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## Day 329. 24-November Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Jeremiah 43.

#### 1 <u>Jeremiah Taken to Egypt.</u>

It happened that, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking to all the people all the words of YHWH their ELOHIM, with which YHWH 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: YHWH 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 YHWH, 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 YHWH: and they came to Tahpanhes.

8 Then came the word of YHWH 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 YHWH 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 YHWH 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 YHWH, 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 YHWH 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 YHWH, we will not listen to you.

<sup>17</sup> 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 YHWH remember them, and didn't it come into his mind?

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22 so that YHWH 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 YHWH, and have not obeyed the voice of YHWH, 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 YHWH, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt:

25 Thus says YHWH 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 YHWH, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, says YHWH, 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 YHWH 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 YHWH, 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 YHWH, 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, YHWH, 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 YHWH, 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 YHWH, "You are my ELOHIM!" Listen to the cry of my petitions, YHWH! 7 YHWH, ADONAI, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle.

8 YHWH, 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.

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

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

12 I know that YHWH 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 YHWH 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.

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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 "YHWH 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.

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

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35 For whoever finds me, finds life, and will obtain favor from YHWH! 36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death."

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