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**Jeremiah 37.**

**1 . Zedekiah's Vain Hope. .**

Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king, instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to the words of YAHWEH, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

3 Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now to YAHWEH our ELOHIM for us.

4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison.

5 Pharaoh's army had come forth out of Egypt; and when the Kasdim who were besieging Jerusalem heard news of them, they broke up from Jerusalem.

6 Then came the word of YAHWEH to the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 Thus says YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, You shall tell the king of Judah, who sent you to me to inquire of me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

8 The Kasdim shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and burn it with fire.

9 Thus says YAHWEH, Don't deceive yourselves, saying, The Kasdim shall surely depart from us; for they shall not depart.

10 For though you had struck the whole army of the Kasdim who fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yes would they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

**11 . Jeremiah Imprisoned. .**

It happened that, when the army of the Kasdim was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

12 then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion there, in the midst of the people.

13 When he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he laid hold on Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You are falling away to the Kasdim.

14 Then Jeremiah said, It is false; I am not falling away to the Kasdim. But he didn't listen to him; so Irijah laid hold on Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

15 The princes were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison.

16 When Jeremiah had come into the dungeon house, and into the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

17 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and fetched him: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from YAHWEH? Jeremiah said, There is. He said also, You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 Moreover Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, Wherein have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?

19 Where now are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

20 Now please hear, my master the king: please let my supplication be presented before you, that you not cause me to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

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21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard; and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

### Jeremiah 38.

#### 1 **. Jeremiah in the Dungeon. .**

Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchijah, heard the words that Jeremiah spoke to all the people, saying,

2 Thus says YAHWEH, He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes forth to the Kasdim shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey, and he shall live.

3 Thus says YAHWEH, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

4 Then the princes said to the king, "Please let this man be put to death; because he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them: for this man doesn't seek the welfare of this people, but the hurt."

5 Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand; for the king is not he who can do anything against you.

6 Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchijah the king's son, that was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. In the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire.

7 Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon (the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin),

8 Ebedmelech went forth out of the king's house, and spoke to the king, saying,

9 My master the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is likely to die in the place where he is, because of the famine; for there is no more bread in the city.

10 Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from here thirty men with you, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he dies.

11 So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took there rags and worn-out garments, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

12 Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, Put now these rags and worn-out garments under your armpits under the cords. Jeremiah did so.

13 So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

#### 14 **. Zedekiah's Fears and Jeremiah's Advice. .**

Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet to him into the third entry that is in the house of YAHWEH: and the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you something. Hide nothing from me.

15 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? and if I give you counsel, you will not listen to me.

16 So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As YAHWEH lives, who made us this soul, I will not put you to death, neither will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life.

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17 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, Thus says YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: If you will go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and you shall live, and your house.

18 But if you will not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Kasdim, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape out of their hand.

19 Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews who are fallen away to the Kasdim, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver you. Obey, I beg you, the voice of YAHWEH, in that which I speak to you: so it shall be well with you, and your soul shall live.

21 But if you refuse to go forth, this is the word that YAHWEH has shown me:

22 behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, Your familiar friends have set you on, and have prevailed over you: now that your feet are sunk in the mire, they are turned away back.

23 They shall bring out all your wives and your children to the Kasdim; and you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and you shall cause this city to be burned with fire.

24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and you shall not die.

25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you, and tell you, Declare to us now what you have said to the king; don't hide it from us, and we will not put you to death; also what the king said to you:

26 then you shall tell them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.

27 Then came all the princes to Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.

28 So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

### **Psalms 137.**

#### **1 . Longing for Zion in a Foreign Land. .**

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down. Yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

2 On the willows in its midst, we hung up our harps.

3 For there, those who led us captive asked us for songs. Those who tormented us demanded songs of joy: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

4 How can we sing YAHWEH's song in a foreign land?

5 If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I don't remember you; if I don't prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy.

7 Remember, YAHWEH, against the children of Edom, the day of Jerusalem; who said, "Raze it! Raze it even to its foundation!"

8 Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, he will be happy who rewards you, as you have served us.

9 Happy shall he be, who takes and dashes your little ones against the rock.

### **Proverbs 5.**

#### **1 . The Peril of Adultery. .**

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My son, pay attention to my wisdom. Turn your ear to my understanding:  
2 that you may maintain discretion, that your lips may preserve knowledge.  
3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey. Her mouth is smoother than oil,  
4 But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, and as sharp as a two-edged sword.  
5 Her feet go down to death. Her steps lead straight to Sheol.  
6 She gives no thought to the way of life. Her ways are crooked, and she doesn't know it.  
7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me. Don't depart from the words of my mouth.  
8 Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house,  
9 lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel one;  
10 lest strangers feast on your wealth, and your labors enrich another man's house.  
11 You will groan at your latter end, when your flesh and your body are consumed,  
12 and say, "How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;  
13 neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor turned my ear to those who instructed me!  
14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin, in the midst of the gathered assembly."  
15 Drink water out of your own cistern, running water out of your own well.  
16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares?  
17 Let them be for yourself alone, not for strangers with you.  
18 Let your spring be blessed. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.  
19 A loving doe and a graceful deer let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be captivated always with her love.  
20 For why should you, my son, be captivated with an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another?  
21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of YAHWEH! He examines all his paths.  
22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare him. The cords of his sin hold him firmly.  
23 He will die for lack of instruction. In the greatness of his folly, he will go astray.

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**Jeremiah 39.**

**1 . The Fall of Jerusalem. .**

It happened when Jerusalem was taken, (in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and besieged it;

2 in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city),

3 that all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, to wit, Nergal Sharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergal Sharezer, Rabmag, with all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 It happened that, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, through the gate between the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah.

5 But the army of the Kasdim pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he gave judgment on him.

6 Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon killed all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.

8 The Kasdim burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the residue of the people who remained in the city, the deserters also who fell away to him, and the residue of the people who remained.

10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

**11 . Jeremiah Goes Free. .**

Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon commanded Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard concerning Jeremiah, saying,

12 Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do to him even as he shall tell you.

13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushazban, Rabsaris, and Nergal Sharezer, Rabmag, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon;

14 they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he lived among the people.

15 Now the word of YAHWEH came to Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying,

16 Go, and speak to Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus says YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: Behold, I will bring my words on this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished before you in that day.

17 But I will deliver you in that day, says YAHWEH; and you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid.

18 For I will surely save you, and you shall not fall by the sword, but your life shall be for a prey to you; because you have put your trust in me, says YAHWEH!

**Jeremiah 40.**

**1 . Jeremiah with Gedaliah the Governor. .**

The word which came to Jeremiah from YAHWEH, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away captive to Babylon.

2 The captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said to him, YAHWEH your ELOHIM pronounced this evil on this place;

3 and YAHWEH has brought it, and done according as he spoke: because you have sinned against YAHWEH, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing has come on you.

4 Now, behold, I release you this day from the chains which are on your hand. If it seems good to you to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will take care of you; but if it seems bad to you to come with me into Babylon, don't: behold, all the land is before you; where it seems good and right to you to go, there go.

5 Now while he was not yet gone back, Go back then, said he, to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wherever it seems right to you to go. So the captain of the guard gave him food and a present, and let him go.

6 Then went Jeremiah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and lived with him among the people who were left in the land.

7 Now when all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, and women, and children, and of the poorest of the land, of those who were not carried away captive to Babylon;

8 then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, to wit, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Yochanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men.

9 Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore to them and to their men, saying, Don't be afraid to serve the Kasdim: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the Kasdim who shall come to us: but you, gather wine and summer fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken.

11 Likewise when all the Jews who were in Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan;

12 then all the Jews returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

13 Moreover Yochanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

14 and said to him, Do you know that Baalis the king of the children of Ammon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take your life? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam didn't believe them.

15 Then Yochanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Please let me go, and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: why should he take your life, that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered,

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and the remnant of Judah perish?

16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Yochanan the son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing; for you speak falsely of Ishmael.

### **Psalms 138.**

#### **1 . A Psalm of David. .**

By David. I will give you thanks with my whole heart. Before the idol\_gods, I will sing praises to you.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple, and give thanks to your Name for your loving kindness and for your truth; for you have exalted your Name and your Word above all.

3 In the day that I called, you answered me. You encouraged me with strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth will give you thanks, YAHWEH, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 Yes, they will sing of the ways of YAHWEH; for great is YAHWEH's glory.

6 For though YAHWEH is high, yet he looks after the lowly; but the proud, he knows from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will revive me. You will stretch forth your hand against the wrath of my enemies. Your right hand will save me.

8 YAHWEH will fulfill that which concerns me; your loving kindness, YAHWEH, endures forever. Don't forsake the works of your own hands.

### **Proverbs 6.**

#### **1 . Dangerous Promises. .**

My son, if you have become collateral for your neighbor, if you have struck your hands in pledge for a stranger;

2 You are trapped by the words of your mouth. You are ensnared with the words of your mouth.

3 Do this now, my son, and deliver yourself, since you have come into the hand of your neighbor. Go, humble yourself. Press your plea with your neighbor.

4 Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids.

5 Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

#### **6 . The Folly of Indolence. .**

Go to the ant, you sluggard. Consider her ways, and be wise;

7 which having no chief, overseer, or ruler,

8 provides her bread in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.

9 How long will you sleep, sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep?

10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

11 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your scarcity as an armed man.

#### **12 . The Wicked Man. .**

A worthless person, a man of iniquity, is he who walks with a perverse mouth;

13 who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, who motions with his fingers;

14 in whose heart is perverseness, who devises evil continually, who always sows

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discord.

15 Therefore his calamity will come suddenly. He will be broken suddenly, and that without remedy.

16 There are six things which YAHWEH hates; yes, seven which are an abomination to him:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood;

18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are swift in running to mischief,

19 a false witness who utters lies, and he who sows discord among brothers.

**20 . Beware of Adultery. .**

My son, keep your father's commandment, and don't forsake your mother's teaching.

21 Bind them continually on your heart. Tie them around your neck.

22 When you walk, it will lead you. When you sleep, it will watch over you. When you awake, it will talk with you.

23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the Torah is light. Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

24 to keep you from the immoral woman, from the flattery of the wayward wife's tongue.

25 Don't lust after her beauty in your heart, neither let her captivate you with her eyelids.

26 For a prostitute reduces you to a piece of bread. The adulteress hunts for your precious life.

27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap, and his clothes not be burned?

28 Or can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be scorched?

29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife. Whoever touches her will not be unpunished.

30 Men don't despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry:

31 but if he is found, he shall restore seven times. He shall give all the wealth of his house.

32 He who commits adultery with a woman is void of understanding. He who does it destroys his own soul.

33 He will get wounds and dishonor. His reproach will not be wiped away.

34 For jealousy arouses the fury of the husband. He won't spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He won't regard any ransom, neither will he rest content, though you give many gifts.

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Jeremiah 41.

1 **. Insurrection Against Gedaliah. .**

Now it happened in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal and one of the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they ate bread together in Mizpah.

2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and killed him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

3 Ishmael also killed all the Jews who were with him, to wit, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Kasdim who were found there, the men of war.

4 It happened the second day after he had killed Gedaliah, and no man knew it,

5 that there came men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even eighty men, having their beards shaved and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, with meal offerings and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house of YAHWEH!

6 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it happened, as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.

7 It was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah killed them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men who were with him.

8 But ten men were found among those who said to Ishmael, Don't kill us; for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he stopped, and didn't kill them among their brothers.

9 Now the pit in which Ishmael cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had killed, by the side of Gedaliah (the same was who which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel), Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with those who were killed.

10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people who were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ammon.

11 But when Yochanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

12 then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon.

13 Now it happened that, when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Yochanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, then they were glad.

14 So all the people who Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and came back, and went to Yochanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Yochanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon.

16 Then took Yochanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, to wit, the men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon:

17 and they departed, and lived in Geruth Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt,

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18 because of the Kasdim; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor over the land.

### Jeremiah 42.

#### 1 . **The Flight to Egypt Forbidden.** .

Then all the captains of the forces, and Yochanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near, and said to Jeremiah the prophet, Please let our supplication be presented before you, and pray for us to YAHWEH your ELOHIM, even for all this remnant; for we are left but a few of many, as your eyes do see us:

3 that YAHWEH your ELOHIM may show us the way in which we should walk, and the thing that we should do.

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray to YAHWEH your ELOHIM according to your words; and it shall happen that whatever thing YAHWEH shall answer you, I will declare it to you; I will keep nothing back from you.

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, YAHWEH be a true and faithful witness among us, if we don't do according to all the word with which YAHWEH your ELOHIM shall send you to us.

6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of YAHWEH our ELOHIM, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of YAHWEH our ELOHIM!

7 It happened after ten days, that the word of YAHWEH came to Jeremiah.

8 Then called he Yochanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9 and said to them, Thus says YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your supplication before him:

10 If you will still live in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I grieve over the distress that I have brought on you.

11 Don't be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; don't be afraid of him, says YAHWEH: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

12 I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy on you, and cause you to return to your own land.

13 But if you say, We will not dwell in this land; so that you don't obey the voice of YAHWEH your ELOHIM,

14 saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the shofar, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:

15 now therefore hear the word of YAHWEH, O remnant of Judah: Thus says YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, If you indeed set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to live there;

16 then it shall happen, that the sword, which you fear, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are afraid, shall follow close behind you there in Egypt; and there you shall die.

17 So shall it be with all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to live there: they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring on them.

18 For thus says YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: As my anger and my wrath has been poured forth on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my wrath be poured forth on you, when you shall enter into Egypt; and you shall be an object of horror, and

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an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and you shall see this place no more.

19 YAHWEH has spoken concerning you, remnant of Judah, Don't you go into Egypt: know certainly that I have testified to you this day.

20 For you have dealt deceitfully against your own souls; for you sent me to YAHWEH your ELOHIM, saying, Pray for us to YAHWEH our ELOHIM; and according to all that YAHWEH our ELOHIM shall say, so declare to us, and we will do it:

21 and I have this day declared it to you; but you have not obeyed the voice of YAHWEH your ELOHIM in anything for which he has sent me to you.

22 Now therefore know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place where you desire to go to live there.

### Psalms 139.

#### 1 . For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David..

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. YAHWEH, you have searched me, and you know me.

2 You know my sitting down and my rising up. You perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word on my tongue, but, behold, YAHWEH, you know it altogether.

5 You hem me in behind and before. You laid your hand on me.

6 This knowledge is beyond me. It's lofty. I can't attain it.

7 Where could I go from your Spirit? Or where could I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, you are there. If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, you are there!

9 If I take the wings of the dawn, and settle in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there your hand will lead me, and your right hand will hold me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me; the light around me will be night;"

12 even the darkness doesn't hide from you, but the night shines as the day. The darkness is like light to you.

13 For you formed my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that very well.

15 My frame wasn't hidden from you, when I was made in secret, woven together in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my body. In your book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there were none of them.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, ELOHIM! How vast is their sum!

18 If I would count them, they are more in number than the sand. When I wake up, I am still with you.

19 If only you, ELOHIM, would kill the wicked. Get away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

20 For they speak against you wickedly. Your enemies take your name in vain.

21 YAHWEH, don't I hate those who hate you? Am I not grieved with those who rise up against you?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred. They have become my enemies.

23 Search me, ELOHIM, and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts.

24 See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

### Proverbs 7.

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1 My son, keep my words. Lay up my commandments within you.  
2 Keep my commandments and live! Guard my teaching as the apple of your eye.  
3 Bind them on your fingers. Write them on the tablet of your heart.  
4 Tell wisdom, "You are my sister." Call understanding your relative,  
5 that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.

### 6 . The Crafty Harlot. .

For at the window of my house, I looked out through my lattice.  
7 I saw among the simple ones. I discerned among the youths a young man void of understanding,  
8 passing through the street near her corner, he went the way to her house,  
9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.  
10 Behold, there a woman met him with the attire of a prostitute, and with crafty intent.  
11 She is loud and defiant. Her feet don't stay in her house.  
12 Now she is in the streets, now in the squares, and lurking at every corner.  
13 So she caught him, and kissed him. With an impudent face she said to him:  
14 "Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me. This day I have paid my vows.  
15 Therefore I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I have found you.  
16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, with striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.  
17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.  
18 Come, let's take our fill of loving until the morning. Let's solace ourselves with loving.  
19 For my husband isn't at home. He has gone on a long journey.  
20 He has taken a bag of money with him. He will come home at the full moon."  
21 With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him.  
22 He followed her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, as a fool stepping into a noose.  
23 Until an arrow strikes through his liver, as a bird hurries to the snare, and doesn't know that it will cost his life.  
24 Now therefore, sons, listen to me. Pay attention to the words of my mouth.  
25 Don't let your heart turn to her ways. Don't go astray in her paths,  
26 for she has thrown down many wounded. Yes, all her slain are a mighty army.  
27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the rooms of death.

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**Jeremiah 43.**

**1 . Jeremiah Taken to Egypt. .**

It happened that, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking to all the people all the words of YAHWEH their ELOHIM, with which YAHWEH their ELOHIM had sent him to them, even all these words,

2 then spoke Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Yochanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely: YAHWEH our ELOHIM has not sent you to say, You shall not go into Egypt to live there;

3 but Baruch the son of Neriah sets you on against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Kasdim, that they may put us to death, and carry us away captive to Babylon.

4 So Yochanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, didn't obey the voice of YAHWEH, to dwell in the land of Judah.

5 But Yochanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, who were returned from all the nations where they had been driven, to live in the land of Judah;

6 the men, and the women, and the children, and the king's daughters, and every person who Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah;

7 and they came into the land of Egypt; for they didn't obey the voice of YAHWEH: and they came to Tahpanhes.

8 Then came the word of YAHWEH to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 Take great stones in your hand, and hide them in mortar in the brick work, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

10 and tell them, Thus says YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne on these stones that I have hidden; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

11 He shall come, and shall strike the land of Egypt; such as are for death shall be given to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword.

12 I will kindle a fire in the houses of the idol\_gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment; and he shall go forth from there in peace.

13 He shall also break the pillars of Beth Shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the idol\_gods of Egypt shall he burn with fire.

**Jeremiah 44.**

**1 . Israelites Will Be Punished in Egypt. .**

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who lived in the land of Egypt, who lived at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Memphis, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

2 Thus says YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: You have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwells therein,

3 because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other idol\_gods, that they didn't know, neither they, nor you, nor your fathers.

4 However I sent to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them,

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saying, Oh, don't do this abominable thing that I hate.

5 But they didn't listen, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other idol\_gods.

6 Therefore my wrath and my anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as it is this day.

7 Therefore now thus says YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: Why do you commit great evil against your own souls, to cut off from yourselves man and woman, infant and nursing child out of the midst of Judah, to leave yourselves none remaining;

8 in that you provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, burning incense to other idol\_gods in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to live; that you may be cut off, and that you may be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

9 Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives which they committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 They are not humbled even to this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my Torah (teaching and instruction), nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

11 Therefore thus says YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, even to cut off all Judah.

12 I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to live there, and they shall all be consumed; in the land of Egypt shall they fall; they shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and they shall be an object of horror, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

13 For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence;

14 so that none of the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there, shall escape or be left, to return into the land of Judah, to which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return save such as shall escape.

15 Then all the men who knew that their wives burned incense to other idol\_gods, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, even all the people who lived in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of YAHWEH, we will not listen to you.

17 But we will certainly perform every word that is gone forth out of our mouth, to burn incense to the queen of the sky, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then had we plenty of food, and were well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off burning incense to the queen of the sky, and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

19 When we burned incense to the queen of the sky, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our husbands?

20 Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to the women, even to all the people who had given him an answer, saying,

21 The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, didn't YAHWEH remember them, and didn't it come into his mind?

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22 so that YAHWEH could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which you have committed; therefore your land has become a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day.

23 Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against YAHWEH, and have not obeyed the voice of YAHWEH, nor walked in his Torah (teaching and instruction), nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil has happened to you, as it is this day.

24 Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of YAHWEH, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt:

25 Thus says YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, saying, You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of the sky, and to pour out drink offerings to her: establish then your vows, and perform your vows.

26 Therefore hear the word of YAHWEH, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, says YAHWEH, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, As ADONAI YAHWEH lives.

27 Behold, I watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

28 Those who escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine, or theirs.

29 This shall be the sign to you, says YAHWEH, that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:

30 Thus says YAHWEH, Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy, and sought his life.

## Psalms 140.

### 1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.. .

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. Deliver me, YAHWEH, from the evil man. Preserve me from the violent man;

2 those who devise mischief in their hearts. They continually gather themselves together for war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent. Viper's poison is under their lips. Selah.

4 YAHWEH, keep me from the hands of the wicked. Preserve me from the violent men who have determined to trip my feet.

5 The proud have hidden a snare for me, they have spread the cords of a net by the path. They have set traps for me. Selah.

6 I said to YAHWEH, "You are my ELOHIM!" Listen to the cry of my petitions, YAHWEH!

7 YAHWEH, ADONAI, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle.

8 YAHWEH, don't grant the desires of the wicked. Don't let their evil plans succeed, or they will become proud. Selah.

9 As for the head of those who surround me, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

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10 Let burning coals fall on them. Let them be thrown into the fire, into miry pits, from where they never rise.

11 An evil speaker won't be established in the earth. Evil will hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that YAHWEH will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and justice for the needy.

13 Surely the righteous will give thanks to your name. The upright will dwell in your presence.

### Proverbs 8.

#### 1 . The Excellence of Wisdom. .

Doesn't wisdom cry out? Doesn't understanding raise her voice?

2 On the top of high places by the way, where the paths meet, she stands.

3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entry doors, she cries aloud:

4 "To you men, I call! I send my voice to the sons of mankind.

5 You simple, understand prudence. You fools, be of an understanding heart.

6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things. The opening of my lips is for right things.

7 For my mouth speaks truth. Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness. There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.

9 They are all plain to him who understands, right to those who find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction rather than silver; knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 For wisdom is better than rubies. All the things that may be desired can't be compared to it.

12 "I, wisdom, have made prudence my dwelling. Find out knowledge and discretion.

13 The fear of YAHWEH is to hate evil. I hate pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth.

14 Counsel and sound knowledge are mine. I have understanding and power.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule; nobles, and all the righteous rulers of the earth.

17 I love those who love me. Those who seek me diligently will find me.

18 With me are riches, honor, enduring wealth, and prosperity.

19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; my yield than choice silver.

20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice;

21 That I may give wealth to those who love me. I fill their treasuries.

22 "YAHWEH possessed me in the beginning of his work, before his deeds of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth existed.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was brought forth;

26 while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world.

27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he set a circle on the surface of the deep,

28 when he established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong,

29 when he gave to the sea its boundary, that the waters should not violate his commandment, when he marked out the foundations of the earth;

30 then I was the craftsman by his side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing before him,

31 Rejoicing in his whole world. My delight was with the sons of men.



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- 32 “Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, for blessed are those who keep my ways.  
33 Hear instruction, and be wise. Don’t refuse it.  
34 Blessed is the man who hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my door posts.  
35 For whoever finds me, finds life, and will obtain favor from YAHWEH!  
36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death.”

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**Jeremiah 45.**

**1 . Assurance to Baruch. .**

The message that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 Thus says YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, to you, Baruch:

3 You said, Woe is me now! for YAHWEH has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.

4 You shall tell him, Thus says YAHWEH: Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land.

5 Do you seek great things for yourself? Don't seek them; for, behold, I will bring evil on all flesh, says YAHWEH; but your life will I give to you for a prey in all places where you go.

**Jeremiah 46.**

**1 . Judgment on Egypt. .**

The word of YAHWEH which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

2 Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah.

3 Prepare the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle!

4 Harness the horses, and get up, you horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, put on the coats of mail.

5 Why have I seen it? they are dismayed and are turned backward; and their mighty ones are beaten down, and have fled apace, and don't look back: terror is on every side, says YAHWEH!

6 Don't let the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; in the north by the river Euphrates have they stumbled and fallen.

7 Who is this who rises up like the Nile, whose waters toss themselves like the rivers?

8 Egypt rises up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves like the rivers: and he says, I will rise up, I will cover the earth; I will destroy cities and its inhabitants.

9 Go up, you horses; and rage, you chariots; and let the mighty men go forth: Cush and Put, who handle the shield; and the Ludim, who handle and bend the bow.

10 For that day is a day of ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour and be satiate, and shall drink its fill of their blood; for ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, has a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain do you use many medicines; there is no healing for you.

12 The nations have heard of your shame, and the earth is full of your cry; for the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, they are fallen both of them together.

**13 . Babylon Will Strike Egypt. .**

The word that YAHWEH spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon should come and strike the land of Egypt.

14 Declare in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Memphis and in Tahpanhes:

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say, Stand forth, and prepare; for the sword has devoured around you.

15 Why are your strong ones swept away? they didn't stand, because YAHWEH pushed them.

16 He made many to stumble, yes, they fell one on another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our birth, from the oppressing sword.

17 They cried there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he has let the appointed time pass by.

18 As I live, says the King, whose name is YAHWEH of Hosts, surely like Tabor among the mountains, and like Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.

19 You daughter who dwells in Egypt, furnish yourself to go into captivity; for Memphis shall become a desolation, and shall be burnt up, without inhabitant.

20 Egypt is a very beautiful heifer; but destruction out of the north has come, it has come.

21 Also her hired men in the midst of her are like calves of the stall; for they also are turned back, they are fled away together, they didn't stand: for the day of their calamity has come on them, the time of their visitation.

22 The sound of it shall go like the serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as wood cutters.

23 They shall cut down her forest, says YAHWEH, though it can't be searched; because they are more than the locusts, and are innumerable.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be disappointed; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

25 YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, says: Behold, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her idol\_gods, and her kings; even Pharaoh, and those who trust in him:

26 and I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants; and afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, says YAHWEH!

### 27 .ELOHIM Will Preserve Israel.

But don't you be afraid, Jacob my servant, neither be dismayed, Israel: for, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

28 Don't you be afraid, O Jacob my servant, says YAHWEH; for I am with you: for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven 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.

## Psalms 141.

### 1 .A Psalm of David..

A Psalm by David. YAHWEH, I have called on you. Come to me quickly! Listen to my voice when I call to you.

2 Let my prayer be set before you like incense; the lifting up of my hands like the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, YAHWEH, before my mouth. Keep the door of my lips.

4 Don't incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice deeds of wickedness with men who work iniquity. Don't let me eat of their delicacies.

5 Let the righteous strike me, it is kindness; let him reprove me, it is like oil on the head; don't let my head refuse it; Yet my prayer is always against evil deeds.

6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock. They will hear my words, for

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they are well spoken.

7 “As when one plows and breaks up the earth, our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol.”

8 For my eyes are on you, YAHWEH, ADONAI. In you, I take refuge. Don't leave my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, from the traps of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall together into their own nets, while I pass by.

### Proverbs 9.

#### 1 . The Way of Wisdom. .

Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out her seven pillars.

2 She has prepared her meat. She has mixed her wine. She has also set her table.

3 She has sent out her maidens. She cries from the highest places of the city:

4 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” As for him who is void of understanding, she says to him,

5 “Come, eat some of my bread, Drink some of the wine which I have mixed!

6 Leave your simple ways, and live. Walk in the way of understanding.”

7 He who corrects a mocker invites insult. He who reproves a wicked man invites abuse.

8 Don't reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you. Reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

9 Instruct a wise man, and he will be still wiser. Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

10 The fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of wisdom. The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

11 For by me your days will be multiplied. The years of your life will be increased.

12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself. If you mock, you alone will bear it.

#### 13 . The Way of Folly. .

The foolish woman is loud, Undisciplined, and knows nothing.

14 She sits at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

15 To call to those who pass by, who go straight on their ways,

16 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here.” as for him who is void of understanding, she says to him,

17 “Stolen water is sweet. Food eaten in secret is pleasant.”

18 But he doesn't know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

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**Jeremiah 47.**

**1 . Judgment on Philistia. .**

The word of YAHWEH that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before that Pharaoh struck Gaza.

2 Thus says YAHWEH: Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing stream, and shall overflow the land and all that is therein, the city and those who dwell therein; and the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall wail.

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones, at the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers don't look back to their children for feebleness of hands;

4 because of the day that comes to destroy all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains: for YAHWEH will destroy the Philistines, the remnant of the isle of Caphtor.

5 Baldness has come on Gaza; Ashkelon is brought to nothing, the remnant of their valley: how long will you cut yourself?

6 You sword of YAHWEH, how long will it be before you be quiet? Put up yourself into your scabbard; rest, and be still.

7 How can you be quiet, since YAHWEH has given you a command? Against Ashkelon, and against the seashore, there has he appointed it.

**Jeremiah 48.**

**1 . Judgment on Moab. .**

Of Moab. Thus says YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: Woe to Nebo! for it is laid waste; Kiriathaim is disappointed, it is taken; Misgab is put to shame and broken down.

2 The praise of Moab is no more; in Heshbon they have devised evil against her: Come, and let us cut her off from being a nation. You also, Madmen, shall be brought to silence: the sword shall pursue you.

3 The sound of a cry from Horonaim, desolation and great destruction!

4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

5 For by the ascent of Luhith with continual weeping shall they go up; for at the descent of Horonaim they have heard the distress of the cry of destruction.

6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness.

7 For, because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you also shall be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity, his priests and his princes together.

8 The destroyer shall come on every city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed; as YAHWEH has spoken.

9 Give wings to Moab, that she may fly and get her away: and her cities shall become a desolation, without any to dwell therein.

10 Cursed is he who does the work of YAHWEH negligently; and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.

11 Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees, and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither has he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remains in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 Therefore, behold, the days come, says YAHWEH, that I will send to him those who pour off, and they shall pour him off; and they shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles in pieces.

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- 13 Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their confidence.
- 14 How do you say, We are mighty men, and valiant men for the war?
- 15 Moab is laid waste, and they are gone up into his cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, says the King, whose name is YAHWEH of Hosts.
- 16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hurries fast.
- 17 All you who are around him, bemoan him, and all you who know his name; say, How is the strong staff broken, the beautiful rod!
- 18 You daughter who dwells in Dibon, come down from your glory, and sit in thirst; for the destroyer of Moab has come up against you, he has destroyed your strongholds.
- 19 Inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and watch: ask him who flees, and her who escapes; say, What has been done?
- 20 Moab is disappointed; for it is broken down: wail and cry; tell it by the Arnon, that Moab is laid waste.
- 21 Judgment has come on the plain country, on Holon, and on Jahzah, and on Mephaath,
- 22 and on Dibon, and on Nebo, and on Beth Diblathaim,
- 23 and on Kiriathaim, and on Beth Gamul, and on Beth Meon,
- 24 and on Kerioth, and on Bozrah, and on all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.
- 25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, says YAHWEH!
- 26 Make him drunken; for he magnified himself against YAHWEH: and Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.
- 27 For wasn't Israel a derision to you? was he found among thieves? for as often as you speak of him, you shake your head.
- 28 You inhabitants of Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock; and be like the dove that makes her nest over the mouth of the abyss.
- 29 We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud; his loftiness, and his pride, and his arrogance, and the haughtiness of his heart.
- 30 I know his wrath, says YAHWEH, that it is nothing; his boastings have worked nothing.
- 31 Therefore will I wail for Moab; yes, I will cry out for all Moab: for the men of Kir Heres shall they mourn.
- 32 With more than the weeping of Jazer will I weep for you, vine of Sibmah: your branches passed over the sea, they reached even to the sea of Jazer: on your summer fruits and on your vintage the destroyer is fallen.
- 33 Gladness and joy is taken away from the fruitful field and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to cease from the wine presses: none shall tread with shouting; the shouting shall be no shouting.
- 34 From the cry of Heshbon even to Elealeh, even to Jahaz have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even to Horonaim, to Eglath Shelishiyah: for the waters of Nimrim also shall become desolate.
- 35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, says YAHWEH, him who offers in the high place, and him who burns incense to his idol\_gods.
- 36 Therefore my heart sounds for Moab like pipes, and my heart sounds like pipes for the men of Kir Heres: therefore the abundance that he has gotten is perished.
- 37 For every head is bald, and every beard clipped: on all the hands are cuttings, and on the waist sackcloth.
- 38 On all the housetops of Moab and in its streets there is lamentation every where; for I have broken Moab like a vessel in which none delights, says YAHWEH!
- 39 How is it broken down! how do they wail! how has Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab become a derision and a terror to all who are around him.

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40 For thus says YAHWEH: Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread out his wings against Moab.

41 Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are seized, and the heart of the mighty men of Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

42 Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he has magnified himself against YAHWEH!

43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are on you, inhabitant of Moab, says YAHWEH!

44 He who flees from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring on him, even on Moab, the year of their visitation, says YAHWEH!

45 Those who fled stand without strength under the shadow of Heshbon; for a fire is gone forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and has devoured the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

46 Woe to you, O Moab! the people of Chemosh is undone; for your sons are taken away captive, and your daughters into captivity.

47 Yet will I bring back the captivity of Moab in the latter days, says YAHWEH! Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

### **Psalms 142.**

#### **1 . A Contemplation of David. A Prayer when he was in the cave..**

A contemplation by David, when he was in the cave. A Prayer. I cry with my voice to YAHWEH! With my voice, I ask YAHWEH for mercy.

2 I pour out my complaint before him. I tell him my troubles.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, you knew my path. In the way in which I walk, they have hidden a snare for me.

4 Look on my right, and see; for there is no one who is concerned for me. Refuge has fled from me. No one cares for my soul.

5 I cried to you, YAHWEH! I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

6 Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need. deliver me from my persecutors, For they are stronger than me.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name. The righteous will surround me, for you will be good to me.

### **Proverbs 10.**

#### **1 . Wise Sayings of Solomon.**

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.

3 YAHWEH will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked.

4 He becomes poor who works with a lazy hand, but the hand of the diligent brings wealth.

5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during the harvest is a son who causes shame.

6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot.

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- 8 The wise in heart accept commandments, but a chattering fool will fall.
- 9 He who walks blamelessly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.
- 10 One winking with the eye causes sorrow, but a chattering fool will fall.
- 11 The mouth of the righteous is a spring of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all wrongs.
- 13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has discernment, but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding.
- 14 Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin.
- 15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
- 16 The labor of the righteous leads to life. The increase of the wicked leads to sin.
- 17 He is in the way of life who heeds correction, but he who forsakes reproof leads others astray.
- 18 He who hides hatred has lying lips. He who utters a slander is a fool.
- 19 In the multitude of words there is no lack of disobedience, but he who restrains his lips does wisely.
- 20 The tongue of the righteous is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is of little worth.
- 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but the foolish die for lack of understanding.
- 22 YAHWEH's blessing brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.
- 23 It is a fool's pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a man of understanding's pleasure.
- 24 What the wicked fear, will overtake them, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more; but the righteous stand firm forever.
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.
- 27 The fear of YAHWEH prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
- 28 The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish.
- 29 The way of YAHWEH is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.
- 31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.
- 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked is perverse.

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Jeremiah 49.

1 **. Judgment on Ammon. .**

Of the children of Ammon. Thus says YAHWEH: Has Israel no sons? has he no heir? why then does Malcam possess Gad, and his people well in its cities?

2 Therefore, behold, the days come, says YAHWEH, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall become a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel possess those who possessed him, says YAHWEH!

3 Wail, Heshbon, for Ai is laid waste; cry, you daughters of Rabbah, clothe yourself in sackcloth: lament, and run back and forth among the fences; for Malcam shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together.

4 Why do you glory in the valleys, your flowing valley, backsliding daughter? who trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come to me?

5 Behold, I will bring a fear on you, says ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, from all who are around you; and you shall be driven out every man right forth, and there shall be none to gather together the fugitives.

6 But afterward I will bring back the captivity of the children of Ammon, says YAHWEH!

7 **. Judgment on Edom. .**

Of Edom. Thus says YAHWEH of Hosts: Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

8 Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths, inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau on him, the time that I shall visit him.

9 If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, wouldn't they destroy until they had enough?

10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is destroyed, and his brothers, and his neighbors; and he is no more.

11 Leave your fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let your widows trust in me.

12 For thus says YAHWEH: Behold, they to whom it didn't pertain to drink of the cup shall certainly drink; and are you he who shall altogether go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink.

13 For I have sworn by myself, says YAHWEH, that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all its cities shall be perpetual wastes.

14 I have heard news from YAHWEH, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15 For, behold, I have made you small among the nations, and despised among men.

16 As for your terror, the pride of your heart has deceived you, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill: though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, says YAHWEH!

17 Edom shall become an astonishment: everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all its plagues.

18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities of it, says YAHWEH, no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man live therein.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoever is chosen, him

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will I appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd who will stand before me?

20 Therefore hear the counsel of YAHWEH, that he has taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them.

21 The earth trembles at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise which is heard in the Sea of Suf.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

### 23 **. Judgment on Damascus. .**

Of Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard evil news, they are melted away: there is sorrow on the sea; it can't be quiet.

24 Damascus has grown feeble, she turns herself to flee, and trembling has seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail.

25 How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy?

26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, says YAHWEH of Hosts.

27 I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben Hadad.

### 28 **. Judgment on Kedar and Hazor. .**

Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck. Thus says YAHWEH: Arise, go up to Kedar, and destroy the children of the east.

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry to them, Terror on every side!

30 Flee, wander far off, dwell in the depths, you inhabitants of Hazor, says YAHWEH; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has conceived a purpose against you.

31 Arise, go up to a nation that is at ease, that dwells without care, says YAHWEH; that have neither gates nor bars, that dwell alone.

32 Their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their livestock a spoil: and I will scatter to all winds those who have the corners of their hair cut off; and I will bring their calamity from every side of them, says YAHWEH!

33 Hazor shall be a dwelling place of jackals, a desolation forever: no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man live therein.

### 34 **. Judgment on Elam. .**

The word of YAHWEH that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

35 Thus says YAHWEH of Hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

36 On Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of the sky, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37 I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before those who seek

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their life; and I will bring evil on them, even my fierce anger, says YAHWEH; and I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them;

38 and I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from there king and princes, says YAHWEH!

39 But it shall happen in the latter days, that I will bring back the captivity of Elam, says YAHWEH!

### Jeremiah 50.

#### 1 Judgment on Babylon and Babylonia.

The word that YAHWEH spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Kasdim, by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 Declare among the nations and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and don't conceal: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is disappointed, Merodach is dismayed; her images are disappointed, her idols are dismayed.

3 For out of the north there comes up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they are fled, they are gone, both man and animal.

4 In those days, and in that time, says YAHWEH, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek YAHWEH their ELOHIM!

5 They shall inquire concerning Zion with their faces turned toward it, saying, Come, and join yourselves to YAHWEH in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten.

6 My people have been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they have turned them away on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place.

7 All who found them have devoured them; and their adversaries said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against YAHWEH, the habitation of righteousness, even YAHWEH, the hope of their fathers.

8 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Kasdim, and be as the male goats before the flocks.

9 For, behold, I will stir up and cause to come up against Babylon a company of great nations from the north country; and they shall set themselves in array against her; from there she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of an expert mighty man; none shall return in vain.

10 The land of the Kasdim shall be a prey: all who prey on her shall be satisfied, says YAHWEH!

11 Because you are glad, because you rejoice, O you who plunder my heritage, because you are wanton as a heifer that treads out the grain, and neigh as strong horses;

12 your mother shall be utterly disappointed; she who bore you shall be confounded: behold, she shall be the least of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

13 Because of the wrath of YAHWEH she shall not be inhabited, but she shall be wholly desolate: everyone who goes by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon all around, all you who bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she has sinned against YAHWEH!

15 Shout against her all around: she has submitted herself; her bulwarks are fallen, her walls are thrown down; for it is the vengeance of YAHWEH: take vengeance on her; as she has done, do to her.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him who handles the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn everyone to his people, and they shall flee everyone to his own land.

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- 17 Israel is a hunted sheep; the lions have driven him away: first, the king of Assyria devoured him; and now at last Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones.
- 18 Therefore thus says YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.
- 19 I will bring Israel again to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead.
- 20 In those days, and in that time, says YAHWEH, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant.
- 21 Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: kill and utterly destroy after them, says YAHWEH, and do according to all that I have commanded you.
- 22 A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.
- 23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut apart and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!
- 24 I have laid a snare for you, and you are also taken, Babylon, and you weren't aware: you are found, and also caught, because you have striven against YAHWEH!
- 25 YAHWEH has opened his armory, and has brought forth the weapons of his indignation; for ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, has a work to do in the land of the Kasdim.
- 26 Come against her from the utmost border; open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be left.
- 27 Kill all her bulls; let them go down to the slaughter: woe to them! for their day has come, the time of their visitation.
- 28 The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of YAHWEH our ELOHIM, the vengeance of his temple.
- 29 Call together the archers against Babylon, all those who bend the bow; encamp against her all around; let none of it escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do to her; for she has been proud against YAHWEH, against the Holy One of Israel.
- 30 Therefore her young men will fall in her streets, and all her men of war will be brought to silence in that day, says YAHWEH!
- 31 Behold, I am against you, you proud one, says ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts; for your day has come, the time that I will visit you.
- 32 The proud one shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all who are around him.
- 33 Thus says YAHWEH of Hosts: The children of Israel and the children of Judah are oppressed together; and all who took them captive hold them fast; they refuse to let them go.
- 34 Their Redeemer is strong; YAHWEH of Hosts is his name: he will thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 35 A sword is on the Kasdim, says YAHWEH, and on the inhabitants of Babylon, and on her princes, and on her wise men.
- 36 A sword is on the boasters, and they shall become fools; a sword is on her mighty men, and they shall be dismayed.
- 37 A sword is on their horses, and on their chariots, and on all the mixed people who are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is on her treasures, and they shall be robbed.
- 38 A drought is on her waters, and they shall be dried up; for it is a land of engraved images, and they are mad over idols.
- 39 Therefore the wild animals of the desert with the wolves shall dwell there, and the

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ostriches shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited forever; neither shall it be lived in from generation to generation.

40 As when ELOHIM overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities of it, says YAHWEH, so shall no man dwell there, neither shall any son of man live therein.

41 Behold, a people comes from the north; and a great nation and many kings shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth.

42 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roars like the sea; and they ride on horses, everyone set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon has heard the news of them, and his hands wax feeble: anguish has taken hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 Behold, the enemy shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoever is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd who can stand before me?

45 Therefore hear the counsel of YAHWEH, that he has taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the land of the Kasdim: Surely they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them.

46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth trembles, and the cry is heard among the nations.

### Psalms 143.

#### 1 . A Psalm of David..

A Psalm by David. Hear my prayer, YAHWEH! Listen to my petitions. In your faithfulness and righteousness, relieve me.

2 Don't enter into judgment with your servant, for in your sight no man living is righteous.

3 For the enemy pursues my soul. He has struck my life down to the ground. He has made me live in dark places, as those who have been long dead.

4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me. My heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old. I meditate on all your doings. I contemplate the work of your hands.

6 I spread forth my hands to you. My soul thirsts for you, like a parched land. Selah.

7 Hurry to answer me, YAHWEH! My spirit fails. Don't hide your face from me, so that I don't become like those who go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning, for I trust in you. Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me, YAHWEH, from my enemies. I flee to you to hide me.

10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my ELOHIM! Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

11 Revive me, YAHWEH, for your name's sake. In your righteousness, bring my soul out of trouble.

12 In your loving kindness, cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul, For I am your servant.

### Proverbs 11.

1 A false balance is an abomination to YAHWEH, but accurate weights are his delight.

2 When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom.

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- 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.
- 4 Riches don't profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but the unfaithful will be trapped by evil desires.
- 7 When a wicked man dies, hope perishes, and expectation of power comes to nothing.
- 8 A righteous person is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked takes his place.
- 9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but the righteous will be delivered through knowledge.
- 10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices. When the wicked perish, there is shouting.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 One who despises his neighbor is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding holds his peace.
- 13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a secret.
- 14 Where there is no wise guidance, the nation falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is victory.
- 15 He who is collateral for a stranger will suffer for it, but he who refuses pledges of collateral is secure.
- 16 A gracious woman obtains honor, but violent men obtain riches.
- 17 The merciful man does good to his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.
- 18 Wicked people earn deceitful wages, but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.
- 19 He who is truly righteous gets life. He who pursues evil gets death.
- 20 Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination to YAHWEH, but those whose ways are blameless are his delight.
- 21 Most certainly, the evil man will not be unpunished, but the seed of the righteous will be delivered.
- 22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout, is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.
- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good. The expectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is one who scatters, and increases yet more. There is one who withholds more than is appropriate, but gains poverty.
- 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat. He who waters shall be watered also himself.
- 26 People curse someone who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.
- 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come to him.
- 28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.
- 29 He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind. The foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. He who is wise wins souls.
- 31 Behold, the righteous shall be repaid in the earth; how much more the wicked and the sinner!

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