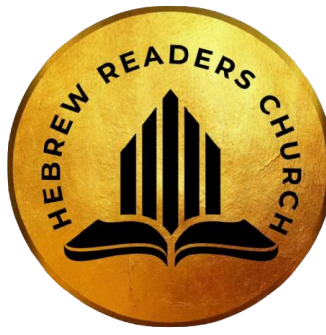


10. And the heavens were angry, And the earth abhorred them;
11. For no man upon it had done what they did,
12. And the earth recognized all
Thy righteous judgements, O Alahayim.
13. They set the sons of Jerusalem to be mocked at in return for the harlots in her;
Every wayfarer entered in in the full light of day.
14. They made mock with their transgressions, as they themselves were wont to do;
In the full light of day they revealed their iniquities.
And the daughters of Jerusalem were defiled in accordance with Thy judgement,
15. Because they had defiled themselves with unnatural intercourse.
I am pained in my bowels and my inward parts for these things.
16. And yet I will justify Thee, O Alahayim, in uprightness of heart,
For in Thy judgements is Thy righteousness displayed, O Alahayim.
17. For Thou hast rendered to the sinners according to their deeds,
Yea, according to their sins, which were very wicked.
18. Thou hast uncovered their sins, that Thy judgement might be manifest;
19. Thou hast wiped out their memorial from the earth.
Alahayim is a righteous judge,
And he is no respecter of persons.
20. For the nations reproached Jerusalem, trampling it down;
Her beauty was dragged down from the throne of glory.
21. She girded on sackcloth instead of comely raiment,
A rope was about her head instead of a crown.
22. She put off the glorious diadem which Alahayim had set upon her,
23. In dishonour was her beauty cast upon the ground.
24. And I saw and entreated AHAYAH and said,
Long enough, O AHAYAH has Thine hand been heavy on Israel, in bringing the nations upon them.
25. For they have made sport unsparingly in wrath and fierce anger;
26. And they will make an utter end, unless Thou, O AHAYAH, rebuke them in Thy wrath.
27. For they have done. it not in zeal, but in lust of soul,
28. Pouring out their wrath upon us with a view to rapine.
29. Delay not, O Alahayim, to recompense them on their heads,
To turn the pride of the dragon into dishonour.
30. And I had not long to wait before Alahayim showed me the insolent one
Slain on the mountains of Egypt,
Esteemed of less account than the least, on land and sea;
31. His body, too, borne hither and thither on the billows with much insolence,
With none to bury him, because He had rejected him with dishonour.

He reflected not that he was man,

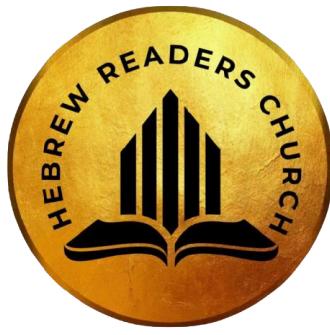
32. And reflected not on the latter end;
33. He said: I will be adono of land and sea;
And he recognized not that it is Alahayim who is great,
Mighty in His great strength.



34. He is king over the heavens,
And judgeth kings and kingdoms.
35. It is He who setteth me up in glory,
And bringeth down the proud to eternal destruction in dishonour,
Because they knew Him not.
36. And now behold, ye princes of the earth, the judgement of AHAYAH,
For a great king and righteous is He, judging all that is under heaven.
37. Bless Alahayim, ye that fear AHAYAH with wisdom,
For the mercy of AHAYAH will be upon them that fear Him, in the Judgement;
38. So that He will distinguish between the righteous and the sinner,
And recompense the sinners for ever according to their deeds;
39. And have mercy on the righteous, delivering him from the affliction of the sinner,
And recompensing the sinner for what he hath done to the righteous.
40. For AHAYAH is good to them that call upon Him in patience,
Doing according to His mercy to His pious ones,
Establishing them at all times before Him in strength.
41. Blessed be AHAYAH for ever before His servants.

III. *concerning the righteous*

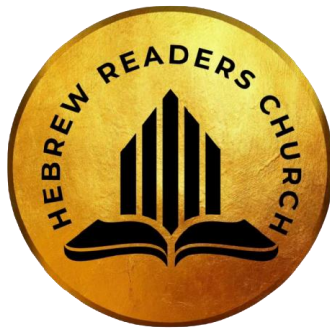
1. Why sleepest thou, O my soul,
And blessest not AHAYAH?
2. Sing a new song,
Unto Alahayim who is worthy to be praised.
Sing and be wakeful against His awaking,
For good is a psalm sung to Alahayim from a glad heart.
3. The righteous remember AHAYAH at all times,
With thanksgiving and declaration of the righteousness of AHAYAH's judgements.
4. The righteous despiseth not the chastening of AHAYAH;
His will is always before AHAYAH.
5. The righteous stumbleth and holdeth AHAYAH righteous:
He falleth and looketh out for what Alahayim will do to him;
6. He seeketh out whence his deliverance will come.
7. The steadfastness of the righteous is from Alahayim, their deliverer;
There lodgeth not in the house of the righteous sin upon sin.
8. The righteous continually searcheth his house,
To remove utterly all iniquity done by him in error.
9. He maketh atonement for sins of ignorance by fasting and afflicting his soul,
10. And AHAYAH counteth guiltless every pious man and his house.
11. The sinner stumbleth and curseth his life
The day when he was begotten, and his mother's travail.
12. He addeth sins to sins, while he liveth;
13. He falleth--verily grievous is his fall--and riseth no more.
The destruction of the sinner is for ever,
14. And he shall not be remembered, when the righteous is visited.
15. This is the portion of sinners for ever.



16. But they that fear AHAYAH shall rise to life eternal,
And their life shall be in the light of AHAYAH, and shall come to an end no more.

IV. *A conversation of Solomon with the Men-pleasers.*

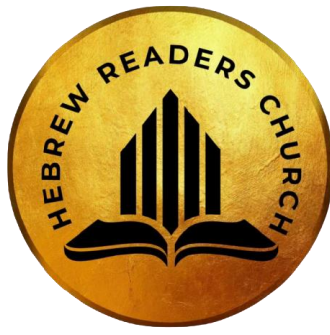
1. Wherefore sittest thou, O profane man, in the council of the pious,
Seeing that thy heart is far removed from AHAYAH,
Provoking with transgressions the Alahayim of Israel?
2. Extravagant in speech, extravagant in outward seeming beyond all men,
Is he that is severe of speech in condemning sinners in judgement.
3. And his hand is first upon him as though he acted in zeal,
And yet he is himself guilty in respect of manifold sins and of wantonness.
4. His eyes are upon every woman without distinction;
His tongue lieth when he maketh contract with an oath.
5. By night and in secret he sinneth as though unseen,
With his eyes he talketh to every woman of evil compacts.
6. He is swift to enter every house with cheerfulness as though guileless.
7. Let Alahayim remove those that live in hypocrisy in the company of the pious,
Even the life of such an one with corruption of his flesh and penury.
8. Let Alahayim reveal the deeds of the men-pleasers,
The deeds of such an one with laughter and derision;
9. That the pious may count righteous the judgement of their Alahayim,
When sinners are removed from before the righteous,
10. Even the man-pleaser who uttereth law guilefully.
11. And their eyes are fixed upon any man's house that is still secure,
That they may, like the Serpent, destroy the wisdom of . . . with words of transgressors,
12. His words are deceitful that he may accomplish his wicked desire.
13. He never ceaseth from scattering families as though they were orphans,
Yea, he layeth waste a house on account of his lawless desire.
14. He deceiveth with words, saying, There is none that seeth, or judgeth.
15. He fills one house with lawlessness,
And then his eyes are fixed upon the next house,
To destroy it with words that give wing to desire.
Yet with all these his soul like Sheol, is not sated.
16. Let his portion, O AHAYAH, be dishonoured before thee;
Let him go forth groaning, and come home cursed.
17. Let his life be spent in anguish, and penury, and want, O AHAYAH;
Let his sleep be beset with pains and his awaking with perplexities.
18. Let sleep be withdrawn from his eyelids at night;
Let him fail dishonourably in every work of his hands.
19. Let him come home empty-handed to his house,
And his house be void of everything wherewith he could sate his appetite.
20. Let his old age be spent in childless loneliness until his removal by death.
21. Let the flesh of the men-pleasers be rent by wild beasts,
And let the bones of the lawless lie dishonoured in the sight of the sun.
22. Let ravens peck out the eyes of the hypocrites.



23. For they have laid waste many houses of men, in dishonour,
And scattered them in their lust;
24. And they have not remembered Alahayim,
Nor feared Alahayim in all these things;
25. But they have provoked Alahayim's anger and vexed Him.
May He remove them from off the earth,
Because with deceit they beguiled the souls of the flawless.
26. Blessed are they that fear AHAYAH in their flawlessness;
27. AHAYAH shall deliver them from guileful men and sinners,
And deliver us from every stumbling-block of the lawless (men).
28. Let Alahayim destroy them that insolently work all unrighteousness,
For a great and mighty judge is AHAYAH our Alahayim in righteousness.
29. Let Thy mercy, O AHAYAH, be upon all them that love Thee.

V.

1. AHAYAH Alahayim, I will praise Thy name with joy,
In the midst of them that know Thy righteous judgements.
2. For Thou art good and merciful, the refuge of the poor;
3. When I cry to Thee, do not silently disregard me.
4. For no man taketh spoil from a mighty man;
5. Who, then, can take aught of all that Thou hast made, except Thou Thyself givest?
6. For man and his portion lie before Thee in the balance;
He cannot add to, so as to enlarge, what has been prescribed by Thee.
7. O Alahayim, when we are in distress we call upon Thee for help,
And Thou dost not turn back our petition, for Thou art our Alahayim.
8. Cause not Thy hand to be heavy upon us,
Lest through necessity we sin.
9. Even though Thou restore us not, we will not keep away;
But unto Thee will we come.
10. For if I hunger, unto Thee will I cry, O Alahayim;
And Thou wilt give to me.
11. Birds and fish dost Thou nourish,
In that Thou givest rain to the steppes that green grass may spring up,
So to prepare fodder in the steppe for every living thing;
12. And if they hunger, unto Thee do they lift up their face.
13. Kings and rulers and peoples Thou dost nourish, O Alahayim;
And who is the help of the poor and needy, if not Thou, O AHAYAH?
14. And Thou wilt hearken--for who is good and gentle but thou?--
Making glad the soul of the humble by opening Thine hand in mercy.
15. Man's goodness is bestowed grudgingly and ...;
And if he repeat it without murmuring, even that is marvellous.
16. But Thy gift is great in goodness and wealth,
And he whose hope is set on Thee shall have no lack of gifts.
17. Upon the whole earth is Thy mercy, O AHAYAH, in goodness.
18. Happy is he whom Alahayim remembereth in granting to him a due sufficiency;
19. If a man abound overmuch, he sinneth.



20. Sufficient are moderate means with righteousness,
And hereby the blessing of AHAYAH becomes abundance with righteousness.
21. They that fear AHAYAH rejoice in good gifts,
And thy goodness is upon Israel in Thy kingdom.

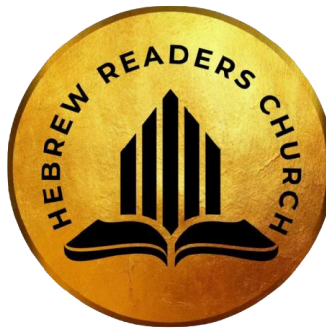
Blessed is the glory of AHAYAH, for He is our king.

VI. *A song of hope and fearlessness and peace.*

1. Happy is the man whose heart is fixed to call upon the name of AHAYAH;
2. When he remembereth the name of AHAYAH, he will be saved.
3. His ways are made even by AHAYAH,
And the works of his hands are preserved by AHAYAH his Alahayim.
4. At what he sees in his bad dreams, his soul shall not be troubled;
5. When he passes through rivers and the tossing of the seas, he shall not be dismayed.
6. He ariseth from his sleep, and blesseth the name of AHAYAH:
7. When his heart is at peace, he singeth to the name of his Alahayim,
And he entreateth AHAYAH for all his house.
8. And AHAYAH heareth the prayer of every one that feareth Alahayim,
And every request of the soul that hopes for Him doth AHAYAH accomplish.
9. Blessed is AHAYAH, who showeth mercy to those who love Him in sincerity.

VII. *The fine old doctrine--"Thou art our Shield!"*

1. Make not Thy dwelling afar from us, O Alahayim;
Lest they assail us that hate us without cause.
2. For Thou hast rejected them, O Alahayim;
Let not their foot trample upon Thy holy inheritance.
3. Chasten us Thyself in Thy good pleasure;
But give us not up to the nations;
4. For, if Thou sendest pestilence,
Thou Thyself givest it charge concerning us;
For Thou art merciful,
And wilt not be angry to the point of consuming us.
5. While Thy name dwelleth in our midst, we shall find mercy;
6. And the nations shall not prevail against us.
For Thou art our shield,
7. And when we call upon Thee, Thou hearkenest to us;
8. For Thou wilt pity the seed of Israel for ever
And Thou wilt not reject them:
But we shall, be under Thy yoke for ever,
And under the rod of Thy chastening.
9. Thou wilt establish us in the time that Thou helpst us,
Showing mercy to the house of Jacob on the day wherein Thou didst promise to help them.

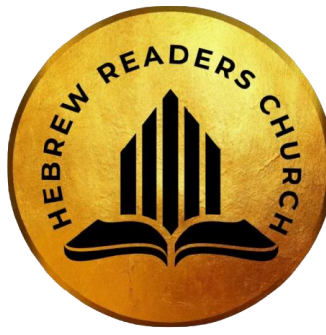


VIII. *Some remarkable similes of war creeping on Jerusalem. A survey of the sins that brought all this trouble.*

1. Distress and the sound of war hath my ear heard,
The sound of a trumpet announcing slaughter and calamity,
2. The sound of much people as of an exceeding high wind,
As a tempest with mighty fire sweeping through the Negeb.
3. And I said in my heart, Surely Alahayim judgeth us;
4. A sound I hear moving towards Jerusalem, the holy city
5. My loins were broken at what I heard, my knees tottered;
6. My heart was afraid, my bones were dismayed like flax.
7. I said: They establish their ways in righteousness.

I thought upon the judgments of Alahayim since the creation of heaven and earth;
I held Alahayim righteous in His judgements which have been from of old.

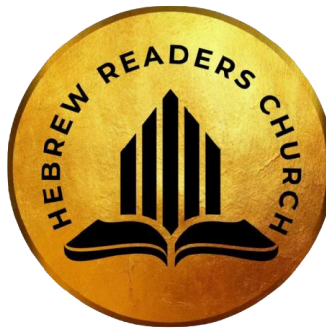
8. Alahayim bare their sins in the full light of day;
All the earth came to know the righteous judgements of Alahayim.
9. In secret places underground their iniquities were committed to provoke Him to anger;
10. They wrought confusion, son with mother and father with daughter;
11. They committed adultery, every man with his neighbour's wife.
They concluded covenants with one another with an oath touching these things;
12. They plundered the sanctuary of Alahayim, as though there was no avenger.
13. They trode the altar of AHAYAH, coming straight from all manner of uncleanness;
And with menstrual blood they defiled the sacrifices, as though these were common flesh.
14. They left no sin undone, wherein they surpassed not the heathen.
15. Therefore Alahayim mingled for them a spirit of wandering;
And gave them to drink a cup of undiluted wine, that they might become drunken.
16. He brought him that is from the end of the earth, that smiteth mightily;
17. He decreed war against Jerusalem, and against her land.
18. The princes of the land went to meet him with joy: they said unto him:
Blessed be thy way! Come ye, enter ye in with peace.
19. They made the rough ways even, before his entering in;
They opened the gates to Jerusalem, they crowned its walls.
20. As a father entereth the house of his sons, so he entered Jerusalem in peace;
He established his feet there in great safety.
21. He captured her fortresses and the wall of Jerusalem;
22. For Alahayim Himself led him in safety, while they wandered.
23. He destroyed their princes and every one wise in counsel;
He poured out the blood of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, like the water of uncleanness.
24. He led away their sons and daughters, whom they had begotten in defilement.
25. They did according to their uncleanness, even as their fathers had done:
26. They defiled Jerusalem and the things that had been hallowed to the name of Alahayim.
27. But Alahayim hath shown Himself righteous in His judgements upon the nations of the earth;
28. And the pious servants of Alahayim are like innocent lambs in their midst.
29. Worthy to be praised is AHAYAH that judgeth the whole earth in His righteousness.
30. Behold, now, O Alahayim, Thou hast shown us Thy judgement in Thy righteousness;



31. Our eyes have seen Thy judgements, O Alahayim.
We have justified Thy name that is honoured for ever;
32. For Thou art the Alahayim of righteousness, judging Israel with chastening.
33. Turn, O Alahayim, Thy mercy upon us, and have pity upon us;
34. Gather together the dispersed of Israel, with mercy and goodness;
35. For Thy faithfulness is with us,
And though we have stiffened our neck, yet Thou art our chastener;
36. Overlook us not, O our Alahayim, lest the nations swallow us up, as though there were none to deliver.
37. But Thou art our Alahayim from the beginning,
And upon Thee is our hope set, O AHAYAH;
38. And we will not depart from Thee,
For good are Thy judgements upon us.
39. Ours and our children's be Thy good pleasure for ever;
O AHAYAH, our Saviour, we shall never more be moved.
40. AHAYAH is worthy to be praised for His judgements with the mouth of His pious ones;
And blessed be Israel of AHAYAH for ever.

IX. *The exile of the tribes of Israel. A reference to the covenant which Alahayim made with Adam. (See the First Book of Adam and Chiuwah, Chap. III, Verse 7).*

1. When Israel was led away captive into a strange land,
When they fell away from AHAYAH who redeemed them,
2. They were cast away from the inheritance, which AHAYAH had given them.
Among every nation were the dispersed of Israel according to the word of Alahayim,
3. That Thou mightest be justified, O Alahayim, in Thy righteousness by reason of our transgressions:
4. For Thou art a just judge over all the peoples of the earth.
5. For from Thy knowledge none that doeth unjustly is hidden,
6. And the righteous deeds of Thy pious ones are before Thee, O AHAYAH;
Where, then, can a man hide himself from Thy knowledge, O Alahayim?
7. Our works are subject to our own choice and power
To do right or wrong in the works of our hands;
8. And in Thy righteousness Thou visitest the sons of men.
9. He that doeth righteousness layeth up life for himself with AHAYAH;
And he that doeth wrongly forfeits his life to destruction;
10. For the judgements of AHAYAH are given in righteousness to every man and his house.

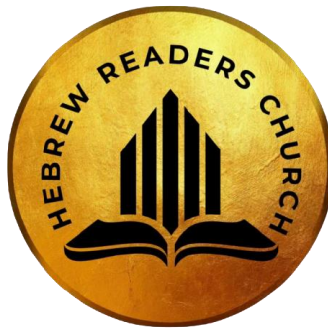


11. Unto whom art Thou good, O Alahayim, except to them that call upon AHAYAH?
12. He cleanseth from sins a soul when it maketh confession, when it maketh acknowledgement;
13. For shame is upon us and u on our faces on account of all these things.
14. And to whom doth He forgive sins, except to them that have sinned?
15. Thou blessest the righteous, and dost not reprove them for the sins that they have committed;
And Thy goodness is upon them that sin, when they repent.
16. And, now, Thou art our Alahayim, and we the people whom Thou hast loved:
Behold and show pity, O Alahayim of Israel, for we are Thine;
And remove not Thy mercy from us, lest they assail us.
17. For Thou didst choose the seed of Abraham before all the nations,
And didst set Thy name upon us, O AHAYAH,
18. And Thou wilt not reject us for ever.
Thou madest a covenant with our fathers concerning us;
19. And we hope in Thee, when our soul turneth unto Thee.
The mercy of AHAYAH be upon the house of Israel for ever and ever.

X. *A glorious hymn. Further reference to the eternal covenant between Alahayim and Man.*

1. Happy is the man whom AHAYAH remembereth with reprovng,
And whom He restraineth from the way of evil with strokes
That he may be cleansed from sin, that it may not be multiplied.
2. He that maketh ready his back for strokes shall be cleansed,
For AHAYAH is good to them that endure chastening.
3. For He maketh straight the ways of the righteous,
And doth not pervert them by His chastening.
4. And the mercy of AHAYAH is upon them that love Him in truth,
And AHAYAH remembereth His servants in mercy.
5. For the testimony is in the law of the eternal covenant,
The testimony of AHAYAH is on the ways of men in His visitation.
6. Just and kind is our Adono in His judgements for ever,
And Israel shall praise the name of AHAYAH in gladness.
7. And the pious shall give thanks in the assembly of the people;
And on the poor shall Alahayim have mercy in the gladness of Israel;
8. For good and merciful is Alahayim for ever,
And the assemblies of Israel shall glorify the name of AHAYAH.

The salvation of AHAYAH be upon the house of Israel unto everlasting gladness!



XI. *Jerusalem hears a trumpet and stands on tiptoe to see her children returning from the North, East and West.*

1. Blow ye in Zion on the trumpet to summon the saints,
2. Cause ye to be heard in Jerusalem the voice of him that bringeth good tidings;
For Alahayim hath had pity on Israel in visiting them.
3. Stand on the height, O Jerusalem, and behold thy children,
From the East and the West, gathered together by AHAYAH;
4. From the North they come in the gladness of their Alahayim,
From the isles afar off Alahayim hath gathered them.
5. High mountains hath He abased into a plain for them;
6. The hills fled at their entrance.
The woods gave them shelter as they passed by;
7. Every sweet-smelling tree Alahayim caused to spring up for them,
That Israel might pass by in the visitation of the glory of their Alahayim.
8. Put on, O Jerusalem, thy glorious garments;
Make ready thy holy robe;
For Alahayim hath spoken good concerning Israel, for ever and ever.
9. Let AHAYAH do what He hath spoken concerning Israel and Jerusalem;
Let AHAYAH raise up Israel by His glorious name.

The mercy of AHAYAH be upon Israel for ever and ever.

XII. *An appeal for family tranquility and peace and quiet at home.*

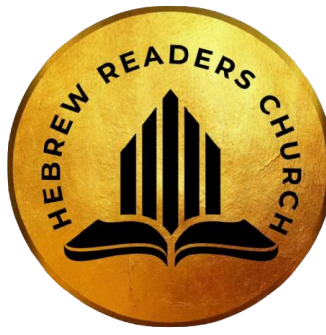
1. AHAYAH, deliver my soul from the lawless and wicked man,
From the tongue that is lawless and slanderous, and speaketh lies and deceit.
2. Manifoldly twisted are the words of the tongue of the wicked man,
Even as among a people a fire that burneth up their beauty.
3. So he delights to fill houses with a lying tongue,
To cut down the trees of gladness which setteth on fire transgressors,
4. To involve households in warfare by means of slanderous lips.

May Alahayim remove far from the innocent the lips of transgressors by bringing them to want
And may the bones of slanderers be scattered far away from them that fear AHAYAH!

5. In flaming fire perish the slanderous tongue far away from the pious!
6. May AHAYAH preserve the quiet soul that hateth the unrighteous;
And may AHAYAH establish the man that followeth peace at home.
7. The salvation of AHAYAH be upon Israel His servant for ever;
And let the sinners perish together at the presence of AHAYAH;
But let AHAYAH's pious ones inherit the promises of AHAYAH.

XIII. *Of Solomon. A Psalm. Comfort for the righteous.*

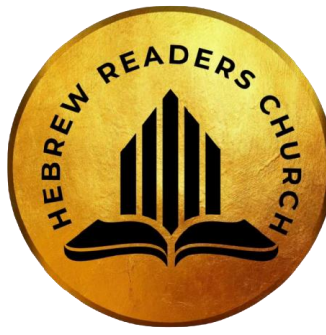
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1. The right hand of AHAYAH hath covered me;
The right hand of AHAYAH hath spared us.
2. The arm of AHAYAH hath saved us from the sword that passed through,
From famine and the death of sinners.
3. Noisome beasts ran upon them:
With their teeth they tore their flesh,
And with their molars crushed their bones.
But from all these things AHAYAH delivered us.
4. The righteous was troubled on account of his errors,
Lest he should be taken away along with the sinners;
5. For terrible is the overthrow of the sinner;
But not one of all these things toucheth the righteous.
6. For not alike are the chastening of the righteous for sins done in ignorance,
And the overthrow of the sinners.
7. Secretly is the righteous chastened,
Lest the sinner rejoice over the righteous.
8. For He correcteth the righteous as a beloved son.
And his chastisement is as that of a first-born.
9. For AHAYAH spareth His pious ones,
And blotteth out their errors by His chastening.
For the life of the righteous shall be for ever;
10. But sinners shall be taken away into destruction,,
And their memorial shall be found no more.
11. But upon the pious is the mercy of AHAYAH,
And upon them that fear Him His mercy.

XIV. *Sinners "love the brief day spent in companionship with their sin." Profound wisdom, beautifully expressed.*

1. Faithful is AHAYAH to them that love Him in truth,
To them that endure His chastening,
To them that walk in the righteousness of His commandments,
In the law which He commanded us that we might live.
2. The pious of AHAYAH shall live by it for ever;
The Paradise of AHAYAH, the trees of life, are His pious ones.



3. Their planting is rooted for ever;
They shall not be plucked up all the days of heaven:
For the portion and the inheritance of Alahayim is Israel.
4. But not so are the sinners and transgressors,
Who love the brief day spent in companionship with their sin;
Their delight is in fleeting corruption,
5. And they remember not Alahayim.
For the ways of men are known before Him at all times,
And He knoweth the secrets of the heart before they come to pass.
6. Therefore their inheritance is Sheol and darkness and destruction
And they shall not be found in the day when the righteous obtain mercy;
7. But the pious of AHAYAH shall inherit life in gladness.

XV. *The psalmist restates the great philosophy of Right and Wrong.*

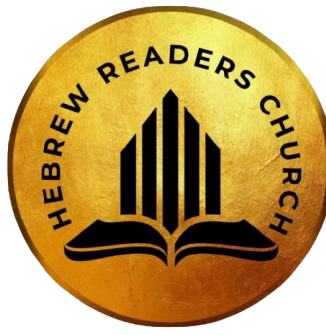
1. When I was in distress I called upon the name of AHAYAH,
I hoped for the help of the Alahayim of Jacob and was saved;
2. For the hope and refuge of the poor art Thou, O Alahayim.
3. For who, O Alahayim, is strong except to give thanks unto Thee in truth?
4. And wherein is a man powerful except in giving thanks to Thy name?
5. A new psalm with song in gladness of heart,
The fruit of the lips with the well-tuned instrument of the tongue,
The first fruits of the lips from a pious and righteous heart—
6. He that offereth these things shall never be shaken by evil;
The flame of fire and the wrath against the unrighteous shall not touch him,
7. When it goeth forth from the face of AHAYAH against sinners,
To destroy all the substance of sinners,
8. For the mark of Alahayim is upon the righteous that they may be saved.

Famine and sword and pestilence shall be far from the righteous,

9. For they shall flee away from the pious as men pursued in war;
But they shall pursue sinners and overtake them,

And they that do lawlessness shall not escape the judgement of Alahayim;
As by enemies experienced in war shall they be overtaken,

10. For the mark of destruction is upon their forehead.
11. And the inheritance of sinners is destruction and darkness,
And their iniquities shall pursue them unto Sheol beneath.
12. Their inheritance shall not be found of their children,



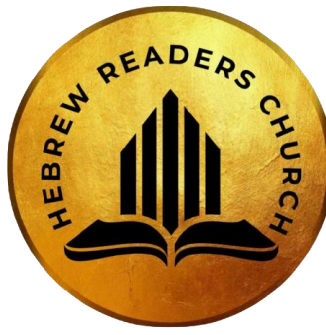
13. For sins shall lay waste the houses of sinners.
And sinners shall perish for ever in the day of AHAYAH's judgement,
14. When Alahayim visiteth the earth with His judgement.
15. But they that fear AHAYAH shall find mercy therein,
And shall live by the compassion of their Alahayim;
But sinners shall perish for ever.

XVI. *The psalmist again expresses profound truth--"For if Thou givest not strength, who can endure chastisement?"*

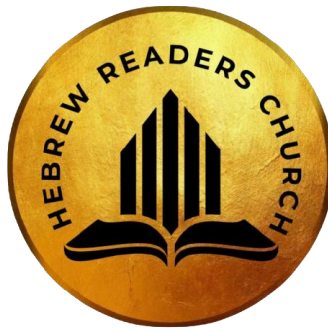
1. When my soul slumbered being afar from AHAYAH, I had all but slipped down to the pit,
When I was far from Alahayim,
2. my soul had been well-nigh poured out unto death,
I had been nigh unto the gates of Sheol with the sinner,
3. When my soul departed from AHAYAH Alahayim of Israel--
Had not AHAYAH helped me with His everlasting mercy.
4. He pricked me, as a horse is pricked, that I might serve Him,
My saviour and helper at all times saved me.
5. I will give thanks unto Thee, O Alahayim, for Thou hast helped me to my salvation;
And hast not counted me with sinners to my destruction.
6. Remove not Thy mercy from me, O Alahayim,
Nor Thy memorial from my heart until I die.
7. Rule me, O Alahayim, keeping me back from wicked sin,
And from every wicked woman that causeth the simple to stumble.
8. And let not the beauty of a lawless woman beguile me,
Nor any one that is subject to unprofitable sin.
9. Establish the works of my hands before Thee,
And preserve my goings in the remembrance of Thee.
10. Protect my tongue and my lips with words of truth;
Anger and unreasoning wrath put far from me.
11. Murmuring, and impatience in affliction, remove far from me
When, if I sin, Thou chastenest me that I may return unto Thee.
12. But with goodwill and cheerfulness support my soul;
When Thou strengthenest my soul, what is given to me will be sufficient for me.
13. For if Thou givest not strength,
Who can endure chastisement with poverty?
14. When a man is rebuked by means of his corruption,
Thy testing of him is in his flesh and in the affliction of poverty.
15. If the righteous endureth in all these trials, he shall receive mercy from AHAYAH.

XVII. *"They set a worldly monarchy . . . they lay waste the Throne of David!" A poetic narrative about the utter disintegration of a great nation.*

1. AHAYAH, Thou art our King for ever and ever,
For in Thee, O Alahayim, doth our soul glory.



2. How long are the days of man's life upon the earth?
As are his days, so is the hope set upon him.
3. But we hope in Alahayim, our deliverer;
For the might of our Alahayim is for ever with mercy,
4. And the kingdom of our Alahayim is for ever over the nations in judgement.
5. Thou, O AHAYAH, didst choose David to be king over Israel,
And swarest to him touching his seed that never should his kingdom fail before Thee.
6. But, for our sins, sinners rose up against us;
They assailed us and thrust us out;
What Thou hadst not promised to them, they took away from us with violence.
7. They in no wise glorified Thy honourable name;
They set a worldly monarchy in place of that which was their excellency;
8. They laid waste the throne of David in tumultuous arrogance.
But Thou, O Alahayim, didst cast them down, and remove their seed from the earth,
9. In that there rose up against them a man that was alien to our race.
10. According to their sins didst Thou recompense them, O Alahayim;
So that it befell them according to their deeds.
11. Alahayim showed them no pity;
He sought out their seed and let not one of them go free.
12. Faithful is AHAYAH in all His judgements
Which He doeth upon the earth.
13. The lawless one laid waste our land so that none inhabited it,
They destroyed young and old and their children together.
14. In the heat of His anger He sent them away even unto the west,
And He exposed the rulers of the land unsparingly to derision.
15. Being an alien the enemy acted proudly,
And his heart was alien from Our Alahayim.
16. And all things whatsoever he did in Jerusalem,
As also the nations in the cities to their alahayims.
17. And the children of the covenant in the midst of the mingled peoples surpassed them in evil.
There was not among them one that wrought in the midst of Jerusalem mercy and truth.
18. They that loved the synagogues of the pious fled from them,
As sparrows that fly from their nest.
19. They wandered in deserts that their lives might be saved from harm,
And precious in the eyes of them that lived abroad was any that escaped alive from them.
20. Over the whole earth were they scattered by lawless men.
For the heavens withheld the rain from dropping upon the earth,
Springs were stopped that sprang perennially out of the deeps, that ran down from lofty mountains.
21. For there was none among them that wrought righteousness and justice;
From the chief of them to the least of them all were sinful;
22. The king was a transgressor, and the judge disobedient, and the people sinful.
23. Behold, O AHAYAH, and raise up unto them their king, the son of David,
At the time in the which Thou seest, O Alahayim, that he may reign over Israel Thy servant.
24. And gird him with strength, that he may shatter unrighteous rulers,
25. And that he may purge Jerusalem from nations that trample her down to destruction.
Wisely, righteously



26. he shall thrust out sinners from the inheritance,
27. He shall destroy the pride of the sinner as a potter's vessel.
With a rod of iron he shall break in pieces all their substance,

He shall destroy the alahayimless nations with the word of his mouth;
At his rebuke nations shall flee before him,

28. And he shall reprove sinners for the thoughts of their heart.

And he shall gather together a holy people, whom he shall lead in righteousness,
And he shall judge the tribes of the people that has been sanctified by AHAYAH his Alahayim.

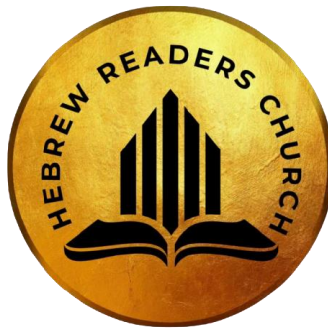
29. And he shall not suffer unrighteousness to lodge any more in their midst,
Nor shall there dwell with them any man that knoweth wickedness,
30. For he shall know them, that they are all sons of their Alahayim.
And he shall divide them according to their tribes upon the land,
31. And neither sojourner nor alien shall sojourn with them any more.
He shall judge peoples and nations in the wisdom of his righteousness. Selah.
32. And he shall have the heathen nations to serve him under his yoke;
And he shall glorify AHAYAH in a place to be seen of all the earth;
33. And he shall purge Jerusalem, making it holy as of old:
34. So that nations shall come from the ends of the earth to see his glory,
Bringing as gifts her sons who had fainted.
35. And to see the glory of AHAYAH, wherewith Alahayim hath glorified her.
And he shall be a righteous king, taught of Alahayim, over them,
36. And there shall be no unrighteousness in his days in their midst,
For all shall be holy and their king the anointed of AHAYAH.
37. For he shall not put his trust in horse and rider and bow,
Nor shall he multiply for himself gold and silver for war,

Nor shall he gather confidence from a multitude for the day of battle.

38. AHAYAH Himself is his king, the hope of him that is mighty through his hope in Alahayim.

All nations shall be in fear before him,

39. For he will smite the earth with the word of his mouth for ever.
40. He will bless the people of AHAYAH with wisdom and gladness,
41. And he himself will be pure from sin, so that he may rule a great people.
He will rebuke rulers, and remove sinners by the might of his word;
42. And relying upon his Alahayim, throughout his days he will not stumble;
For Alahayim will make him mighty by means of His holy spirit,
And wise by means of the spirit of understanding, with strength and righteousness.
43. And the blessing of AHAYAH will be with him: he will be strong and stumble not;
44. His hope will be in AHAYAH: who then can prevail against him?
He will, be mighty in his works, and strong in the fear of Alahayim,



45. He will be shepherding the flock of AHAYAH faithfully and righteously,
And will suffer none among them to stumble in their pasture.
46. He will lead them all aright,
And there will be no pride among them that any among them should be oppressed.
47. This will be the majesty of the king of Israel whom Alahayim knoweth;
He will raise him up over the house of Israel to correct him.
48. His words shall be more refined than costly gold, the choicest;
In the assemblies he will judge the peoples, the tribes of the sanctified.
49. His words shall be like the words of the holy ones in the midst of sanctified peoples.
50. Blessed be they that shall be in those days,
In that they shall see the good fortune of Israel which Alahayim shall bring to pass in the
gathering together of the tribes.
51. May AHAYAH hasten His mercy upon Israel!
May He deliver us from the uncleanness of unholy enemies!
AHAYAH Himself is our king for ever and ever.

XVIII. *With this psalm end the warlike Songs of Solomon.*

1. AHAYAH, Thy mercy is over the works of Thy hands for ever;
Thy goodness is over Israel with a rich gift.
2. Thine eyes look upon them, so that none of them suffers want;
3. Thine ears listen to the hopeful prayer of the poor.
Thy judgements are executed upon the whole earth in mercy;
4. And Thy love is toward the seed of Abraham, the children of Israel.
Thy chastisement is upon us as upon a first-born, only-begotten son,
5. To turn back the obedient soul from folly that is wrought in ignorance.
6. May Alahayim cleanse Israel against the day of mercy and blessing,
Against the day of choice when
7. Blessed shall they be that shall be in those days,
He bringeth back His anointed.
In that they shall see the goodness of AHAYAH which He shall perform for the generation that is
to come,
8. Under the rod of chastening of AHAYAH's anointed in the fear of his Alahayim,
In the spirit of wisdom and righteousness and strength;
9. That he may direct every man in the works of righteousness by the fear of Alahayim,
That he may establish them all before AHAYAH,
10. A good generation living in the fear of Alahayim in the days of mercy. Selah.
11. Great is our Alahayim and glorious, dwelling in the highest.
12. It is He who hath established in their courses the lights of heaven for determining seasons from
year to year,
And they have not turned aside from the way which He appointed them.
13. In the fear of Alahayim they pursue their path every day,
From the day Alahayim created them and for evermore.
14. And they have erred not since the day He created them.
Since the generations of old they have not withdrawn from their path,
Unless Alahayim commanded them so to do by the command of His servants.