Day 37. 6-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 37.

1 . A Psalm of David...

By David. Don't fret because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness.

- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
- 3 Trust in YHWH, and do good. Dwell in the land, and enjoy safe pasture.
- 4 Also delight yourself in YHWH, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to YHWH! Trust also in him, and he will do this:
- 6 he will make your righteousness go forth as the light, and your justice as the noon day sun.
- 7 Rest in YHWH, and wait patiently for him. Don't fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who makes wicked plots happen.
- 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath. Don't fret, it leads only to evildoing.
- 9 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for YHWH shall inherit the land.
- 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more. Yes, though you look for his place, he isn't there.
- 11 But the humble shall inherit the land, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
- 12 The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth.
- 13 ADONAI will laugh at him, for he sees that his day is coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, to kill those who are upright in the way.
- 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart. Their bows shall be broken.
- 16 Better is a little that the righteous has, than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but YHWH upholds the righteous.
- 18 YHWH knows the days of the perfect. Their inheritance shall be forever.
- 19 They shall not be disappointed in the time of evil. In the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
- 20 But the wicked shall perish. The enemies of YHWH shall be like the beauty of the fields. They will vanish, vanish like smoke.
- 21 The wicked borrow, and don't pay back, but the righteous give generously.
- 22 For such as are blessed by him shall inherit the land. Those who are cursed by him shall be cut off.
- 23 A man's goings are established by YHWH! He delights in his way.
- 24 Though he stumble, he shall not fall, for YHWH holds him up with his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his children begging for bread.
- 26 All day long he deals graciously, and lends. His seed is blessed.
- 27 Depart from evil, and do good. Live securely forever.
- 28 For YHWH loves justice, and doesn't forsake his holy ones. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and live in it forever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous talks of wisdom. His tongue speaks justice.
- 31 The Torah (teaching and instruction) of his ELOHIM is in his heart. None of his steps shall slide.
- 32 The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to kill him.
- 33 YHWH will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.
- 34 Wait for YHWH, and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land. When

the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

- 35 I have seen the wicked in great power, spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.
- 36 But he passed away, and behold, he was not. Yes, I sought him, but he could not be found.
- 37 Mark the perfect man, and see the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace.
- 38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together. The future of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 39 But the salvation of the righteous is from YHWH! He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
- 40 YHWH helps them, and rescues them. He rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, Because they have taken refuge in him.

Proverbs 6.

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 eyelids.
- 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.

. 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.

20 . 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.

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Day 38. 7-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 38.

1 . A Psalm of David. To bring to remembrance...

A Psalm by David, for a memorial. YHWH, don't rebuke me in your wrath, neither chasten me in your hot displeasure.

- 2 For your arrows have pierced me, your hand presses hard on me.
- 3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation, neither is there any health in my bones because of my sin.
- 4 For my iniquities have gone over my head. As a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
- 5 My wounds are loathsome and corrupt, because of my foolishness.
- 6 I am pained and bowed down greatly. I go mourning all day long.
- 7 For my waist is filled with burning. There is no soundness in my flesh.
- 8 I am faint and severely bruised. I have groaned by reason of the anguish of my heart.
- 9 ADONAI, all my desire is before you. My groaning is not hidden from you.
- 10 My heart throbs. My strength fails me. As for the light of my eyes, it has also left me.
- 11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague. My kinsmen stand far away.
- 12 They also who seek after my life lay snares. Those who seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and meditate deceits all day long.
- 13 But I, as a deaf man, don't hear. I am as a mute man who doesn't open his mouth.
- 14 Yes, I am as a man who doesn't hear, in whose mouth are no reproofs.
- 15 For in you, YHWH, do I hope. You will answer, ADONAI my ELOHIM!
- 16 For I said, "Don't let them gloat over me, or exalt themselves over me when my foot slips."
- 17 For I am ready to fall. My pain is continually before me.
- 18 For I will declare my iniquity. I will be sorry for my sin.
- 19 But my enemies are vigorous and many. Those who hate me without reason are numerous.
- 20 They who also render evil for good are adversaries to me, because I follow what is good.
- 21 Don't forsake me, YHWH! My ELOHIM, don't be far from me.
- 22 Hurry to help me, ADONAI, my salvation.

Proverbs 7.

- 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.

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 39. 8-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 39.

1 . To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. For Jeduthun. A Psalm by David. I said, "I will watch my ways, so that I don't sin with my tongue. I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me."

- 2 I was mute with silence. I held my peace, even from good. My sorrow was stirred.
- 3 My heart was hot within me. While I meditated, the fire burned: I spoke with my tongue:
- 4 "YHWH, show me my end, what is the measure of my days. Let me know how frail I am.
- 5 Behold, you have made my days handbreadths. My lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely every man stands as a breath." Selah.
- 6 "Surely every man walks like a shadow. Surely they busy themselves in vain. He heaps up, and doesn't know who shall gather.
- 7 Now, ADONAI, what do I wait for? My hope is in you.
- 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions. Don't make me the reproach of the foolish.
- 9 I was mute. I didn't open my mouth, because you did it.
- 10 Remove your scourge away from me. I am overcome by the blow of your hand.
- 11 When you rebuke and correct man for iniquity, You consume his wealth like a moth. Surely every man is but a breath." Selah.
- 12 "Hear my prayer, YHWH, and give ear to my cry. Don't be silent at my tears. For I am a stranger with you, a foreigner, as all my fathers were.
- 13 Oh spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go away, and exist no more."

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 40. 9-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 40.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. I waited patiently for YHWH! He turned to me, and heard my cry.

- 2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay. He set my feet on a rock, and gave me a firm place to stand.
- 3 He has put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our ELOHIM! Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in YHWH!
- 4 Blessed is the man who makes YHWH his trust, and doesn't respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
- 5 Many, YHWH, my ELOHIM, are the wonderful works which you have done, and your thoughts which are toward us. They can't be declared back to you. If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
- 6 Sacrifice and offering you didn't desire. You have opened my ears. You have not required burnt offering and sin offering.
- 7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come. It is written about me in the book in the scroll.
- 8 I delight to do your will, my ELOHIM! Yes, your Torah is within my heart."
- 9 I have proclaimed glad news of righteousness in the great assembly. Behold, I will not seal my lips, YHWH, you know.
- 10 I have not hidden your righteousness within my heart. I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation. I have not concealed your loving kindness and your truth from the great assembly.
- 11 Don't withhold your tender mercies from me, YHWH! Let your loving kindness and your truth continually preserve me.
- 12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me. My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up. They are more than the hairs of my head. My heart has failed me
- 13 Be pleased, YHWH, to deliver me. Hurry to help me, YHWH!
- 14 Let them be disappointed and confounded together who seek after my soul to destroy
- it. Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt.
- 15 Let them be desolate by reason of their shame that tell me, "Aha! Aha!"
- 16 Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let such as love your salvation say continually, "Let YHWH be exalted!"
- 17 But I am poor and needy. May ADONAI think about me. You are my help and my deliverer. Don't delay, my ELOHIM!

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.

. 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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Day 41. 10-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 41.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. Blessed is he who considers the poor. YHWH will deliver him in the day of evil.

- 2 YHWH will preserve him, and keep him alive. He shall be blessed on the earth, and he will not surrender him to the will of his enemies.
- 3 YHWH will sustain him on his sickbed, and restore him from his bed of illness.
- 4 I said, "YHWH, have mercy on me! Heal me, for I have sinned against you."
- 5 My enemies speak evil against me: "When will he die, and his name perish?"
- 6 If he comes to see me, he speaks falsehood. His heart gathers iniquity to itself. When he goes abroad, he tells it.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together against me. They imagine the worst for me.
- 8 "An evil disease," they say, "has afflicted him. Now that he lies he shall rise up no more."
- 9 Yes, my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, who ate bread with me, has lifted up his heel against me.
- 10 But you, YHWH, have mercy on me, and raise me up, that I may repay them.
- 11 By this I know that you delight in me, because my enemy doesn't triumph over me.
- 12 As for me, you uphold me in my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.
- 13 Blessed be YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, from everlasting and to everlasting! Amen and amen. BOOK II

Proverbs 10.

Wise Sayings of Solomon. .

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

- 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 YHWH will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked.
- 4 He becomes poor who works with a lazy hand, but the hand of the diligent brings wealth.
- 5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during the harvest is a son who causes shame.
- 6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot.
- 8 The wise in heart accept commandments, but a chattering fool will fall.
- 9 He who walks blamelessly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.
- 10 One winking with the eye causes sorrow, but a chattering fool will fall.
- 11 The mouth of the righteous is a spring of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all wrongs.
- 13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has discernment, but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding.
- 14 Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin.
- 15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty.

- 16 The labor of the righteous leads to life. The increase of the wicked leads to sin.
- 17 He is in the way of life who heeds correction, but he who forsakes reproof leads others astray.
- 18 He who hides hatred has lying lips. He who utters a slander is a fool.
- 19 In the multitude of words there is no lack of disobedience, but he who restrains his lips does wisely.
- 20 The tongue of the righteous is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is of little worth.
- 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but the foolish die for lack of understanding.
- 22 YHWH's blessing brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.
- 23 It is a fool's pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a man of understanding's pleasure.
- 24 What the wicked fear, will overtake them, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more; but the righteous stand firm forever.
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.
- 27 The fear of YHWH prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
- 28 The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish.
- 29 The way of YHWH is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.
- 31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.
- 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked is perverse.

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Day 42. 11-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 42.

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

For the Chief Musician. A contemplation by the sons of Korah. As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants after you, ELOHIM!

- 2 My soul thirsts for ELOHIM, for the living ELOHIM! When shall I come and appear before ELOHIM?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually ask me, "Where is your ELOHIM?"
- 4 These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me, how I used to go with the crowd, and led them to the house of ELOHIM, with the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping a holy day.
- 5 Why are you in despair, my soul? Why are you disturbed within me? Hope in ELOHIM! For I shall still praise him for the saving help of his presence.
- 6 My ELOHIM, my soul is in despair within me. Therefore I remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon, from the hill Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls to deep at the noise of your waterfalls. All your waves and your billows have swept over me.
- 8 YHWH will command his loving kindness in the daytime. In the night his song shall be with me: a prayer to the EL of my life.
- 9 I will ask ELOHIM, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"
- 10 As with a sword in my bones, my adversaries reproach me, while they continually ask me, "Where is your ELOHIM?"
- 11 Why are you in despair, my soul? Why are you disturbed within me? Hope in ELOHIM! For I shall still praise him, the saving help of my countenance, and my ELOHIM!

Proverbs 1.

1 . The Beginning of Knowledge. . Proverbs!

The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel:

- 2 to know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;
- 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;
- 4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young man:
- 5 that the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; that the man of understanding may attain to sound counsel:
- 6 to understand a proverb, and parables, the words and riddles of the wise.
- 7 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

8 . Shun Evil Counsel. .

My son, listen to your father's instruction, and don't forsake your mother's teaching:

- 9 for they will be a garland to grace your head, and chains around your neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners entice you, don't consent.
- 11 If they say, "Come with us, Let's lay in wait for blood; let's lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;
- 12 let's swallow them up alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down into the pit.

- 13 We'll find all valuable wealth. We'll fill our houses with spoil.
- 14 You shall cast your lot among us. We'll all have one purse."
- 15 My son, don't walk in the way with them. Keep your foot from their path,
- 16 for their feet run to evil. They hurry to shed blood.
- 17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird:
- 18 but these lay wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own lives.
- 19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owners.

. The Call of Wisdom. .

Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She utters her voice in the public squares.

- 21 She calls at the head of noisy places. At the entrance of the city gates, she utters her words:
- 22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight themselves in mockery, and fools hate knowledge?
- 23 Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you.
- 24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one has paid attention;
- 25 but you have ignored all my counsel, and wanted none of my reproof;
- 26 I also will laugh at your disaster. I will mock when calamity overtakes you;
- 27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when your disaster comes on like a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come on you.
- 28 Then will they call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me;
- 29 because they hated knowledge, and didn't choose the fear of YHWH!
- 30 They wanted none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof.
- 31 Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own schemes.
- 32 For the backsliding of the simple will kill them. The careless ease of fools will destroy them.
- 33 But whoever listens to me will dwell securely, and will be at ease, without fear of harm."

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Day 43. 12-February Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Psalms 43.

1 . Prayer to ELOHIM in Time of Trouble. .

Vindicate me, ELOHIM, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation. Oh, deliver me from deceitful and wicked men.

- 2 For you are the ELOHIM of my strength. Why have you rejected me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- 3 Oh, send out your light and your truth. Let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy hill, To your tents.
- 4 Then I will go to the altar of ELOHIM, to EL, my exceeding joy. I will praise you on the harp, ELOHIM, my ELOHIM!
- 5 Why are you in despair, my soul? Why are you disturbed within me? Hope in ELOHIM! For I shall still praise him: my Savior, my helper, and my ELOHIM!

Proverbs 2.

1 . The Value of Wisdom...

My son, if you will receive my words, and store up my commandments within you;

- 2 So as to turn your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;
- 3 Yes, if you call out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding;
- 4 If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures:
- 5 then you will understand the fear of YHWH, and find the knowledge of ELOHIM!
- 6 For YHWH gives wisdom. Out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.
- 7 He lays up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk in integrity;
- 8 that he may guard the paths of justice, and preserve the way of his holy ones.
- 9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path.
- 10 For wisdom will enter into your heart. Knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.
- 11 Discretion will watch over you. Understanding will keep you,
- 12 to deliver you from the way of evil, from the men who speak perverse things;
- 13 who forsake the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;
- 14 who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of evil;
- 15 who are crooked in their ways, and wayward in their paths:
- 16 To deliver you from the strange woman, even from the foreigner who flatters with her words;
- 17 who forsakes the friend of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her ELOHIM:
- 18 for her house leads down to death, her paths to the dead.
- 19 None who go to her return again, neither do they attain to the paths of life:
- 20 that you may walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.
- 21 For the upright will dwell in the land. The perfect will remain in it.
- 22 But the wicked will be cut off from the land. The treacherous will be rooted out of it.

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