

Greetings, today our manna is Ruth 3 & 4; Acts 28; Jeremiah 38; Psalms 11 & 12.

August 10 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Ruth 3 & 4

Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor

Rth 3:1 And Na'omi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, so that it is well with you?"

Rth 3:2 "And now, is not Bo'az, with whose young women you have been, our relative? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor.

Rth 3:3 "And, you shall bathe and anoint yourself, and put your garments on and go down to the threshing-floor. Do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

Rth 3:4 "And it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies, and shall go in and uncover his feet, and lie down. And let him make known to you what you should do."

Rth 3:5 And she said to her, "All that you say to me, I do."

Naomi contemplates her and Ruth's long-term provisions. Naomi is very much aware that the life of a widow is difficult. Naomi also understands the dynamics behind the roles of kinsman redeemers. She knows that Ruth has found favor in the eyes of Boaz. Naomi in her wisdom as an older woman, instructs Ruth in what she should do.

Rth 3:6 And she went down to the threshing-floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law commanded her.

Rth 3:7 And Bo'az ate and drank, and his heart was glad, and he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. And she came softly and uncovered his feet, and lay down.

Rth 3:8 And it came to be at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself, and saw a woman lying at his feet!

Rth 3:9 And he said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your female servant. **Now you shall spread your covering over your female servant** – **for you are a redeemer.**"

Ruth does exactly what Naomi had instructed her to do.

Rev 7:15 "Because of this they are before the throne of Elohim, and serve Him day and night in

His Dwelling Place. **And He who sits on the throne shall spread His Tent over them.**

Rth 3:10 And he said, **“Blessed are you of יהוה, my daughter! For you have shown more loving-commitment at the end than at the beginning, not to go after young men, whether poor or rich.”**

Ruth had shown very good conduct among the people of Naomi. She had set herself apart to care for Naomi and provide grain for their household.

Rth 3:11 **“And now, my daughter, do not fear. All that you say I do for you, for all the people of my town know that you are a capable woman.”**

Rth 3:12 **“And now, it is true that I am your redeemer. However, there is a redeemer nearer than I.”**

There was another redeemer that would have to be considered first. Boaz would need to approach that relative. She stayed at his feet until morning; then she discreetly departs before morning with six measures of barley provided by Boaz. None were to mention her presence at the threshing floor.

Rth 3:13 **“Stop over tonight, and in the morning it shall be that if he does redeem you, good – let him do it. But if he is not pleased to redeem you, then I shall redeem you, as יהוה lives! Lie down until morning.”**

Rth 3:14 And she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. And he said, **“Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing-floor.”**

Rth 3:15 And he said, **“Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it.”** So she held it and he measured six *measures* of barley, and laid it on her. And she went into the city.

Ruth updates Naomi. Naomi knows that it went well; and now she was to be still and wait for the matter to be resolved that day.

Rth 3:16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, **“Is that you, my daughter?”** And she explained to her all that the man had done for her.

Rth 3:17 And she said, **“He gave me these six *measures* of barley, for he said to me, ‘Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’”**

Rth 3:18 And she said, **“Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter falls, for the man is not going to rest until he has completed the matter this day.”**

Ruth 4

Boaz Redeems Ruth

Rth 4:1 And Bo'az went up to the gate and sat down there. And see, the redeemer of whom Bo'az had spoken came by. And Bo'az said, "Turn aside, So-and-so, sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down.

Rth 4:2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

Rth 4:3 He then said to the redeemer, "Na'omi, who has come back from the fields of Mo'ab, sold the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelek.

Rth 4:4 "And I thought that I should disclose it to you, saying, 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you do redeem it, redeem it. But if you do not redeem it, inform me, so that I know. For there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am next after you.'" And he said, "**I redeem it.**"

Rth 4:5 And Bo'az said, "**On the day you buy the field from the hand of Na'omi, you shall also acquire Ruth the Mo'abites, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance.**"

Rth 4:6 And the redeemer said, "I am not able to redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. Redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I am not able to redeem it."

Rth 4:7 And this was formerly done in Yisra'el concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm every word: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a witness in Yisra'el.

Rth 4:8 So the redeemer said to Bo'az, "Buy it for yourself." Then he took off his sandal.

The kinsman redeemer transaction is complete; witnesses attest; and they pray that Boaz's union with Ruth is blessed and divinely fruitful. As we know, the righteous line of Messiah does continue through this union as did through the house of Perets.

Rth 4:9 And Bo'az said to the elders and to all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelek's, and all that was Kilyon's and Maḥlon's, from the hand of Na'omi.

Rth 4:10 "And also, Ruth the Mo'abites, the wife of Maḥlon, I have acquired as my wife, to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance, so that the name of the dead should not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses today."

Rth 4:11 And all the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, "Witnesses! יהוה make the woman who is coming to your house as Raḥel and as Lě'ah, the two who built the house of Yisra'el. And prove your worth in Ephrathah and proclaim the

Name in Běyth Lehem.

Rth 4:12 “And **let your house be like the house of Perets, whom Tamar bore to Yehudah**, of the seed which יהוה does give you from this young woman.”

Ruth and Boaz Marry

Rth 4:13 And Bo'az took Ruth and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and יהוה granted her conception, and she bore a son.

Rth 4:14 And the women said to Na'omi,

The women proclaim a blessing upon Naomi and her family through Boaz their redeemer.

“Blessed be יהוה, who has not left you this day without a redeemer. And let his Name be proclaimed in Yisra'el!

Rth 4:15 “And he shall be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him.”

Rth 4:16 And Na'omi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him.

Rth 4:17 And the women, her neighbors, gave him a name, saying, “There is a son born to Na'omi.” And they called his name Obed. He was the father of Yishai, the father of Dawid.

The Genealogy of David

Rth 4:18 And this is the genealogy of Perets: Perets brought forth Hetsron.

Rth 4:19 And Hetsron brought forth Ram, and Ram brought forth Amminadab.

Rth 4:20 And Amminadab brought forth Naḥshon, and Naḥshon brought forth Salmon.

Rth 4:21 And Salmon brought forth Bo'az, and Bo'az brought forth Obed.

Rth 4:22 And Obed brought forth Yishai, and Yishai brought forth Dawid.



Paul on Malta

Act 28:1 And having come to safety, they then learned that **the island was called Melite.**

Act 28:2 And the foreigners showed us extraordinary kindness, for they kindled a fire and received us all, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold.

Act 28:3 But Sha'ul, having gathered a bundle of sticks, and having laid them on the fire, an adder came out because of the heat, and fastened itself on his hand.

Act 28:4 And when the foreigners saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man is certainly a murderer, whom, though saved from the sea, still right-ruling does not allow to live."

Paul had experience spiritual and physical 'bites of adders.' In both situations, he shook them off. Hopefully none of us will experience the physical bite of an adder; but true believers do experience their fair share of spiritual adder bites. For this reason, we put on and take up our full armor of YHWH. Paul stood firm in His faith knowing the work that YHWH had begun in his life would fully materialize. The same stands true for us. Rejoice if you suffer for His Name sake; for the enemy doesn't throw stones at 'dead birds.'

Isa 54:17 "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall prove wrong. This is the inheritance of the servants of יהוה, and their righteousness from Me," declares יהוה.

Act 28:5 Then, indeed, he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no evil.

Act 28:6 And expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead, they waited for a long time and saw no harm come to him, changing their minds they said that he was **a mighty one.**

We have seen numerous 'mighty ones' that the people worshipped on Paul's missionary journeys. We have seen those that worshipped Venus; Mercury; Jupiter; Athena; Artemis; Apollo; and the 'unknown god' to name a few. These were among the nations; but Paul had now brought the Good News of Yahusha HaMashiach to all the nations who would receive Him.

Act 28:7 And in the neighborhood of that place there were lands of the **chief of the island, whose name was Poplius**, who received us and housed us in a friendly way for **three days.**

Act 28:8 And it came to be that **the father of Poplius lay sick** with inflammation and dysentery. Sha'ul went in to him, and having prayed he laid his hands on him and

healed him.

Act 28:9 And when this took place, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed,

Act 28:10 who also respected us in many ways. And when we were setting sail, they provided us with our needs.

YHWH cares about the people in the remotest places. Yahusha came to ‘seek’ and to ‘save’ that which is lost. This terrible storm at sea positioned Paul to minister to the people on the isle of Melite. Praise Yah!

Paul Arrives at Rome

Act 28:11 And after three months we set sail in an Alexandrian ship which had wintered at the island, and whose figurehead was “Dioscuri.”^a Footnote: ^aWhich means: Twin Brothers, who were Sons of Zeus, named Castor and Pollux. They were tutelary deities of sailors.

Now we are introduced to more mighty ones: Zeus [Jupiter]; Castor; and Pollux. These were the gods of sailors.

Act 28:12 And having landed at Syracuse, we stayed three days,

Act 28:13 from which place we went round and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day the south wind blew, and the second day we came to Puteoli,

Act 28:14 where we found brothers, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward Rome.

Act 28:15 And when the brothers there heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Forum of Appius and Three Taverns. When Sha’ul saw them, he thanked Elohim and took courage.

Act 28:16 And when we came to Rome, the captain delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard, but Sha’ul was allowed to stay by himself with the soldier guarding him.

Even though Paul was in captivity; the flames ignited through his missionary journeys were spreading. The Word was alive among the nations as is to this very day; that is why I believe the ‘Book of Acts’ never ends! We are still sharing His Good News since the infilling of the Ruach HaKodesh at Pentecost ignited in the 1st Century believers of the Common Era. All praise and thanks be to YHWH!

Paul in Rome – Paul continued to reach out to the Yehudim.

Act 28:17 And it came to be after three days that Sha’ul called the leaders of the

Yehudim together. And when they had come together, he said to them, “Men, brothers, though I have done none at all against our people or the practices of our fathers, I was delivered as a prisoner from Yerushalayim into the hands of the Romans,

Act 28:18 who, when they had examined me, intended to let me go, because there was **no cause for putting me to death.**

Act 28:19 “But the Yehudim spoke against it, and I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not that I had any accusation against my nation.

Act 28:20 “This therefore is the reason I called for you, to see you and speak with you. It is because of the expectation of Yisra’el that I am bound with this chain.”

Act 28:21 And they said to him, “We neither received letters from Yehudah concerning you, nor have any of the brothers who came reported or spoken whatever wicked about you.

Act 28:22 “And we think it right to hear from you what you think, for indeed, concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere.”

Act 28:23 And having appointed him a day, many came to him where he was staying, to whom he was explaining, earnestly witnessing about the reign of Elohim, and persuading them concerning **יהושע** from both the Torah of Mosheh and the Prophets, from morning until evening.

Act 28:24 And some indeed were persuaded by what was said, but some believed not.

Act 28:25 And disagreeing with one another, **they began to leave, after Sha’ul had spoken one word,** “The Set-apart Spirit rightly spoke through Yeshayahu the prophet to our fathers,

The words of the prophet Isaiah were still ringing true and it was hard for them to swallow. Their people had turned away from YHWH and the nation people were turning to YHWH. We still pray for the Yehudim to have eyes to see and ears to hear. We still pray that they will soon say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the Name of YHWH.’

Act 28:26 saying, ‘Go to this people and say, “Hearing you shall hear but by no means understand, and seeing you shall see but by no means perceive,

Act 28:27 for the heart of this people has become thickened, and with their ears they heard heavily, and they have closed their eyes, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn back, and I should heal them.” ’ [Isa 6:9-10](#).

Act 28:28 “**Therefore** let it be known to you that **the deliverance of Elohim has been sent to the nations, and they shall hear!**”

Act 28:29 And when he had said these words, the Yehudim went away and had a great dispute among themselves.

Act 28:30 And **Sha’ul stayed two entire years**

- in his own rented house, and
- was receiving all who came to him,
- Act 28:31 proclaiming the reign of Elohim and
- teaching about the Master יהושע Messiah with all boldness, unhindered.

While in his first Roman imprisonment, ‘house arrest’, he writes the four ‘prison epistles.’ The dates are estimated.

YEAR AD	CHURCH EVENT	N.T. BOOK WRITTEN	WORLD EVENT
59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul in prison in Caesarea Paul appears before Festus and King Herod Agrippa II (Acts 25,26) Paul appeals to Caesar in Rome (25:11) so Paul is sent to Rome by Festus (25:12) and Agrippa (26:32) In an attempt to beat the coming winter a ship of prisoners leaves for Rome (Acts 27) Paul advised the commanding centurion, Julius, to harbor at Fair Havens on Crete but they decided to go onto Phoenix. The ship was blown off course out into the Mediterranean Sea and crashed near Malta. (Acts 27:9-28:10) 		
60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul arrives in Rome and is allowed to live by himself with a Roman soldier to guard him (Acts 28:16) 	Paul writes Ephesians from Roman imprisonment	
61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul continues in Rome under house arrest. 	Paul writes Philippians from Roman imprisonment	
62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul continues in Rome under house arrest Peter comes to Rome and writes First Peter Paul is released from Roman imprisonment. Paul either leaves for Spain or first visits Philippi and Corinth along with other churches in Achaia and Macedonia. Paul writes Timothy a letter. Timothy is in Ephesus and Paul may have written it from Macedonia. Paul leaves for Spain 	Paul writes Colossians and Philemon from Roman imprisonment Peter writes First Peter from Rome Paul writes First Timothy from Macedonia	

5 years in prison this go around

Jeremiah 38

Jeremiah Cast into the Cistern

Jer 38:1 And Shephatyah son of Mattan, and Gedalyahu son of Pashhur, and Yuqal son of Shelemyahu, and Pashhur son of Malkiyah heard the words which Yirmeyahu had spoken to all the people, saying,

Jer 38:2 **“Thus said יהוה,**

- ‘He who remains in this city shall die by the sword,
- by scarcity of food, and
- by pestilence,
- **but whoever goes over to the Kasdim shall live.**
- **And his life shall be as a prize to him, and he shall live.’**

Jer 38:3 “Thus said יהוה, ‘This city is certainly given into the hand of the sovereign of Babel’s army, and he shall take it.’ ”

The heads on the king’s council desired that Jeremiah be put to death. Zedekiah has a nonchalant attitude and says Jeremiah was in their hands. It may have been that Zedekiah did see that his reign was about to end and just didn’t care anymore.

Jer 38:4 **Then the heads said to the sovereign,** “Please, let this man be put to death, because he is weakening the hands of the men of battle who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man does not seek the peace of this people, but the evil.”

Jer 38:5 And Tsidqiyahu the sovereign said, “Look, he is in your hand. For the sovereign is unable to do any matter against you.”

Jeremiah is thrown into a different dungeon, the dungeon of Malkiyahu, the king’s son, which was in the ‘court of the guard.’ They lowered Jeremiah with ropes into the muddy bottom. There was enough mud that the Scripture says that he sank.

Jer 38:6 And they took Yirmeyahu and threw him into the dungeon of Malkiyahu the sovereign’s son, which was in the court of the guard, and they let Yirmeyahu down with ropes. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mud. So Yirmeyahu sank in the mud.

Jeremiah Rescued from the Cistern – by Ebed-Melek the Kushite eunuch

Jer 38:7 And **Ebed-Melek the Kushite, one of the eunuchs, who was in the sovereign’s house, heard that they had put Yirmeyahu in the dungeon.** And the sovereign was sitting at the Gate of Binyamin,

BDB Definition:

Ebed-melech = “servant of the king”

1) an Ethiopian eunuch in the service of king Zedekiah, through whose interference Jeremiah was released from prison

Jer 38:8 **And Ebed-Melek came from the sovereign’s house and spoke to the sovereign, saying,**

Jer 38:9 “My master the sovereign, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Yirmeyahu the prophet, whom they have thrown into the dungeon, and he is likely to die from hunger in the place where he is, for there is no more bread in the city.”

Jer 38:10 And the sovereign commanded Ebed-Melek the Kushite, saying, “Take thirty men from here with you, and lift Yirmeyahu the prophet out of the dungeon before he dies.”

Ebed-Melek wastes no time in gathering the men and the supplies to rescue Jeremiah from the cistern.

Jer 38:11 So Ebed-Melek took the men with him and went into the house of the sovereign under the treasury, and took old clothes and old rags from there, and let them down by ropes into the dungeon to Yirmeyahu.

Jer 38:12 And Ebed-Melek the Kushite said to Yirmeyahu, “Please put these old clothes and rags under your armpits, under the ropes.” And Yirmeyahu did so,

Jer 38:13 and they pulled Yirmeyahu up with ropes and lifted him out of the dungeon. And Yirmeyahu remained in the court of the guard.

YHWH sends Ebed-Melek, whose name means ‘servant of the king’; to rescue Jeremiah! How divine is that! Believers should speak up for other believers!

Jeremiah Warns Zedekiah Again

Jer 38:14 Then Tsidqiyahu the sovereign sent and had Yirmeyahu the prophet brought to him at the third entrance of the House of יהוה. And the sovereign said to Yirmeyahu, “I am asking you a matter. Do not hide a matter from me.”

Jer 38:15 And Yirmeyahu said to Tsidqiyahu,

- “If I declare it to you, shall you not put me to death?”
- And if I give you advice, you shall not listen to me.”

Jer 38:16 But Tsidqiyahu the sovereign swore secretly to Yirmeyahu, saying, “As יהוה lives, who made us this life, I do not put you to death, nor do I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life.”

Jer 38:17 And Yirmeyahu said to Tsidqiyahu, “Thus said יהוה, the Elohim of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra’el,

- ‘If you do indeed surrender to the heads of the sovereign of Babel, then your being shall live, and this city not be burned with fire. And you and your house shall live.
- **Jer 38:18** But if you do not surrender to the heads of the sovereign of Babel, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Kasdim, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape from their hand.’ ”

Zedekiah confesses his fear to Jeremiah.

Jer 38:19 Then Tsidqiyahu the sovereign said to Yirmeyahu, “I am afraid of the Yehudim who have gone over to the Kasdim, lest they give me into their hand, and they maltreat me.”

Jeremiah gives Zedekiah assurance that that would not be the case.

Jer 38:20 But Yirmeyahu said,

- “They shall not hand you over.
- Please, obey the voice of יהוה which I speak to you, and let it be well with you, and your life be spared.

But if you refuse to surrender...

Jer 38:21 “But if you refuse to surrender, this is the word that יהוה has shown me:

- **Jer 38:22** Then see, all the women who are left in the sovereign of Yehudah’s house shall be surrendered to the heads of the sovereign of Babel,
- and see, they are saying, “Your close friends have set upon you and prevailed against you; your feet have sunk in the mire; they have turned away again.”
- **Jer 38:23** And they are going to surrender all your wives and children to the Kasdim,
- and you yourself shall not escape from their hand, but be taken by the hand of the sovereign of Babel,
- and this city shall be burned with fire.’ ”

Jer 38:24 Then Tsidqiyahu said to Yirmeyahu, **“Let no one know of these words, and you shall not die.”**

Jer 38:25 “But if the heads hear that I have spoken with you, and they come to you and say to you, ‘Declare to us now what you have said to the sovereign, and also what the sovereign said to you. Do not hide it from us, and we do not put you to death,’

Jer 38:26 then you shall say to them, ‘I presented my petition before the sovereign, not to send me back to the house of Yonathan to die there.’ ”

Jer 38:27 And all the heads came to Yirmeyahu and asked him. And he informed them according to all these words that the sovereign had commanded. And they said no more to him, for the matter was not heard.

Jer 38:28 So Yirmeyahu remained in the court of the guard until the day that Yerushalayim was taken, and he was *there* when Yerushalayim was taken.

As a refresher, let’s revisit some common ground that existed between the Kushite Eunuch Ebed-Melek and the ‘Ethiopian [Kushite] Eunuch’ that Philip witnessed to. I am copying and pasting an excerpt from our July 21st devotional.

Regarding Philip’s encounter with the Ethiopian Eunuch, how was it that there was a [YHWH believing eunuch coming from Kush to worship in Jerusalem](#)? It is believed that through the union of Sheba and Solomon, the belief in YHWH had gone back to her country.

Adam Clarke commentary on Acts 8:27 excerpt...

Let us, for a little, examine this question. In [1Ki 10:1](#), etc., we have the account of the visit paid to Solomon by the queen of Sheba, the person to whom our Lord refers, [Mat 12:42](#), and [Luk 11:31](#). It has been long credited by the Abyssinians that this queen, who by some is called Balkis, by others Maqueda, was not only instructed by Solomon in the Jewish religion, but also established it in her own empire on her return; that she had a son by Solomon named **Menilek**, who succeeded her in the kingdom; and, from that time till the present, they have preserved the Jewish religion...

Menelik I (called Bāynā Ləḥkəm in the Kebra Nagast; also named Ebna Ia-Hakim, Arabic: Ibn Al-Hakim, "Son of the Wise"), first Solomonic Emperor of Ethiopia, is traditionally believed to be the son of King Solomon of ancient Israel and Makeda, ancient Queen of Sheba.

With this in mind we see how this Ethiopian Eunuch that Philip witnessed to, could have been exposed to the belief in the one true Elohim, YHWH. After all, **Jeremiah**, in his day, was rescued by a Kushite [Ethiopian] eunuch himself, Ebed Melek. YHWH works in such miraculous ways to reach His children! Praise Yah!!!

Let’s study also about another Ethiopian eunuch who rescued Jeremiah from the Cistern?

KJV Jeremiah Rescued from the Cistern
Jer 38:7 Now when Ebedmelech^{H5663} the Ethiopian,^{H3569} one^{H376} of the eunuchs^{H1931} which^{H1931} was in the king's^{H4428}

Jeremiah 38

The princes in v.1 want him put to death.

Malkiyahu means— My king is YHWH

Ebed-Melek means— servant of the king

6 And they took Yirmeyahu and threw him into the dungeon of Malkiyahu the sovereign's son, which was in the court of the guard, and they let Yirmeyahu down with ropes. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mud. So Yirmeyahu sank in the mud.

7 And Ebed-Melek the Kushite, one of the eunuchs, who was in the sovereign's house, heard that they had put Yirmeyahu in the dungeon. And the sovereign was sitting at the Gate of Binyamin,

8 And Ebed-Melek came from the sovereign's house and spoke to the sovereign, saying,

9 "My master the sovereign, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Yirmeyahu the prophet, whom they have thrown into the dungeon, and he is likely to die from hunger in the place where he is, for there is no more bread in the city."

10 And the sovereign commanded Ebed-Melek the Kushite, saying, "Take thirty men from here with you, and lift Yirmeyahu the prophet out of the dungeon before he dies."

11 So Ebed-Melek took the men with him and went into the house of the sovereign under the treasury, and took old clothes and old rags from there, and let them down by ropes into the dungeon to Yirmeyahu.

12 And Ebed-Melek the Kushite said to Yirmeyahu, "Please put these old clothes and rags under your armpits, under the ropes." And Yirmeyahu did so,

13 and they pulled Yirmeyahu up with ropes and lifted him out of the dungeon. And Yirmeyahu remained in the court of the guard.

Psalm 11 & 12

YHWH is our refuge. The upright shall see His face. YHWH still dwells in His set-apart place. Until we tabernacle one day with Him face to face, He has sent us the Comforter to dwell in us. We are His and He will never leave us; He is our refuge and our strength; our ever-present help in time of trouble. We are set-apart and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb so that we can tabernacle with our Groom. Yahusha is the Door that is now open in heaven. When we are absent from the body we are present with YHWH.

YHWH Is in His Holy Temple

Psa 11:1 In **יהוה** I have taken refuge; Why do you say to me, “Flee to your mountain like a bird”?

Psa 11:2 For look! The wrong bend a bow, They set their arrow on the string, To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.

Psa 11:3 When the foundations are destroyed, What shall the righteous do?

Psa 11:4 **יהוה** is in His set-apart Hēḱal, The throne of **יהוה** is in the heavens. His eyes see, His eyelids examine the sons of men.

Psa 11:5 **יהוה** tries the righteous, But His being shall hate the wrong And the one who loves violence.

Psa 11:6 Upon the wrong He rains snares, Fire and sulphur and a scorching wind Are the portion of their cup.

Psa 11:7 For **יהוה** is righteous, He has loved righteousness; The upright shall see His face.

Psalm 12:6 The Words of **יהוה** are clean Words, Silver tried in a furnace of earth, Refined seven times. In Psa 12:7, it says, “You guard them, O **יהוה**, You preserve them from this generation forever.” This is very assuring with all the debate over His Word and the Books within. YHWH has preserved His Word in every generation. We can have that blessed assurance. Whatever is hidden will be revealed. YHWH has His ‘fail-safes’ in place through people, places, and things. His Word is risen. No weapon formed against His Word shall prosper.

The Faithful Have Vanished

Psa 12:1 Save, **יהוה**, for the lovingly-committed one is no more! For the trustworthy have ceased from among the sons of men.

Psa 12:2 They speak falsehood with each other; They speak *with* flattering lips, a double heart.

Psa 12:3 **יהוה** does cut off all flattering lips, A tongue that speaks swelling words,

Psa 12:4 Who have said, “With our tongue we do mightily; Our lips are our own; Who is master over us?”

Psa 12:5 “Because of the oppression of the poor, because of the sighing of the needy, I

now arise,” says יהוה, “I set in safety – he pants for it.”

Psa 12:6 The Words of יהוה are clean Words, Silver tried in a furnace of earth, Refined seven times.^a Footnote: ^a Psa 18:30, Psa 119:140, Pro 30:5.

Psa 12:7 **You guard them, O יהוה, You preserve them from this generation forever.**

Psa 12:8 The wrong walk around on every side, When worthlessness is exalted among the sons of men.

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