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# Day 338. 3-December Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Ezekiel 2.

### 1 . Ezekiel Sent to Rebellious Israel. .

He said to me, Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.

- 2 The Spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard him who spoke to me.
- 3 He said to me, Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me even to this very day.
- 4 The children are impudent and stiff-hearted: I am sending you to them; and you shall tell them, Thus says ADONAI YHWH!
- 5 They, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house), yet shall know that there has been a prophet among them.
- 6 You, son of man, don't be afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you, and you do dwell among scorpions: don't be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house.
- 7 You shall speak my words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious.
- 8 But you, son of man, hear what I tell you; don't be rebellious like that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat that which I give you.
- 9 When I looked, behold, a hand was put forth to me; and, behold, a scroll of a book was therein;
- 10 He spread it before me: and it was written within and without; and there were written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

## Ezekiel 3.

- 1 He said to me, Son of man, eat that which you find. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.
- 2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat the scroll.
- 3 He said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your bowels with this scroll that I give you. Then I ate it; and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.
- 4 He said to me, Son of man, go to the house of Israel, and speak my words to them.
- 5 For you are not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language, but to the house of Israel:
- 6 not to many peoples of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words you can not understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you.
- 7 But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they will not listen to me: for all the house of Israel are obstinate and hard-hearted.
- 8 Behold, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads.
- 9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead: don't be afraid of them, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house.
- 10 Moreover he said to me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.
- 11 Go to them of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, Thus says ADONAI YHWH; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.
- 12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of YHWH from his place.

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- 13 I heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, even the noise of a great rushing.
- 14 So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; and the hand of YHWH was strong on me.
- 15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-Aviv, that lived by the river Chebar, and to where they lived; and I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days.

## . Ezekiel Is a Watchman..

It happened at the end of seven days, that the word of YHWH came to me, saying,

- 17 Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel: therefore hear the word from my mouth, and give them warning from me.
- 18 When I tell the wicked, You shall surely die; and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand.
- 19 Yet if you warn the wicked, and he doesn't turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.
- 20 Again, when a righteous man does turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at your hand.
- 21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and you have delivered your soul.
- 22 The hand of YHWH was there on me; and he said to me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with you.
- 23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and behold, the glory of YHWH stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.
- 24 Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself inside your house.
- 25 But you, son of man, behold, they shall lay bands on you, and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them:
- 26 and I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, that you shall be mute, and shall not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house.
- 27 But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall tell them, Thus says ADONAI YHWH: He who hears, let him hear; and he who forbears, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

#### Psalms 149.

#### 1 . Praise to ELOHIM for His Salvation and Judgment. .

Praise YAH! Sing to YHWH a new song, his praise in the assembly of the holy ones.

- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him who made them. Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance! Let them sing praises to him with tambourine and harp!
- 4 For YHWH takes pleasure in his people. He crowns the humble with salvation [yeshu`ah].
- 5 Let the holy ones rejoice in honor. Let them sing for joy on their beds.
- 6 May the high praises of El be in their mouths, and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

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9 to execute on them the written judgment. All his holy ones have this honor. Praise YAH!

#### Proverbs 17.

- 1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife.
- 2 A servant who deals wisely will rule over a son who causes shame, and shall have a part in the inheritance among the brothers.
- 3 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, but YHWH tests the hearts.
- 4 An evildoer heeds wicked lips. A liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.
- 5 Whoever mocks the poor reproaches his Maker. He who is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.
- 6 Children's children are the crown of old men; the glory of children are their parents.
- 7 Arrogant speech isn't fitting for a fool, much less do lying lips fit a prince.
- 8 A bribe is a precious stone in the eyes of him who gives it; wherever he turns, he prospers.
- 9 He who covers an offense promotes love; but he who repeats a matter separates best friends.
- 10 A rebuke enters deeper into one who has understanding than a hundred lashes into a fool.
- 11 An evil man seeks only rebellion; therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
- 12 Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.
- 13 Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
- 14 The beginning of strife is like breaching a dam, therefore stop contention before quarreling breaks out.
- 15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to YHWH!
- 16 Why is there money in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, since he has no understanding?
- 17 A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity.
- 18 A man void of understanding strikes hands, and becomes collateral in the presence of his neighbor.
- 19 He who loves disobedience loves strife. One who builds a high gate seeks destruction.
- 20 One who has a perverse heart doesn't find prosperity, and one who has a deceitful tongue falls into trouble.
- 21 He who becomes the father of a fool grieves. The father of a fool has no joy.
- 22 A cheerful heart makes good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
- 23 A wicked man receives a bribe in secret, to pervert the ways of justice.
- 24 Wisdom is before the face of one who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool wander to the ends of the earth.
- 25 A foolish son brings grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.
- 26 Also to punish the righteous is not good, nor to flog officials for their integrity.
- 27 He who spares his words has knowledge. He who is even tempered is a man of understanding.
- 28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is counted wise. When he shuts his lips, he is thought to be discerning.

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