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Day 318. 13-November Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Jeremiah 21.

Jerusalem's Doom Is Sealed. .

The word which came to Jeremiah from YHWH, when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying,

- 2 Please inquire of YHWH for us; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes war against us: perhaps YHWH will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.
- 3 Then Jeremiah said to them, You shall tell Zedekiah:
- 4 Thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Kasdim who besiege you, without the walls; and I will gather them into the midst of this city.
- 5 I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation.
- 6 I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and animal: they shall die of a great pestilence.
- 7 Afterward, says YHWH, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, even such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life: and he shall strike them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.
- 8 To this people you shall say, Thus says YHWH: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.
- 9 He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes out, and passes over to the Kasdim who besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey.
- 10 For I have set my face on this city for evil, and not for good, says YHWH: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 . Message to the House of David. .

Touching the house of the king of Judah, hear the word of YHWH:

- 12 House of David, thus says YHWH, Execute justice in the morning, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.
- 13 Behold, I am against you, O inhabitant of the valley, and of the rock of the plain, says YHWH; you that say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?
- 14 I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says YHWH; and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is around her.

Jeremiah 22.

- 1 Thus said YHWH: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,
- 2 Say, Hear the word of YHWH, king of Judah, who sits on the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates.
- 3 Thus says YHWH: Execute justice and righteousness, and deliver him who is robbed

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out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence, to the foreigner, the fatherless, nor the widow; neither shed innocent blood in this place.

- 4 For if you do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.
- 5 But if you will not hear these words, I swear by myself, says YHWH, that this house shall become a desolation.
- 6 For thus says YHWH concerning the house of the king of Judah: You are Gilead to me, and the head of Lebanon; yet surely I will make you a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited.
- 7 I will prepare destroyers against you, everyone with his weapons; and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.
- 8 Many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor, Why has YHWH done thus to this great city?
- 9 Then they shall answer, Because they forsook the covenant of YHWH their ELOHIM, and worshiped other idol_gods, and served them.
- 10 Don't weep for the dead, neither bemoan him; but weep bitterly for him who goes away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

. Message to the Sons of Josiah. .

For thus says YHWH touching Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went forth out of this place: He shall not return there any more.

- 12 But in the place where they have led him captive, there shall he die, and he shall see this land no more.
- 13 Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his rooms by injustice; who uses his neighbor's service without wages, and doesn't give him his hire;
- 14 who says, I will build me a wide house and spacious rooms, and cuts him out windows; and it is ceiling with cedar, and painted with vermilion.
- 15 Shall you reign, because you strive to excel in cedar? Didn't your father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? then it was well with him.
- 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Wasn't this to know me? says YHWH!
- 17 But your eyes and your heart are not but for your covetousness, and for shedding innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it.
- 18 Therefore thus says YHWH concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: they shall not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! They shall not lament for him, saying Ah master! or, Ah his glory!
- 19 He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
- 20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry from Abarim; for all your lovers are destroyed.
- 21 I spoke to you in your prosperity; but you said, I will not hear. This has been your way from your youth, that you didn't obey my voice.
- 22 The wind shall feed all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity: surely then you will be ashamed and confounded for all your wickedness.
- 23 Inhabitant of Lebanon, who makes your nest in the cedars, how greatly to be pitied you will be when pangs come on you, the pain as of a woman in travail!

. Message to Coniah. .

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As I live, says YHWH, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet on my right hand, yet would I pluck you there;

- 25 and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of them of whom you are afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Kasdim.
- 26 I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country, where you were not born; and there you will die.
- 27 But to the land whereunto their soul longs to return, there shall they not return.
- 28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? is he a vessel in which none delights? why are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into the land which they don't know? 29 O earth, earth, hear the word of YHWH!
- 30 Thus says YHWH, Write you this man childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days; for no more shall a man of his seed prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling in Judah.

Psalms 129.

1 . A Song of Ascents...

A Song of Ascents. Many times they have afflicted me from my youth up. Let Israel now say,

- 2 many times they have afflicted me from my youth up, yet they have not prevailed against me.
- 3 The plowers plowed on my back. They made their furrows long.
- 4 YHWH is righteous. He has cut apart the cords of the wicked.
- 5 Let them be disappointed and turned backward, all those who hate Zion.
- 6 Let them be as the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up;
- 7 with which the reaper doesn't fill his hand, nor he who binds sheaves, his bosom.
- 8 Neither do those who go by say, "The blessing of YHWH be on you. We bless you in the name of YHWH!"

Proverbs 28.

- 1 The wicked flee when no one pursues; but the righteous are as bold as a lion.
- 2 In rebellion, a land has many rulers, but order is maintained by a man of understanding and knowledge.
- 3 A needy man who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain which leaves no crops.
- 4 Those who forsake the Torah praise the wicked; but those who keep the Torah contend with them.
- 5 Evil men don't understand justice; but those who seek YHWH understand it fully.
- 6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity, than he who is perverse in his ways, and he is rich.
- 7 Whoever keeps the Torah is a wise son; but he who is a companion of gluttons shames his father.
- 8 He who increases his wealth by excessive interest gathers it for one who has pity on the poor.
- 9 He who turns away his ear from hearing the Torah, even his prayer is an abomination.
- 10 Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, he will fall into his own trap; but the blameless will inherit good.
- 11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the poor who has understanding sees through him.
- 12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory; but when the wicked rise, men hide

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themselves.

- 13 He who conceals his sins doesn't prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
- 14 Blessed is the man who always fears; but one who hardens his heart falls into trouble.
- 15 As a roaring lion or a charging bear, so is a wicked ruler over helpless people.
- 16 A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment. One who hates ill-gotten gain will have long days.
- 17 A man who is tormented by life blood will be a fugitive until death; no one will support him.
- 18 Whoever walks blamelessly is kept safe; but one with perverse ways will fall suddenly.
- 19 One who works his land will have an abundance of food; but one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.
- 20 A faithful man is rich with blessings; but one who is eager to be rich will not go unpunished.
- 21 To show partiality is not good; yet a man will do wrong for a piece of bread.
- 22 A stingy man hurries after riches, and doesn't know that poverty waits for him.
- 23 One who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than one who flatters with the tongue.
- 24 Whoever robs his father or his mother, and says, "It's not wrong." He is a partner with a destroyer.
- 25 One who is greedy stirs up strife; but one who trusts in YHWH will prosper.
- 26 One who trusts in himself is a fool; but one who walks in wisdom is kept safe.
- 27 One who gives to the poor has no lack; but one who closes his eyes will have many curses.
- 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous thrive.

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