Day 44. 13-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 44.

. To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah...

For the Chief Musician. By the sons of Korah. A contemplative psalm. We have heard with our ears, ELOHIM; our fathers have told us, what work you did in their days, in the days of old.

- 2 You drove out the nations with your hand, but you planted them. You afflicted the peoples, but you spread them abroad.
- 3 For they didn't get the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your face, because you were favorable to them.
- 4 You are my King, ELOHIM! Command victories for Jacob!
- 5 Through you, will we push down our adversaries. Through your name, will we tread them under who rise up against us.
- 6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.
- 7 But you have saved us from our adversaries, and have shamed those who hate us.
- 8 In ELOHIM we have made our boast all day long, we will give thanks to your name forever. Selah.
- 9 But now you rejected us, and brought us to dishonor, and don't go out with our armies.
- 10 You make us turn back from the adversary. Those who hate us take spoil for themselves.
- 11 You have made us like sheep for food, and have scattered us among the nations.
- 12 You sell your people for nothing, and have gained nothing from their sale.
- 13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors, a scoffing and a derision to those who are around us.
- 14 You make us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the peoples.
- 15 All day long my dishonor is before me, and shame covers my face,
- 16 At the taunt of one who reproaches and verbally abuses, because of the enemy and the avenger.
- 17 All this has come on us, yet have we not forgotten you, Neither have we been false to your covenant.
- 18 Our heart has not turned back, neither have our steps strayed from your path,
- 19 Though you have crushed us in the haunt of jackals, and covered us with the shadow of death.
- 20 If we have forgotten the name of our ELOHIM, or spread forth our hands to a strange idol_god;
- 21 won't ELOHIM search this out? For he knows the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Yes, for your sake we are killed all day long. We are regarded as sheep for the slaughter.
- 23 Wake up! Why do you sleep, ADONAI? Arise! Don't reject us forever.
- 24 Why do you hide your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression?
- 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust. Our body clings to the earth.
- 26 Rise up to help us. Redeem us for your loving kindness' sake.

Proverbs 3.

1 . Guidance for the Young. .

My son, don't forget my teaching; but let your heart keep my commandments:

- 2 for length of days, and years of life, and peace, will they add to you.
- 3 Don't let kindness and truth forsake you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 So you will find favor, and good understanding in the sight of ELOHIM and man.
- 5 Trust in YHWH with all your heart, and don't lean on your own understanding.
- 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
- 7 Don't be wise in your own eyes. Fear YHWH, and depart from evil.
- 8 It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones.
- 9 Honor YHWH with your substance, with the first fruits of all your increase:
- 10 so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.
- 11 My son, don't despise YHWH's discipline, neither be weary of his reproof:
- 12 for whom YHWH loves, he reproves; even as a father reproves the son in whom he delights.
- 13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gets understanding.
- 14 For her good profit is better than getting silver, and her return is better than fine gold.
- 15 She is more precious than rubies. None of the things you can desire are to be compared to her.
- 16 Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor.
- 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All her paths are peace.
- 18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her.
- 19 By wisdom YHWH founded the earth. By understanding, he established the heavens.
- 20 By his knowledge, the depths were broken up, and the skies drop down the dew.
- 21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion:
- 22 so they will be life to your soul, and grace for your neck.
- 23 Then you shall walk in your way securely. Your foot won't stumble.
- 24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid. Yes, you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet.
- 25 Don't be afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes:
- 26 for YHWH will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being taken.
- 27 Don't withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it
- 28 Don't say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it to you," when you have it by you.
- 29 Don't devise evil against your neighbor, since he dwells securely by you.
- 30 Don't strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.
- 31 Don't envy the man of violence. Choose none of his ways.
- 32 For the perverse is an abomination to YHWH, but his friendship is with the upright.
- 33 YHWH's curse is in the house of the wicked, but he blesses the habitation of the righteous.
- 34 Surely he mocks the mockers, but he gives grace to the humble.
- 35 The wise will inherit glory, but shame will be the promotion of fools.

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Day 45. 14-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 45.

1 . To the Chief Musician. Set to The Lilies. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah. A Song of Love...

For the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A contemplation by the sons of Korah. A wedding song. My heart overflows with a noble theme. I recite my verses for the king. My tongue is like the pen of a skillful writer.

- 2 You are the most excellent of the sons of men. Grace has anointed your lips, therefore ELOHIM has blessed you forever.
- 3 Strap your sword on your thigh, mighty one: your splendor and your majesty.
- 4 In your majesty ride on victoriously on behalf of truth, humility, and righteousness. Let your right hand display awesome deeds.
- 5 Your arrows are sharp. The nations fall under you, with arrows in the heart of the king's enemies.
- 6 Your throne, ELOHIM, is forever and ever. A scepter of equity is the scepter of your kingdom.
- 7 You have loved righteousness, and hated wickedness. Therefore ELOHIM, your ELOHIM, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 8 All your garments smell like myrrh, aloes, and cassia. Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made you glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among your honorable women. At your right hand the queen stands in gold of Ophir.
- 10 Listen, daughter, consider, and turn your ear. Forget your own people, and also your father's house.
- 11 So the king will desire your beauty, honor him, for he is your master.
- 12 The daughter of Tyre comes with a gift. The rich among the people entreat your favor.
- 13 The princess inside is all glorious. Her clothing is interwoven with gold.
- 14 She shall be led to the king in embroidered work. The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to you.
- 15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be led. They shall enter into the king's palace.
- 16 Your sons will take the place of your fathers. You shall make them princes in all the earth.
- 17 I will make your name to be remembered in all generations. Therefore the peoples shall give you thanks forever and ever.

Proverbs 4.

Security in Wisdom. .

Listen, sons, to a father's instruction. Pay attention and know understanding;

- 2 for I give you sound learning. Don't forsake my Torah (teaching and instruction).
- 3 For I was a son to my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my mother.
- 4 He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live.
- 5 Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don't forget, neither swerve from the words of my mouth.
- 6 Don't forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you.
- 7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding.
- 8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her.

- 9 She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendor to you."
- 10 Listen, my son, and receive my sayings. The years of your life will be many.
- 11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you in straight paths.
- 12 When you go, your steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble.
- 13 Take firm hold of instruction. Don't let her go. Keep her, for she is your life.
- 14 Don't enter into the path of the wicked. Don't walk in the way of evil men.
- 15 Avoid it, and don't pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on.
- 16 For they don't sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken away, unless they make someone fall.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light, that shines more and more until the perfect day.
- 19 The way of the wicked is like darkness. They don't know what they stumble over.
- 20 My son, attend to my words. Turn your ear to my sayings.
- 21 Let them not depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart.
- 22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to their whole body.
- 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life.
- 24 Put away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you.
- 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you.
- 26 Make the path of your feet level. Let all of your ways be established.
- 27 Don't turn to the right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot from evil.

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Day 46. 15-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 46.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song for Alamoth...

For the Chief Musician. By the sons of Korah. According to Alamoth. ELOHIM is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

- 2 Therefore we won't be afraid, though the earth changes, though the mountains are shaken into the heart of the seas;
- 3 though its waters roar and are troubled, though the mountains tremble with their swelling. Selah.
- 4 There is a river, the streams of which make the city of ELOHIM glad, the holy place of the tents of the Most High.
- 5 ELOHIM is in her midst. She shall not be moved. ELOHIM will help her at dawn.
- 6 The nations raged. The kingdoms were moved. He lifted his voice, and the earth melted.
- 7 YHWH of Hosts is with us. The ELOHIM of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.
- 8 Come, see YHWH's works, what desolations he has made in the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth. He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear. He burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am ELOHIM! I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 YHWH of Hosts is with us. The ELOHIM of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Proverbs 5.

The Peril of Adultery. .

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 YHWH! 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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Day 47. 16-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 47.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah...

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. Oh clap your hands, all you nations. Shout to ELOHIM with the voice of triumph!

- 2 For YHWH Most High is awesome. He is a great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues nations under us, and peoples under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.
- 5 ELOHIM has gone up with a shout, YHWH with the sound of a shofar.
- 6 Sing praise to ELOHIM, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For ELOHIM is the King of all the earth. Sing praises with understanding.
- 8 ELOHIM reigns over the nations. ELOHIM sits on his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together, the people of the ELOHIM of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to ELOHIM! He is greatly exalted!

Proverbs 6.,7:1-5.

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 evelids.
- 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 discord.
- 15 Therefore his calamity will come suddenly. He will be broken suddenly, and that without remedy.
- 16 There are six things which YHWH 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.

. 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.
- 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.

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Day 48. 17-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 48.

1 . A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah...

A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. Great is YHWH, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our ELOHIM, in his holy mountain.

- 2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the north sides, the city of the great King.
- 3 ELOHIM has shown himself in her citadels as a refuge.
- 4 For, behold, the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together.
- 5 They saw it, then they were amazed. They were dismayed. They hurried away.
- 6 Trembling took hold of them there, pain, as of a woman in travail.
- 7 With the east wind, you break the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so we have seen, in the city of YHWH of Hosts, in the city of our ELOHIM! ELOHIM will establish it forever. Selah.
- 9 We have thought about your loving kindness, ELOHIM, in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As is your name, ELOHIM, so is your praise to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice, Because of your judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion, and go around her. Number its towers.
- 13 Mark well her bulwarks. Consider her palaces, that you may tell it to the next generation.
- 14 For this ELOHIM is our ELOHIM forever and ever. He will be our guide even to death.

Proverbs 7:6-27.

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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Day 49. 18-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 49.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah...

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. Hear this, all you peoples. Listen, all you inhabitants of the world,

- 2 both low and high, rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth will speak words of wisdom. My heart shall utter understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a proverb. I will open my riddle on the harp.
- 5 Why should I fear in the days of evil, when iniquity at my heels surrounds me?
- 6 Those who trust in their wealth, and boast in the multitude of their riches
- 7 none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give ELOHIM a ransom for him.
- 8 For the redemption of their life is costly, no payment is ever enough,
- 9 That he should live on forever, that he should not see corruption.
- 10 For he sees that wise men die; likewise the fool and the senseless perish, and leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their inward thought is that their houses will endure forever, and their dwelling places to all generations. They name their lands after themselves.
- 12 But man, despite his riches, doesn't endure. He is like the animals that perish.
- 13 This is the destiny of those who are foolish, and of those who approve their sayings. Selah.
- 14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol. Death shall be their shepherd. The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning. Their beauty shall decay in Sheol, far from their mansion.
- 15 But ELOHIM will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Selah.
- 16 Don't be afraid when a man is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased.
- 17 For when he dies he shall carry nothing away. His glory shall not descend after him.
- 18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul and men praise you when you do well for yourself
- 19 he shall go to the generation of his fathers. They shall never see the light.
- 20 A man who has riches without understanding, is like the animals that perish.

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.
- 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 posts.
- 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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Day 50. 19-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 50.

1 . A Psalm of Asaph...

A Psalm by Asaph. The Mighty One, ELOHIM, YHWH, speaks, and calls the earth from sunrise to sunset.

- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, ELOHIM shines forth.
- 3 Our ELOHIM comes, and does not keep silent. A fire devours before him. It is very stormy around him.
- 4 He calls to the heavens above, to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 "Gather my holy ones together to me, those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
- 6 The heavens shall declare his righteousness, for ELOHIM himself is judge. Selah.
- 7 "Hear, my people, and I will speak; Israel, and I will testify against you. I am ELOHIM, your ELOHIM!
- 8 I don't rebuke you for your sacrifices. Your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- 9 I have no need for a bull from your stall, nor male goats from your pens.
- 10 For every animal of the forest is mine, and the livestock on a thousand hills.
- 11 I know all the birds of the mountains. The wild animals of the field are mine.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
- 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to ELOHIM the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Pay your vows to the Most High.
- 15 Call on me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you, and you will honor me."
- 16 But to the wicked ELOHIM says, "What right do you have to declare my statutes, that you have taken my covenant on your lips,
- 17 since you hate instruction, and throw my words behind you?
- 18 When you saw a thief, you consented with him, and have participated with adulterers.
- 19 "You give your mouth to evil. Your tongue frames deceit.
- 20 You sit and speak against your brother. You slander your own mother's son.
- 21 You have done these things, and I kept silent. You thought that I was just like you. I will rebuke you, and accuse you in front of your eyes.
- 22 "Now consider this, you who forget ELOHIM, lest I tear you into pieces, and there be none to deliver.
- 23 Whoever offers the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifies me, and prepares his way so that I will show ELOHIM's salvation to him."

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 YHWH 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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