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# Day 335. 30-November Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Lamentations 3.

# 1 . The Prophet's Anguish and Hope. .

I am the man that has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

- 2 He has led me and caused me to walk in darkness, and not in light.
- 3 Surely against me he turns his hand again and again all the day.
- 4 My flesh and my skin has he made old; he has broken my bones.
- 5 He has built against me, and surrounded me with gall and travail.
- 6 He has made me to dwell in dark places, as those that have been long dead.
- 7 He has walled me about, that I can't go forth; he has made my chain heavy.
- 8 Yes, when I cry, and call for help, he shuts out my prayer.
- 9 He has walled up my ways with cut stone; he has made my paths crooked.
- 10 He is to me as a bear lying in wait, as a lion in secret places.
- 11 He has turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces; he has made me desolate.
- 12 He has bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.
- 13 He has caused the shafts of his quiver to enter into my kidneys.
- 14 I am become a derision to all my people, and their song all the day.
- 15 He has filled me with bitterness, he has sated me with wormwood.
- 16 He has also broken my teeth with gravel stones; he has covered me with ashes.
- 17 You have removed my soul far off from peace; I forgot prosperity.
- 18 I said, My strength is perished, and my expectation from YHWH!
- 19 Remember my affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.
- 20 My soul still remembers them, and is bowed down within me.
- 21 This I recall to my mind; therefore have I hope.
- 22 It is of YHWH's loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because his compassion doesn't fail.
- 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- 24 YHWH is my portion, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him.
- 25 YHWH is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
- 26 It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of YHWH!
- 27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.
- 28 Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he has laid it on him.
- 29 Let him put his mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope.
- 30 Let him give his cheek to him who strikes him; let him be filled full with reproach.
- 31 For ADONAI will not cast off forever.
- 32 For though he cause grief, yet he will have compassion according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.
- 33 For he does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.
- 34 To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth,
- 35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,
- 36 To subvert a man in his cause, ADONAI doesn't approve.
- 37 Who is he who says, and it comes to pass, when ADONAI doesn't command it?
- 38 Doesn't evil and good come out of the mouth of the Most High?
- 39 Why does a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?
- 40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to YHWH!
- 41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands to El in the heavens.
- 42 We have transgressed and have rebelled; you have not pardoned.
- 43 You have covered with anger and pursued us; you have killed, you have not pitied.
- 44 You have covered yourself with a cloud, so that no prayer can pass through.

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- 45 You have made us an off-scouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.
- 46 All our enemies have opened their mouth wide against us.
- 47 Fear and the pit have come on us, devastation and destruction.
- 48 My eye runs down with streams of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.
- 49 My eye pours down, and doesn't cease, without any intermission,
- 50 Until YHWH look down, and see from heaven.
- 51 My eye affects my soul, because of all the daughters of my city.
- 52 They have chased me relentlessly like a bird, those who are my enemies without cause.
- 53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and have cast a stone on me.
- 54 Waters flowed over my head; I said, I am cut off.
- 55 I called on your name, YHWH, out of the lowest dungeon.
- 56 You heard my voice; don't hide your ear at my breathing, at my cry.
- 57 You drew near in the day that I called on you; you said, Don't be afraid.
- 58 ADONAI, you have pleaded the causes of my soul; you have redeemed my life.
- 59 YHWH, you have seen my wrong. Judge my cause.
- 60 You have seen all their vengeance and all their devices against me.
- 61 You have heard their reproach, YHWH, and all their devices against me,
- 62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.
- 63 You see their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their song.
- 64 You will render to them a recompense, YHWH, according to the work of their hands.
- 65 You will give them hardness of heart, your curse to them.
- 66 You will pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of YHWH!

#### Lamentations 4.

#### 1 . The Degradation of Zion. .

How is the gold become dim! how is the most pure gold changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the head of every street.

- 2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, How are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!
- 3 Even the jackals draw out the breast, they nurse their young ones: The daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.
- 4 The tongue of the nursing child clings to the roof of his mouth for thirst: The young children ask bread, and no man breaks it to them.
- 5 Those who fed delicately are desolate in the streets: Those who were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.
- 6 For the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, That was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands were laid on her.
- 7 Her Nazirites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk; They were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was as of sapphire.
- 8 Their appearance is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: Their skin clings to their bones; it is withered, it has become like a stick.
- 9 Those who are killed with the sword are better than those who are killed with hunger; For these pine away, stricken through, for want of the fruits of the field.
- 10 The hands of the pitiful women have boiled their own children; They were their food in the destruction of the daughter of my people.
- 11 YHWH has accomplished his wrath, he has poured out his fierce anger; He has kindled a fire in Zion, which has devoured its foundations.
- 12 The kings of the earth didn't believe, neither all the inhabitants of the world, That the

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adversary and the enemy would enter into the gates of Jerusalem.

- 13 It is because of the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, That have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her.
- 14 They wander as blind men in the streets, they are polluted with blood, So that men can't touch their garments.
- 15 Depart! they cried to them, Unclean! depart, depart, don't touch! When they fled away and wandered, men said among the nations, They shall no more live here.
- 16 The anger of YHWH has scattered them; he will no more regard them: They didn't respect the persons of the priests, they didn't favor the elders.
- 17 Our eyes do yet fail in looking for our vain help: In our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save.
- 18 They hunt our steps, so that we can't go in our streets: Our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end has come.
- 19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the sky: They chased us on the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.
- 20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of YHWH, was taken in their pits; Of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the nations.
- 21 Rejoice and be glad, daughter of Edom, that dwell in the land of Uz: The cup shall pass through to you also; you shall be drunken, and shall make yourself naked.
- 22 The punishment of your iniquity is accomplished, daughter of Zion; he will no more carry you away into captivity: He will visit your iniquity, daughter of Edom; he will uncover your sins.

#### Psalms 146.

## . The Happiness of Those Whose Help Is YHWH..

Praise YAH! Praise YHWH, my soul.

- 2 While I live, I will praise YHWH! I will sing praises to my ELOHIM as long as I exist.
- 3 Don't put your trust in princes, each a son of man in whom there is no help.
- 4 His spirit departs, and he returns to the earth. In that very day, his thoughts perish.
- 5 Happy is he who has the El of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in YHWH, his ELOHIM:
- 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever;
- 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. YHWH frees the prisoners.
- 8 YHWH opens the eyes of the blind. YHWH raises up those who are bowed down. YHWH loves the righteous.
- 9 YHWH preserves the foreigners. He upholds the fatherless and widow, but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
- 10 YHWH will reign forever; your ELOHIM, O Zion, to all generations. Praise YAH!

## Proverbs 14.

- 1 Every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.
- 2 He who walks in his uprightness fears YHWH, but he who is perverse in his ways despises him.
- 3 The fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.
- 4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean, but much increase is by the strength of the ox.
- 5 A truthful witness will not lie, but a false witness pours out lies.
- 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and doesn't find it, but knowledge comes easily to a discerning

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#### person.

- 7 Stay away from a foolish man, for you won't find knowledge on his lips.
- 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to think about his way, but the folly of fools is deceit.
- 9 Fools mock at making atonement for sins, but among the upright there is good will.
- 10 The heart knows its own bitterness and joy; he will not share these with a stranger.
- 11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown, but the tent of the upright will flourish.
- 12 There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
- 13 Even in laughter the heart may be sorrowful, and mirth may end in heaviness.
- 14 The unfaithful will be repaid for his own ways; likewise a good man will be rewarded for his ways.
- 15 A simple man believes everything, but the prudent man carefully considers his ways.
- 16 A wise man fears, and shuns evil, but the fool is hotheaded and reckless.
- 17 He who is quick to become angry will commit folly, and a crafty man is hated.
- 18 The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The evil bow down before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The poor person is shunned even by his own neighbor, but the rich person has many friends.
- 21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who has pity on the poor.
- 22 Don't they go astray who plot evil? But love and faithfulness belong to those who plan good.
- 23 In all hard work there is profit, but the talk of the lips leads only to poverty.
- 24 The crown of the wise is their riches, but the folly of fools crowns them with folly.
- 25 A truthful witness saves souls, but a false witness is deceitful.
- 26 In the fear of YHWH is a secure fortress, and he will be a refuge for his children.
- 27 The fear of YHWH is a fountain of life, turning people from the snares of death.
- 28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory, but in the lack of people is the destruction of the prince.
- 29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a quick temper displays folly.
- 30 The life of the body is a heart at peace, but envy rots the bones.
- 31 He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, but he who is kind to the needy honors him.
- 32 The wicked is brought down in his calamity, but in death, the righteous has a refuge.
- 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, and is even made known in the inward part of fools.
- 34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.
- 35 The king's favor is toward a servant who deals wisely, but his wrath is toward one who causes shame.

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