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Day 322. 17-November Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Jeremiah 29.

1 .Jeremiah's Letter to the Captives..

Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon,

2 (after that Jeconiah the king, and the queen mother, and the eunuchs, and the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem),

3 by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), saying, 4 Thus says YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, to all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon:

5 Build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit.

6 Take wives, and father sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there, and don't be diminished.

7 Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to YHWH for it; for in its peace you shall have peace.

8 For thus says YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: Don't let your prophets who are in the midst of you, and your diviners, deceive you; neither listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed.

9 For they prophesy falsely to you in my name: I have not sent them, says YHWH!
10 For thus says YHWH, After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.
11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says YHWH, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future.

12 You shall call on me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

13 You shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says YHWH, and I will turn again your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have driven you, says YHWH; and I will bring you again to the place from where I caused you to be carried away captive.

15 Because you have said, YHWH has raised us up prophets in Babylon;

16 thus says YHWH concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your brothers who haven't gone forth with you into captivity;

17 thus says YHWH of Hosts; Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that can't be eaten, they are so bad.

18 I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an object of horror, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations where I have driven them;

19 because they have not listened to my words, says YHWH, with which I sent to them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but you would not hear, says YHWH!

20 Hear therefore the word of YHWH, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

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21 Thus says YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in my name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall kill them before your eyes;

22 and of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captives of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, YHWH make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

23 because they have worked folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I didn't command them; and I am he who knows, and am witness, says YHWH!

24 Concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, saying,

25 Thus speaks YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your own name to all the people who are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 YHWH has made you priest in the place of Jehoiada the priest, that there may be officers in the house of YHWH, for every man who is mad, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in the stocks and in shackles.

27 Now therefore, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you,

28 because he has sent to us in Babylon, saying, The captivity is long: build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit?

29 Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then came the word of YHWH to Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus says YHWH concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I didn't send him, and he has caused you to trust in a lie;

32 therefore thus says YHWH, Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people, neither shall he see the good that I will do to my people, says YHWH, because he has spoken rebellion against YHWH!

Jeremiah 30.

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH, saying,

- 2 Thus speaks YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, saying, Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book.
- 3 For, behold, the days come, says YHWH, that I will turn again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, says YHWH; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.
- 4 These are the words that YHWH spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah.
- 5 For thus says YHWH: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.
- 6 Ask now, and see whether a man does travail with child: why do I see every man with his hands on his waist, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?
- 7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.
- 8 It shall come to pass in that day, says YHWH of Hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your bonds; and strangers shall no more make him their bondservant;
- 9 but they shall serve YHWH their ELOHIM, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them.
- 10 Therefore don't you be afraid, O Jacob my servant, says YHWH; neither be dismayed, Israel: for, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their

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captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

- 11 For I am with you, says YHWH, to save you: for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have scattered you, but I will not make a full end of you; but I will correct you in measure, and will in no way leave you unpunished.
- 12 For thus says YHWH, Your hurt is incurable, and your wound grievous.
- 13 There is none to plead your cause, that you may be bound up: you have no healing medicines.
- 14 All your lovers have forgotten you; they don't seek you: for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the greatness of your iniquity, because your sins were increased.
- 15 Why do you cry for your hurt? Your pain is incurable: for the greatness of your iniquity, because your sins were increased, I have done these things to you.
- 16 Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured; and all your adversaries, everyone of them, shall go into captivity; and those who despoil you shall be a spoil, and all who prey on you will I give for a prey.
- 17 For I will restore health to you, and I will heal you of your wounds, says YHWH; because they have called you an outcast, saying, It is Zion, whom no man seeks after.
- 18 Thus says YHWH: Behold, I will turn again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have compassion on his dwelling places; and the city shall be built on its own hill, and the palace shall be inhabited in its own way.
- 19 Out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.
- **20** Their children also shall be as before, and their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all who oppress them.
- 21 Their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from their midst; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach to me: for who is he who has had boldness to approach to me? says YHWH!
- 22 You shall be my people, and I will be your ELOHIM!
- **23** Behold, the storm of YHWH, even his wrath, is gone forth, a sweeping storm: it shall burst on the head of the wicked.
- 24 The fierce anger of YHWH will not return, until he has executed, and until he has performed the intentions of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it.

Psalms 133.

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

A Song of Ascents. By David. See how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, that ran down on the beard, even Aaron's beard; that came down on the edge of his robes;

3 like the dew of Hermon, that comes down on the hills of Zion: for there YHWH gives the blessing, even life forevermore.

Proverbs 1.

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1 . The Beginning of Knowledge. .

Proverbs!

The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel:

2 to know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;

3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;

4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young man:

5 that the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; that the man of understanding may attain to sound counsel:

6 to understand a proverb, and parables, the words and riddles of the wise.

7 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

8 <u>. Shun Evil Counsel. .</u>

My son, listen to your father's instruction, and don't forsake your mother's teaching: 9 for they will be a garland to grace your head, and chains around your neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice you, don't consent.

11 If they say, "Come with us, Let's lay in wait for blood; let's lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;

12 let's swallow them up alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down into the pit.13 We'll find all valuable wealth. We'll fill our houses with spoil.

14 You shall cast your lot among us. We'll all have one purse."

15 My son, don't walk in the way with them. Keep your foot from their path,

16 for their feet run to evil. They hurry to shed blood.

17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird:

18 but these lay wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own lives.

19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owners.

20 . The Call of Wisdom. .

Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She utters her voice in the public squares.

21 She calls at the head of noisy places. At the entrance of the city gates, she utters her words:

22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight themselves in mockery, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you.

24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one has paid attention;

25 but you have ignored all my counsel, and wanted none of my reproof;

26 I also will laugh at your disaster. I will mock when calamity overtakes you;

27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when your disaster comes on like a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come on you.

28 Then will they call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me;

29 because they hated knowledge, and didn't choose the fear of YHWH!

30 They wanted none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own schemes.

32 For the backsliding of the simple will kill them. The careless ease of fools will destroy them.

33 But whoever listens to me will dwell securely, and will be at ease, without fear of harm."

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