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Ezekiel 17.

1 . The Eagles and the Vine. .

The word of YHWH came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel;

3 and say, Thus says ADONAI YHWH: A great eagle with great wings and long feathers, full of feathers, which had various colors, came to Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar:

4 he cropped off the topmost of the young twigs of it, and carried it to a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants.

5 He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful soil; he placed it beside many waters; he set it as a willow tree.

6 It grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and its roots were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and behold, this vine bent its roots toward him, and shot forth its branches toward him, from the beds of its plantation, that he might water it.

8 It was planted in a good soil by many waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

9 Say, Thus says ADONAI YHWH: Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that it may wither; that all its fresh springing leaves may wither? and not by a strong arm or many people can it be raised from its roots.

10 Yes, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind touches it? it shall wither in the beds where it grew.

11 Moreover the word of YHWH came to me, saying,

12 Say now to the rebellious house, Don't you know what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took its king, and its princes, and brought them to him to Babylon:

13 and he took of the seed royal, and made a covenant with him; he also brought him under an oath, and took away the mighty of the land;

14 that the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand.

15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape who does such things? shall he break the covenant, and yet escape?

16 As I live, says ADONAI YHWH, surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.

17 Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build forts, to cut off many persons.

18 For he has despised the oath by breaking the covenant; and behold, he had given his hand, and yet has done all these things; he shall not escape.

19 Therefore thus says ADONAI YHWH: As I live, surely my oath that he has despised, and my covenant that he has broken, I will even bring it on his own head.

20 I will spread my net on him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will enter into judgment with him there for his trespass that he has trespassed against me.

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21 All his fugitives in all his bands shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered toward every wind: and you shall know that I, YHWH, have spoken it.

22 . Israel Exalted at Last. .

Thus says ADONAI YHWH: I will also take of the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain:

23 in the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in the shade of its branches shall they dwell.

24 All the trees of the field shall know that I, YHWH, have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish; I, YHWH, have spoken and have done it.

Isaiah 46.

1 . Dead Idols and the Living ELOHIM. .

Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; their idols are on the animals, and on the livestock: the things that you carried about are made a load, a burden to the weary.

2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves have gone into captivity.

3 "Listen to me, house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, that have been borne from their birth, that have been carried from the womb;

4 and even to old age I am he, and even to gray hairs will I carry you. I have made, and I will bear; yes, I will carry, and will deliver.

5 "To whom will you liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6 Some pour out gold from the bag, and weigh silver in the balance. They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a false-god. They fall down yes, they worship.

7 They bear it on the shoulder, they carry it, and set it in its place, and it stands, from its place it shall not move: yes, one may cry to it, yet it can not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 "Remember this, and show yourselves men; bring it again to mind, you transgressors.

9 Remember the former things of old: for I am El, and there is none else; I am ELOHIM, and there is none like me;

10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure;

11 calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country; yes, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed, I will also do it.

12 Listen to me, you stout-hearted, who are far from righteousness:

13 I bring near my righteousness, it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not wait; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

Psalms 7.

1 . A Meditation of David, which he sang to YHWH concerning the words of Cush, a Benjamite... .

A meditation by David, which he sang to YHWH, concerning the words of Cush, the Benjamite. YHWH, my ELOHIM, I take refuge in you. Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me,

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- 2 lest they tear apart my soul like a lion, ripping it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
- 3 YHWH, my ELOHIM, if I have done this, if there is iniquity in my hands,
- 4 if I have rewarded evil to him who was at peace with me (yes, if I have delivered him who without cause was my adversary),
- 5 let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it; yes, let him tread my life down to the earth, and lay my glory in the dust. Selah.
- 6 Arise, YHWH, in your anger. Lift up yourself against the rage of my adversaries. Awake for me. You have commanded judgment.
- 7 Let the congregation of the peoples surround you. Rule over them on high.
- 8 YHWH administers judgment to the peoples. Judge me, YHWH, according to my righteousness, and to my integrity that is in me.
- 9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; their minds and hearts are searched by the righteous ELOHIM!
- 10 My shield is with ELOHIM, who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 ELOHIM is a righteous judge, yes, an El who has indignation every day.
- 12 If a man doesn't relent, he will sharpen his sword; he has bent and strung his bow.
- 13 He has also prepared for himself the instruments of death. He makes ready his flaming arrows.
- 14 Behold, he travails with iniquity. Yes, he has conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
- 15 He has dug a hole, and has fallen into the pit which he made.
- 16 The trouble he causes shall return to his own head. His violence shall come down on the crown of his own head.
- 17 I will give thanks to YHWH according to his righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of YHWH Most High.

Proverbs 25.

- 1 These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.
- 2 It is the glory of ELOHIM to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
- 3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.
- 4 Take away the dross from the silver, and material comes out for the refiner;
- 5 Take away the wicked from the king's presence, and his throne will be established in righteousness.
- 6 Don't exalt yourself in the presence of the king, or claim a place among great men;
- 7 for it is better that it be said to you, "Come up here," than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen.
- 8 Don't be hasty in bringing charges to court. What will you do in the end when your neighbor shames you?
- 9 Debate your case with your neighbor, and don't betray the confidence of another;
- 10 lest one who hears it put you to shame, and your bad reputation never depart.
- 11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.
- 12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover to an obedient ear.
- 13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to those who send him; for he refreshes the soul of his masters.
- 14 As clouds and wind without rain, so is he who boasts of gifts deceptively.

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- 15 By patience a ruler is persuaded. A soft tongue breaks the bone.
- 16 Have you found honey? Eat as much as is sufficient for you, lest you eat too much, and vomit it.
- 17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he be weary of you, and hate you.
- 18 A man who gives false testimony against his neighbor is like a club, a sword, or a sharp arrow.
- 19 Confidence in someone unfaithful in time of trouble is like a bad tooth, or a lame foot.
- 20 As one who takes away a garment in cold weather, or vinegar on soda, so is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.
- 21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat. If he is thirsty, give him water to drink:
- 22 for you will heap coals of fire on his head, and YHWH will reward you.
- 23 The north wind brings forth rain: so a backbiting tongue brings an angry face.
- 24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a contentious woman.
- 25 Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.
- 26 Like a muddied spring, and a polluted well, so is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.
- 27 It is not good to eat much honey; nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor.
- 28 Like a city that is broken down and without walls is a man whose spirit is without restraint.

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