.
- 17 But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret for your pride; and my eye shall weep bitterly, and run down with tears, because YHWH's flock is taken captive.
- 18 Say to the king and to the queen mother, Humble yourselves, sit down; for your headdresses have come down, even the crown of your glory.
- 19 The cities of the South are shut up, and there is none to open them: Judah is carried away captive, all of it; it is wholly carried away captive.
- 20 Lift up your eyes, and see those who come from the north: where is the flock that was given you, your beautiful flock?
- 21 What will you say, when he shall set over you as head those whom you have yourself

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taught to be friends to you? shall not sorrows take hold of you, as of a woman in travail? 22 If you say in your heart, Why are these things come on me? for the greatness of your iniquity are your skirts uncovered, and your heels suffer violence.

- 23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may you also do good, who are accustomed to do evil.
- 24 Therefore will I scatter them, as the stubble that passes away, by the wind of the wilderness.
- 25 This is your lot, the portion measured to you from me, says YHWH; because you have forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.
- 26 Therefore will I also uncover your skirts on your face, and your shame shall appear.
- 27 I have seen your abominations, even your adulteries, and your neighing, the lewdness of your prostitution, on the hills in the field. Woe to you, Jerusalem! You will not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?

Jeremiah 14.

1 . Sword, Famine, and Pestilence. .

The word of YHWH that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought.

- 2 Judah mourns, and its gates languish, they sit in black on the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.
- 3 Their nobles send their little ones to the waters: they come to the cisterns, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are disappointed and confounded, and cover their heads.
- 4 Because of the ground which is cracked, because no rain has been in the land, the plowmen are disappointed, they cover their heads.
- 5 Yes, the hind also in the field calves, and forsakes her young, because there is no grass.
- 6 The wild donkeys stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like jackals; their eyes fail, because there is no herbage.
- 7 Though our iniquities testify against us, work for your name's sake, YHWH; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.
- 8 You hope of Israel, its Savior in the time of trouble, why should you be as a foreigner in the land, and as a wayfaring man who turns aside to stay for a night?
- 9 Why should you be like a scared man, as a mighty man who can't save? Yet you, YHWH, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; don't leave us.
- 10 Thus says YHWH to this people, Even so have they loved to wander; they have not refrained their feet: therefore YHWH does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.
- 11 YHWH said to me, Don't pray for this people for their good.
- 12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and meal offering, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.
- 13 Then I said, Ah, ADONAI YHWH! behold, the prophets tell them, You shall not see the sword, neither shall you have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.
- 14 Then YHWH said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name; I didn't send them, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke I to them: they prophesy to you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nothing, and the deceit of their own heart.
- 15 Therefore thus says YHWH concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name, and I didn't send them, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.
- 16 The people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them; them, their

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wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness on them.

- 17 You shall say this word to them, Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous wound.
- 18 If I go forth into the field, then, behold, the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then, behold, those who are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest go about in the land, and have no knowledge.

. The People Plead for Mercy. .

Have you utterly rejected Judah? has your soul loathed Zion? why have you struck us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and behold, dismay!

- 20 We acknowledge, YHWH, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against you.
- 21 Do not abhor us, for your name's sake; do not disgrace the throne of your glory: remember, don't break your covenant with us.
- 22 Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? or can the sky give showers? Aren't you he, YHWH our ELOHIM? therefore we will wait for you; for you have made all these things.

Psalms 125.

1 .A Song of Ascents...

A Song of Ascents. Those who trust in YHWH are as Mount Zion, which can't be moved, but remains forever.

- **2** As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so YHWH surrounds his people from this time forth and forevermore.
- 3 For the scepter of wickedness won't remain over the allotment of the righteous; so that the righteous won't use their hands to do evil.
- 4 Do good, YHWH, to those who are good, to those who are upright in their hearts.
- 5 But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways, YHWH will lead them away with the workers of iniquity. Peace be on Israel.

Proverbs 24.

- 1 Don't be envious of evil men; neither desire to be with them:
- 2 for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about mischief.
- 3 Through wisdom a house is built; by understanding it is established;
- 4 by knowledge the rooms are filled with all rare and beautiful treasure.
- 5 A wise man has great power; and a knowledgeable man increases strength;
- 6 for by wise guidance you wage your war; and victory is in many advisors.
- 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: he doesn't open his mouth in the gate.
- 8 One who plots to do evil will be called a schemer.
- 9 The schemes of folly are sin. The mocker is detested by men.
- 10 If you falter in the time of trouble, your strength is small.
- 11 Rescue those who are being led away to death! Indeed, hold back those who are staggering to the slaughter!
- 12 If you say, "Behold, we didn't know this;" doesn't he who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, doesn't he know it? Shall he not render to every man according to his work?

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- 13 My son, eat honey, for it is good; the droppings of the honeycomb, which are sweet to your taste:
- 14 so you shall know wisdom to be to your soul; if you have found it, then there will be a reward, your hope will not be cut off.
- 15 Don't lay in wait, wicked man, against the habitation of the righteous. Don't destroy his resting place:
- 16 for a righteous man falls seven times, and rises up again; but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.
- 17 Don't rejoice when your enemy falls. Don't let your heart be glad when he is overthrown;
- 18 lest YHWH see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.
- 19 Don't fret yourself because of evildoers; neither be envious of the wicked:
- 20 for there will be no reward to the evil man; and the lamp of the wicked shall be snuffed out.
- 21 My son, fear YHWH and the king. Don't join those who are rebellious:
- 22 for their calamity will rise suddenly; the destruction from them both who knows?

23 . Further Sayings of the Wise. .

These also are sayings of the wise. To show partiality in judgment is not good.

- 24 He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous;" peoples shall curse him, and nations shall abhor him
- 25 but it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and a rich blessing will come on them.
- 26 An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.
- 27 Prepare your work outside, and get your fields ready. Afterwards, build your house.
- 28 Don't be a witness against your neighbor without cause. Don't deceive with your lips.
- 29 Don't say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."
- 30 I went by the field of the sluggard, by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;
- 31 Behold, it was all grown over with thorns. Its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down.
- 32 Then I saw, and considered well. I saw, and received instruction:
- 33 a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep;
- 34 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your want as an armed man.

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