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Day 321. 16-November Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Jeremiah 27.

1 . Symbol of the Bonds and Yokes. .

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

- 2 Thus says YHWH to me: Make bonds and bars, and put them on your neck;
- 3 and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah;
- 4 and give them a command to their masters, saying, Thus says YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, You shall tell your masters:
- 5 I have made the earth, the men and the animals that are on the surface of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it to whom it seems right to me.
- 6 Now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the animals of the field also have I given him to serve him.
- 7 All the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come: and then many nations and great kings shall make him their bondservant.
- 8 It shall happen, that the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, says YHWH, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.
- 9 But as for you, don't you listen to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your soothsayers, nor to your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon:
- 10 for they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, and that I should drive you out, and you should perish.
- 11 But the nation that shall bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, that nation will I let remain in their own land, says YHWH; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.
- 12 I spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.
- 13 Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as YHWH has spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?
- 14 Don't listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon; for they prophesy a lie to you.
- 15 For I have not sent them, says YHWH, but they prophesy falsely in my name; that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you, and the prophets who prophesy to you.
- 16 Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus says YHWH: Don't listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of YHWH's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon; for they prophesy a lie to you.
- 17 Don't listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: why should this city become a desolation?
- 18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of YHWH be with them, let them now make intercession to YHWH of Hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of YHWH, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, don't go to Babylon.
- 19 For thus says YHWH of Hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that are left in this city,

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- 20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon didn't take, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;
- 21 yes, thus says YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of YHWH, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem:
 22 They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be, until the day that I visit them, says YHWH; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

Jeremiah 28.

. Hananiah's Falsehood and Doom. .

It happened the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of YHWH, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

- 2 Thus speaks YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.
- 3 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of YHWH's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried to Babylon: 4 and I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, who went to Babylon, says YHWH; for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.
- 5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of YHWH,
- 6 even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: YHWH do so; YHWH perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of YHWH's house, and all them of the captivity, from Babylon to this place.
- 7 Nevertheless hear you now this word that I speak in your ears, and in the ears of all the people:
- 8 The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.
- 9 The prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall happen, then shall the prophet be known, that YHWH has truly sent him.
- 10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the bar from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it.
- 11 Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus says YHWH: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon within two full years from off the neck of all the nations. The prophet Jeremiah went his way.
- 12 Then the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the bar from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
- 13 Go, and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus says YHWH: You have broken the bars of wood; but you have made in their place bars of iron.
- 14 For thus says YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the animals of the field also.
- 15 Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah: YHWH has not sent you; but you make this people to trust in a lie.
- 16 Therefore thus says YHWH, Behold, I will send you away from off the surface of the earth: this year you shall die, because you have spoken rebellion against YHWH!
- 17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

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Psalms 132.

1 . A Song of Ascents...

A Song of Ascents. YHWH, remember David and all his affliction,

- 2 how he swore to YHWH, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 "Surely I will not come into the structure of my house, nor go up into my bed;
- 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids;
- 5 until I find out a place for YHWH, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah. We found it in the field of Jaar:
- 7 "We will go into his dwelling place. We will worship at his footstool.
- 8 Arise, YHWH, into your resting place; you, and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priest be clothed with righteousness. Let your holy ones shout for joy!"
- 10 For your servant David's sake, don't turn away the face of your anointed one.
- 11 YHWH has sworn to David in truth. He will not turn from it: "I will set the fruit of your body on your throne.
- 12 If your children will keep my covenant, my testimony that I will teach them, their children also will sit on your throne forevermore."
- 13 For YHWH has chosen Zion. He has desired it for his habitation.
- 14 "This is my resting place forever. Here I will live, for I have desired it.
- 15 I will abundantly bless her provision. I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- 16 Her priests I will also clothe with salvation. Her holy ones will shout aloud for joy.
- 17 There I will make the horn of David to bud. I have ordained a lamp for my anointed.
- 18 I will clothe his enemies with shame, but on himself, his crown will be resplendent."

Proverbs 31.

. The Words of King Lemuel's Mother..

The words of king Lemuel; the oracle which his mother taught him.

- 2 "Oh, my son! Oh, son of my womb! Oh, son of my yows!
- 3 Don't give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings.
- 4 It is not for kings, Lemuel; it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes to say, 'Where is strong drink?'
- 5 lest they drink, and forget the decree, and pervert the justice due to anyone who is afflicted.
- 6 Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish; and wine to the bitter in soul:
- 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
- 8 Open your mouth for the mute, in the cause of all who are left desolate.
- 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and serve justice to the poor and needy."

. The Virtuous Wife. .

Who can find a worthy woman? For her price is far above rubies.

- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her. He shall have no lack of gain.
- 12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works eagerly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchant ships. She brings her bread from afar.
- 15 She rises also while it is yet night, gives food to her household, and portions for her servant girls.
- 16 She considers a field, and buys it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She arms her waist with strength, and makes her arms strong.
- 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp doesn't go out by night.

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- 19 She lays her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She opens her arms to the poor; yes, she extends her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She makes for herself carpets of tapestry. Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 23 Her husband is respected in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and delivers sashes to the merchant.
- 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing. She laughs at the time to come.
- 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom. Faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- 27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and doesn't eat the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her:
- 29 "Many women do noble things, but you excel them all."
- 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears YHWH, she shall be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands! Let her works praise her in the gates!

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