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Day 319. 14-November Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Jeremiah 23.

1 . The Branch of Righteousness. .

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says YHWH! 2 Therefore thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, against the shepherds who feed my people: You have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings, says YHWH!

3 I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

4 I will set up shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking, says YHWH!

5 Behold, the days come, says YHWH, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name by which he shall be called: YHWH our righteousness.

7 Therefore, behold, the days come, says YHWH, that they shall no more say, As YHWH lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

8 but, As YHWH lives, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries where I had driven them. They shall dwell in their own land.

9 . False Prophets and Empty Oracles. .

Concerning the prophets. My heart within me is broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of YHWH, and because of his holy words.

10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourns; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. Their course is evil, and their might is not right; 11 for both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in my house have I found their wickedness, says YHWH!

12 Therefore their way shall be to them as slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein; for I will bring evil on them, even the year of their visitation, says YHWH!

13 I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.

14 In the prophets of Jerusalem also I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies; and they strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that none does return from his wickedness: they are all of them become to me as Sodom, and its inhabitants as Gomorrah.

15 Therefore thus says YHWH of Hosts concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall; for from the prophets of Jerusalem is ungodliness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus says YHWH of Hosts, Don't listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you: they teach you vanity; they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of YHWH!

17 They say continually to those who despise me, YHWH has said, You shall have peace; and to everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart they say, No evil shall come on you.

18 For who has stood in the council of YHWH, that he should perceive and hear his

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word? who has marked my word, and heard it?

19 Behold, the storm of YHWH, even his wrath, is gone forth, yes, a whirling storm: it shall burst on the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of YHWH shall not return, until he has executed, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days you shall understand it perfectly.
21 I sent not these prophets, yet they ran: I didn't speak to them, yet they prophesied.
22 But if they had stood in my council, then had they caused my people to hear my words, and had turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.
23 Am I an ELOHIM at hand, says YHWH, and not an ELOHIM afar off?

24 Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? says YHWH! Don't I fill heaven and earth? says YHWH!

25 I have heard what the prophets have said, who prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart?

²⁷ who think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers forgot my name for Baal.

28 The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat? says YHWH!

29 Isn't my word like fire? says YHWH; and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, says YHWH, who steal my words everyone from his neighbor.

31 Behold, I am against the prophets, says YHWH, who use their tongues, and say, He says.

32 Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says YHWH, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting: yet I didn't send them, nor commanded them; neither do they profit this people at all, says YHWH! 33 When this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, What is the burden of YHWH? Then you shall tell them, What burden! I will cast you off, says YHWH!

34 As for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, who shall say, The burden of YHWH, I will even punish that man and his house.

35 You shall say everyone to his neighbor, and everyone to his brother, What has YHWH answered? and, What has YHWH spoken?

36 You shall mention the burden of YHWH no more: for every man's own word shall be his burden; for you have perverted the words of the living ELOHIM, of YHWH of Hosts our ELOHIM!

37 You shall say to the prophet, What has YHWH answered you? and, What has YHWH spoken?

38 But if you say, The burden of YHWH; therefore thus says YHWH: Because you say this word, The burden of YHWH, and I have sent to you, saying, You shall not say, The burden of YHWH;

39 therefore, behold, I will utterly forget you, and I will cast you off, and the city that I gave to you and to your fathers, away from my presence:

40 and I will bring an everlasting reproach on you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

Jeremiah 24.

1 . The Sign of Two Baskets of Figs. .

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YHWH showed me, and behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of YHWH, after that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first-ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

3 Then YHWH said to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that can't be eaten, they are so bad.

4 The word of YHWH came to me, saying,

5 Thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel: Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Kasdim, for good.

⁶ For I will set my eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. 7 I will give them a heart to know me, that I am YHWH: and they shall be my people, and

I will be their ELOHIM; for they shall return to me with their whole heart. 8 As the bad figs, which can't be eaten, they are so bad, surely thus says YHWH, So will I give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt,

9 I will even give them up to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them.

10 I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, until they be consumed from off the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.

Psalms 130.

1 <u>. A Song of Ascents...</u>

A Song of Ascents. Out of the depths I have cried to you, YHWH!

2 ADONAI, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my petitions.

3 If you, YAH, kept a record of sins, ADONAI, who could stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with you, therefore you are feared.

5 I wait for YHWH! My soul waits. I hope in his word.

6 My soul longs for ADONAI more than watchmen long for the morning; more than watchmen for the morning.

7 Israel, hope in YHWH, for with YHWH there is loving kindness. With him is abundant redemption.

8 He will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Proverbs 29.

1 He who is often rebuked and stiffens his neck will be destroyed suddenly, with no remedy.

2 When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan.

3 Whoever loves wisdom brings joy to his father; but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.

4 The king by justice makes the land stable, but he who takes bribes tears it down.

5 A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.

6 An evil man is snared by his sin, but the righteous can sing and be glad.

7 The righteous care about justice for the poor. The wicked aren't concerned about

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knowledge.

8 Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger.

9 If a wise man goes to court with a foolish man, the fool rages or scoffs, and there is no peace.

10 The bloodthirsty hate a man of integrity; and they seek the life of the upright.

11 A fool vents all of his anger, but a wise man brings himself under control.

12 If a ruler listens to lies, all of his officials are wicked.

13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: YHWH gives sight to the eyes of both.

14 The king who fairly judges the poor, his throne shall be established forever.

15 The rod of correction gives wisdom, but a child left to himself causes shame to his mother.

16 When the wicked increase, sin increases; but the righteous will see their downfall. 17 Correct your son, and he will give you peace; yes, he will bring delight to your soul.

18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but one who keeps the Torah is blessed.

19 A servant can't be corrected by words. Though he understands, yet he will not respond.

20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

21 He who pampers his servant from youth will have him become a son in the end. 22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a wrathful man abounds in sin.

23 A man's pride brings him low, but one of lowly spirit gains honor.

24 Whoever is an accomplice of a thief is an enemy of his own soul. He takes an oath, but dares not testify.

25 The fear of man proves to be a snare, but whoever puts his trust in YHWH is kept safe.

26 Many seek the ruler's favor, but a man's justice comes from YHWH!

27 A dishonest man detests the righteous, and the upright in their ways detest the wicked.

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