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Day 320. 15-November Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Jeremiah 25.

1 . Seventy Years of Desolation. .

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (the same was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),

- 2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying:
- 3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years, the word of YHWH has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; but you have not listened.
- 4 YHWH has sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them (but you have not listened, nor inclined your ear to hear)
- 5 saying, Return now everyone from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that YHWH has given to you and to your fathers, from of old and even forevermore;
- 6 and don't go after other idol_gods to serve them or worship them, and don't provoke me to anger with the work of your hands; and I will do you no harm.
- 7 Yet you have not listened to me, says YHWH; that you may provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own hurt.
- 8 Therefore thus says YHWH of Hosts: Because you have not heard my words,
- 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, says YHWH, and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations around; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations.
- 10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp.
- 11 This whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- 12 It shall happen, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, says YHWH, for their iniquity, and the land of the Kasdim; and I will make it desolate forever.
- 13 I will bring on that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.
- 14 For many nations and great kings shall make bondservants of them, even of them; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.

. Judgment on the Nations. .

For thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, to me: take this cup of the wine of wrath at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.

- 16 They shall drink, and reel back and forth, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.
- 17 Then took I the cup at YHWH's hand, and made all the nations to drink, to whom YHWH had sent me:
- 18 to wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and its kings, and its princes, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day;
- 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

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- 20 and all the mixed people, and all the kings of the land of the Uz, and all the kings of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod;
- 21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon;
- 22 and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the isle which is beyond the sea;
- 23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all who have the corners of their hair cut off;
- 24 and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mixed people who dwell in the wilderness:
- 25 and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes;
- 26 and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the world, which are on the surface of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.
- 27 You shall tell them, Thus says YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: Drink, and be drunk, vomit, fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.
- 28 It shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then you shall tell them, Thus says YHWH of Hosts: You shall surely drink.
- 29 For, behold, I begin to work evil at the city which is called by my name; and should you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished; for I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth, says YHWH of Hosts.
- 30 Therefore prophesy you against them all these words, and tell them, YHWH will roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he will mightily roar against his fold; he will give a shout, as those who tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.
- 31 A noise shall come even to the end of the earth; for YHWH has a controversy with the nations; he will enter into judgment with all flesh: as for the wicked, he will give them to the sword, says YHWH!
- 32 Thus says YHWH of Hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great storm shall be raised up from the uttermost parts of the earth.
- 33 The slain of YHWH shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung on the surface of the ground.
- 34 Wail, you shepherds, and cry; and wallow in ashes, you principal of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are fully come, and you shall fall like a goodly vessel.
- 35 The shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.
- 36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the wailing of the principal of the flock! for YHWH lays waste their pasture.
- 37 The peaceable folds are brought to silence because of the fierce anger of YHWH!
- 38 He has left his covert, as the lion; for their land has become an astonishment because of the fierceness of the oppressing sword, and because of his fierce anger.

Jeremiah 26.

. Jeremiah Saved from Death. .

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word from YHWH, saying,

- 2 Thus says YHWH: Stand in the court of YHWH's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in YHWH's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them; don't diminish a word.
- 3 It may be they will listen, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may repent me of the evil which I purpose to do to them because of the evil of their doings.

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- 4 You shall tell them, Thus says YHWH: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my Torah (teaching and instruction), which I have set before you,
- 5 to listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send to you, even rising up early and sending them, but you have not listened;
- 6 then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.
- 7 The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of YHWH!
- 8 It happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that YHWH had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold on him, saying, You shall surely die.
- 9 Why have you prophesied in the name of YHWH, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant? All the people were gathered to Jeremiah in the house of YHWH!
- 10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of YHWH; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of YHWH's house.
- 11 Then spoke the priests and the prophets to the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy of death; for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.
- 12 Then spoke Jeremiah to all the princes and to all the people, saying, YHWH sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.
- 13 Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of YHWH your ELOHIM; and YHWH will repent him of the evil that he has pronounced against you.
- 14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as is good and right in your eyes.
- 15 Only know for certain that, if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on its inhabitants; for of a truth YHWH has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.
- 16 Then the princes and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets: This man is not worthy of death; for he has spoken to us in the name of YHWH our ELOHIM!
- 17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,
- 18 Micah the Morashtite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus says YHWH of Hosts: Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.
- 19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Didn't he fear YHWH, and entreat the favor of YHWH, and YHWH relented of the disaster which he had pronounced against them? Thus should we commit great evil against our own souls.
- 20 There was also a man who prophesied in the name of YHWH, Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kiriath Jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah:
- 21 and when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt:
- 22 and Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into Egypt;
- 23 and they fetched forth Uriah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.
- 24 But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

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Psalms 131.

1 . A Song of Ascents. Of David...

A Song of Ascents. By David. YHWH, my heart isn't haughty, nor my eyes lofty; nor do I concern myself with great matters, or things too wonderful for me.

- 2 Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- 3 Israel, hope in YHWH, from this time forth and forevermore.

Proverbs 30.

1 . The Wisdom of Agur. .

The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the oracle: the man says to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

- 2 "Surely I am the most ignorant man, and don't have a man's understanding.
- 3 I have not learned wisdom, neither do I have the knowledge of the Holy One.
- 4 Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if you know?
- 5 "Every word of ELOHIM is flawless. He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
- 6 Don't you add to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar.
- 7 "Two things I have asked of you; don't deny me before I die:
- 8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me with the food that is needful for me;
- 9 lest I be full, deny you, and say, 'Who is YHWH?' or lest I be poor, and steal, and so dishonor the name of my ELOHIM!
- 10 "Don't slander a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be held guilty.
- 11 There is a generation that curses their father, and doesn't bless their mother.
- 12 There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes, yet are not washed from their filthiness.
- 13 There is a generation, oh how lofty are their eyes! Their eyelids are lifted up.
- 14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and their jaws like knives, to devour the poor from the earth, and the needy from among men.
- 15 "The leach has two daughters: 'Give, give.' "There are three things that are never satisfied; four that don't say, 'Enough:'
- 16 Sheol, the barren womb; the earth that is not satisfied with water; and the fire that doesn't say, 'Enough.'
- 17 "The eye that mocks at his father, and scorns obedience to his mother: the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, the young eagles shall eat it.
- 18 "There are three things which are too amazing for me, four which I don't understand:
- 19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent on a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maiden.
- 20 "So is the way of an adulterous woman: she eats and wipes her mouth, and says, 'I have done nothing wrong.'
- 21 "For three things the earth tremble, and under four, it can't bear up:
- 22 For a servant when he is king; a fool when he is filled with food;
- 23 for an unloved woman when she is married; and a handmaid who is heir to her mistress.
- 24 "There are four things which are little on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise:
- 25 the ants are not a strong people, yet they provide their food in the summer.

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- 26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks.
- 27 The locusts have no king, yet they advance in ranks.
- 28 You can catch a lizard with your hands, yet it is in kings' palaces.
- 29 "There are three things which are stately in their march, four which are stately in going:
- 30 The lion, which is mightiest among animals, and doesn't turn away for any;
- 31 the greyhound, the male goat also; and the king against whom there is no rising up.
- 32 "If you have done foolishly in lifting up yourself, or if you have thought evil, put your hand over your mouth.
- 33 For as the churning of milk brings forth butter, and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood; so the forcing of wrath brings forth strife."

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