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**HOLY WEEK**

**2026**

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**PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY**

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## **PALM SUNDAY – HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURES**

### **Psalm 63:1-8**

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#### **Comfort and Assurance in God's Presence**

**A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.**

- <sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.
- <sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
- <sup>5</sup> My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,<sup>[a]</sup>  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
- <sup>6</sup> when I think of you on my bed  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,
- <sup>7</sup> for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
- <sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

#### **Footnotes**

- a. [63.5](#) Heb *with fat and fatness*

## Daniel 12:1-4

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### The Resurrection of the Dead

**12** “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth<sup>[a]</sup> shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky,<sup>[b]</sup> and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. <sup>4</sup> But you, Daniel, keep the words secret and the book sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be running back and forth,<sup>[c]</sup> and evil<sup>[d]</sup> shall increase.”

### Footnotes

- a. [12.2](#) Or *the land of dust*
- b. [12.3](#) Or *dome*
- c. [12.4](#) Meaning of Heb uncertain
- d. [12.4](#) Gk: Heb *knowledge*

## **Revelation 3:1-6**

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### **The Message to Sardis**

**3** “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

“I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup> Wake up and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup> Remember, then, what you received and heard; obey it and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. <sup>4</sup> Yet you have still a few persons in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup> If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not erase your name from the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup> Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

## MONDAY - HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURES

### Psalm 20

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#### Prayer for Victory

**To the leader. A Psalm of David.**

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!  
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- <sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and give you support from Zion.
- <sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings  
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. *Selah*
- <sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire  
and fulfill all your plans.
- <sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your victory  
and in the name of our God set up our banners.  
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.
- <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven  
with mighty victories by his right hand.
- <sup>7</sup> Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,  
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.
- <sup>8</sup> They will collapse and fall,  
but we shall rise and stand upright.
- <sup>9</sup> Give victory to the king, O Lord;  
answer us when we call.<sup>[a]</sup>

## Footnotes

- a. [20.9](#) Gk: Heb *give victory, O Lord; let the King answer us when we call*

## **Judges 9:7-15**

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### **The Parable of the Trees**

<sup>7</sup>When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim and cried aloud and said to them, "Listen to me, you lords of Shechem, so that God may listen to you.

<sup>8</sup>The trees once went out  
to anoint a king over themselves.

So they said to the olive tree,  
'Reign over us.'

<sup>9</sup>The olive tree answered them,  
'Shall I stop producing my rich oil  
by which gods and mortals are honored  
and go to sway over the trees?'

<sup>10</sup>Then the trees said to the fig tree,  
'You come and reign over us.'

<sup>11</sup>But the fig tree answered them,  
'Shall I stop producing my sweetness  
and my delicious fruit  
and go to sway over the trees?'

<sup>12</sup>Then the trees said to the vine,  
'You come and reign over us.'

<sup>13</sup>But the vine said to them,  
'Shall I stop producing my wine  
that cheers gods and mortals  
and go to sway over the trees?'

<sup>14</sup>So all the trees said to the bramble,

'You come and reign over us.'

<sup>15</sup> And the bramble said to the trees,

'If in good faith you are anointing me king over you,

then come and take refuge in my shade,

but if not, let fire come out of the bramble

and devour the cedars of Lebanon.'

## 1 John 2:18-28

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### Warning against Antichrists

<sup>18</sup> Children, it is the last hour! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they did not belong to us, for if they had belonged to us they would have remained<sup>[a]</sup> with us. But by going out they made it plain that none of them belongs to us. <sup>20</sup> But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>21</sup> I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that no lie comes from the truth. <sup>22</sup> Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ?<sup>[c]</sup> This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup> Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup> And this is what he has promised us,<sup>[d]</sup> eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I write these things to you concerning those who would deceive you. <sup>27</sup> As for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, so you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in him.<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>28</sup> And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming.

## Footnotes

- a. [2.19](#) Or *abided*
- b. [2.20](#) Other ancient authorities read *you know all things*
- c. [2.22](#) Or *the Messiah*
- d. [2.25](#) Other ancient authorities read *you*
- e. [2.27](#) Or *it*

## TUESDAY - HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURES

### Leviticus 23:1-8

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#### Appointed Festivals

**23** The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: These are the appointed festivals of the Lord that you shall proclaim as holy convocations, my appointed festivals.

#### The Sabbath, Passover, and Unleavened Bread

<sup>3</sup> “Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work: it is a Sabbath to the Lord throughout your settlements.

<sup>4</sup> “These are the appointed festivals of the Lord, the holy convocations, that you shall celebrate at the time appointed for them. <sup>5</sup> In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight,<sup>[a]</sup> there shall be a Passover offering to the Lord, <sup>6</sup> and on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Festival of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. <sup>7</sup> On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not work at your occupations. <sup>8</sup> For seven days you shall present the Lord’s offerings by fire;<sup>[b]</sup> on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation: you shall not work at your occupations.”

#### Footnotes

- a. [23.5](#) Heb *between the two evenings*
- b. [23.8](#) Or *the Lord’s gifts*

## Psalm 31:9-16

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<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.

<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,<sup>[a]</sup>  
and my bones waste away.

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
a horror<sup>[b]</sup> to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup> I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, “You are my God.”

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

## Footnotes

- a. [31.10](#) Gk Syr: Heb *my iniquity*
- b. [31.11](#) Cn: Heb *exceedingly*

## **Luke 22:1-13**

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### **The Plot to Kill Jesus**

**22** Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> to death, for they were afraid of the people.

<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup>he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

### **The Preparation of the Passover**

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup>They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" <sup>10</sup>"Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters <sup>11</sup>and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." <sup>13</sup>So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

### **Footnotes**

a. [22.2](#) Gk *him*

b. [22.8](#) Gk *he*

## **WEDNESDAY (*SPY WEDNESDAY*) - HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURES**

### **Psalm 51**

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#### **Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon**

**To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.**

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being;<sup>[a]</sup>  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right<sup>[b]</sup> spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing<sup>[c]</sup> spirit.
- <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.
- <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- <sup>16</sup> For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- <sup>17</sup> The sacrifice acceptable to God<sup>[d]</sup> is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- <sup>18</sup> Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem;
- <sup>19</sup> then you will delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

## Footnotes

- a. [51.6](#) Meaning of Heb uncertain

- b. [51.10](#) Or *steadfast*
- c. [51.12](#) Or *generous*
- d. [51.17](#) Or *My sacrifice, O God,*

## **Isaiah 30:15-18**

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<sup>15</sup> For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:

In returning and rest you shall be saved;

in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

But you refused <sup>16</sup> and said,

‘No! We will flee upon horses’—

therefore you shall flee!

and, ‘We will ride upon swift steeds’—

therefore your pursuers shall be swift!

<sup>17</sup> A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;

at the threat of five you shall flee

until you are left

like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,

like a signal on a hill.

### **God’s Promise to Zion**

<sup>18</sup> Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you;

therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.

For the Lord is a God of justice;

blessed are all those who wait for him.

## Hebrews 4:1-13

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### The Rest That God Promised

**4** Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest is still open, let us take care that none of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For indeed the good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them because they were not united by faith with those who listened.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed are entering that rest, just as God<sup>[b]</sup> has said,

“As in my anger I swore,  
‘They shall not enter my rest,’ ”

though his works were finished since the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For somewhere it speaks about the seventh day as follows, “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup> And again in this place it says, “They shall not enter my rest.” <sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains open for some to enter it and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he sets a certain day—  
“today”—saying through David much later, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God<sup>[c]</sup> would not speak later about another day. <sup>9</sup> So then, a Sabbath rest still remains for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for those who enter God’s<sup>[d]</sup> rest also rest from their labors as God did from his. <sup>11</sup> Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall through such disobedience as theirs.

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

### Footnotes

- a. [4.2](#) Other ancient authorities read *it did not meet with faith in those who listened*
- b. [4.3](#) Gk *he*
- c. [4.8](#) Gk *he*
- d. [4.10](#) Gk *his*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY - HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURES

### Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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#### The Suffering Servant

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up  
and shall be very high.

<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were astonished at him<sup>[a]</sup>  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—

<sup>15</sup> so he shall startle<sup>[b]</sup> many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him,  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

**53** Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering<sup>[c]</sup> and acquainted with infirmity,  
and as one from whom others hide their faces<sup>[d]</sup>  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases,

yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup> They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb<sup>[e]</sup> with the rich,<sup>[f]</sup>  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,<sup>[g]</sup>  
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup> Out of his anguish he shall see;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one,<sup>[h]</sup> my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out himself to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors,  
yet he bore the sin of many  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

### Footnotes

- a. [52.14](#) Syr Tg: Heb *you*
- b. [52.15](#) Meaning of Heb uncertain
- c. [53.3](#) Or *a man of sorrows*
- d. [53.3](#) Or *as one who hides his face from us*
- e. [53.9](#) Q ms: MT *and in his death*
- f. [53.9](#) Cn: Heb *with a rich person*
- g. [53.10](#) Meaning of Heb uncertain
- h. [53.11](#) Or *and he shall find satisfaction. Through his knowledge, the righteous one*

## **Psalm 22**

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### **Plea for Deliverance from Suffering and Hostility**

**To the leader: according to The Deer of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night but find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by others and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
they sneer at me; they shake their heads;

<sup>8</sup> "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

<sup>9</sup> Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup> On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me,

for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
<sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
<sup>15</sup> my mouth<sup>[a]</sup> is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup> For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they bound my hands and feet.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;  
<sup>18</sup> they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup> But you, O Lord, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life<sup>[c]</sup> from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued<sup>[d]</sup> me.

<sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;<sup>[e]</sup>

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me<sup>[f]</sup>

but heard when I<sup>[g]</sup> cried to him.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup> The poor<sup>[h]</sup> shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.<sup>[i]</sup>

<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the Lord,

and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup> To him,<sup>[j]</sup> indeed, shall all who sleep in<sup>[k]</sup> the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.<sup>[l]</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord

<sup>31</sup> and<sup>[m]</sup> proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying that he has done it.

## Footnotes

- a. [22.15](#) Cn: Heb *strength*
- b. [22.16](#) Meaning of Heb uncertain
- c. [22.20](#) Heb *my only one*
- d. [22.21](#) Heb *answered*
- e. [22.22](#) Or *kindred*
- f. [22.24](#) Heb *him*
- g. [22.24](#) Heb *he*
- h. [22.26](#) Or *afflicted*
- i. [22.27](#) Gk Syr Jerome: Heb *you*
- j. [22.29](#) Cn: Heb *They have eaten and*
- k. [22.29](#) Cn: Heb *all the fat ones*
- l. [22.29](#) Compare Gk Syr Vg: Heb *and he who cannot keep himself alive*
- m. [22.31](#) Compare Gk: Heb *it will be told about the Lord to the generation, they will come and*

## Hebrews 4:14-16

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### Jesus the Great High Priest

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested<sup>[a]</sup> as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

#### Footnotes

- a. [4.15](#) Or *tempted*

## Hebrews 5:7-9

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<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, <sup>9</sup> and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

#### Footnotes

- a. [5.7](#) Gk *he*

## GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURES

### Psalm 31:9-16

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<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.

<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,<sup>[a]</sup>  
and my bones waste away.

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
a horror<sup>[b]</sup> to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup> I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, "You are my God."

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

## Footnotes

- a. [31.10](#) Gk Syr: Heb *my iniquity*
- b. [31.11](#) Cn: Heb *exceedingly*

## **Isaiah 54:9-10**

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<sup>9</sup>This is like the days of Noah to me:

Just as I swore that the waters of Noah  
would never again go over the earth,  
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you  
and will not rebuke you.

<sup>10</sup>For the mountains may depart

and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,  
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

## Hebrews 2:10-18

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<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, <sup>[a]</sup> for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. <sup>[b]</sup> For this reason Jesus <sup>[c]</sup> is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

<sup>13</sup> And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## Footnotes

- a. [2.10](#) Gk *he*
- b. [2.11](#) Gk *are all of one*
- c. [2.11](#) Gk *he*

## HOLY SATURDAY - HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURES

### Psalm 39

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#### Prayer for Wisdom and Forgiveness

**To the leader: to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> I said, "I will guard my ways  
that I may not sin with my tongue;  
I will keep a muzzle on my mouth  
as long as the wicked are in my presence."

<sup>2</sup> I was silent and still;  
I held my peace to no avail;  
my distress grew worse;  
<sup>3</sup> my heart became hot within me.

While I mused, the fire burned;  
then I spoke with my tongue:

<sup>4</sup> "Lord, let me know my end  
and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting my life is.

<sup>5</sup> You have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.  
Surely everyone stands as a mere breath. *Selah*

<sup>6</sup> Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.  
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;  
they heap up and do not know who will gather.

<sup>7</sup> "And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?  
My hope is in you.

<sup>8</sup> Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool.

<sup>9</sup> I am silent; I do not open my mouth,  
for it is you who have done it.

<sup>10</sup> Remove your stroke from me;  
I am worn down by the blows<sup>[a]</sup> of your hand.

<sup>11</sup> “You chastise mortals  
in punishment for sin,  
consuming like a moth what is dear to them;  
surely everyone is a mere breath. *Selah*

<sup>12</sup> “Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and give ear to my cry;  
do not hold your peace at my tears.

For I am your passing guest,  
an alien, like all my forebears.

<sup>13</sup> Turn your gaze away from me, that I may smile again,  
before I depart and am no more.”

## Footnotes

- a. [39.10](#) Heb *hostility*

## **Jeremiah 11:1-17**

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### **Israel and Judah Have Broken the Covenant**

**11** The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> “Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> You shall say to them, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Cursed be anyone who does not heed the words of this covenant, <sup>4</sup> which I commanded your ancestors when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron smelter, saying, ‘Listen to my voice, and do all that I command you. So shall you be my people, and I will be your God, <sup>5</sup> that I may perform the oath that I swore to your ancestors, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day.’ ” Then I answered, “So be it, Lord.”

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said to me: Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: Hear the words of this covenant and do them. <sup>7</sup> For I solemnly warned your ancestors when I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, warning them persistently, even to this day, saying, “Obey my voice.” <sup>8</sup> Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone walked in the stubbornness of an evil will. So I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not.

<sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to me: Conspiracy exists among the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> They have turned back to the iniquities of their ancestors of old, who refused to heed my words; they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken the covenant that I made with their ancestors. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord, assuredly I am going to bring

disaster upon them that they cannot escape; though they cry out to me, I will not listen to them. <sup>12</sup> Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they make offerings, but they will never save them in the time of their trouble. <sup>13</sup> For your gods have become as many as your towns, O Judah, and as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars to shame you have set up, altars to make offerings to Baal.

<sup>14</sup> As for you, do not pray for this people or lift up a cry or prayer on their behalf, for I will not listen when they call to me in the time of their trouble. <sup>15</sup> What right has my beloved in my house, when she has done vile deeds? Can vows<sup>[a]</sup> and sacrificial flesh avert your doom? Can you then exult? <sup>16</sup> The Lord once called you, “A green olive tree, fair with goodly fruit,” but with the roar of a great tempest he will set fire to it, and its branches will be consumed. <sup>17</sup> The Lord of hosts, who planted you, has pronounced evil against you because of the evil that the house of Israel and the house of Judah have done, provoking me to anger by making offerings to Baal.

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## Footnotes

- a. [11.15](#) Gk: Heb *Can many*

## **Romans 2:1-11**

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### **The Righteous Judgment of God**

**2** Therefore you are without excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others, for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things. <sup>2</sup> We know that God's judgment on those who do such things is in accordance with truth. <sup>3</sup> Do you imagine, whoever you are, that when you judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself, you will escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup> Or do you despise the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience? Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? <sup>5</sup> But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. <sup>6</sup> He will repay according to each one's deeds: <sup>7</sup> to those who by patiently doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life, <sup>8</sup> while for those who are self-seeking and who obey not the truth but injustice, there will be wrath and fury. <sup>9</sup> There will be affliction and distress for everyone who does evil, both the Jew first and the Greek, <sup>10</sup> but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, both the Jew first and the Greek. <sup>11</sup> For God shows no partiality.

## EASTER SUNDAY – HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURES

### Psalm 39

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#### Prayer for Wisdom and Forgiveness

**To the leader: to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.**

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that I may not sin with my tongue;  
I will keep a muzzle on my mouth  
as long as the wicked are in my presence."

<sup>2</sup> I was silent and still;  
I held my peace to no avail;  
my distress grew worse;  
<sup>3</sup> my heart became hot within me.

While I mused, the fire burned;  
then I spoke with my tongue:

<sup>4</sup> "Lord, let me know my end  
and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting my life is.

<sup>5</sup> You have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.  
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<sup>6</sup> Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.  
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;  
they heap up and do not know who will gather.

<sup>7</sup> "And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?  
My hope is in you.

<sup>8</sup> Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool.

<sup>9</sup> I am silent; I do not open my mouth,  
for it is you who have done it.

<sup>10</sup> Remove your stroke from me;  
I am worn down by the blows<sup>[a]</sup> of your hand.

<sup>11</sup> “You chastise mortals  
in punishment for sin,  
consuming like a moth what is dear to them;  
surely everyone is a mere breath. *Selah*

<sup>12</sup> “Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and give ear to my cry;  
do not hold your peace at my tears.

For I am your passing guest,  
an alien, like all my forebears.

<sup>13</sup> Turn your gaze away from me, that I may smile again,  
before I depart and am no more.”

## Footnotes

- a. [39.10](#) Heb *hostility*

## **Ezekiel 17:1-10**

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### **The Two Eagles and the Vine**

**17** The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup> O mortal, propound a riddle and speak an allegory to the house of Israel. <sup>3</sup> Say: Thus says the Lord God:

A great eagle with great wings and long pinions,  
rich in plumage of many colors,  
came to the Lebanon.

He took the top of the cedar,  
<sup>4</sup> broke off its topmost shoot;  
he carried it to a land of trade,  
set it in a city of merchants.

<sup>5</sup> Then he took a seedling from the land,  
placed it in fertile soil;  
a plant<sup>[a]</sup> by abundant waters,  
he set it like a willow twig.

<sup>6</sup> It sprouted and became a vine  
spreading out but low;  
its branches turned toward him;  
its roots remained where it stood.

So it became a vine;  
it brought forth branches,  
put forth foliage.

<sup>7</sup> There was another great eagle  
with great wings and much plumage.

And see! This vine stretched out  
its roots toward him;

it shot out its branches toward him  
from the bed where it was planted  
so that he might water it.

<sup>8</sup> It had been transplanted  
to good soil by abundant waters,  
so that it might produce branches  
and bear fruit  
and become a noble vine.

<sup>9</sup> Say: Thus says the Lord God:

Will it prosper?

Will he not pull up its roots,  
cause its fruit to rot<sup>[b]</sup> and wither,  
its fresh sprouting leaves to fade?

No strong arm or mighty army will be needed  
to pull it from its roots.

<sup>10</sup> Look, it has been transplanted. Will it thrive?

When the east wind strikes it,  
will it not utterly wither,  
wither on the bed where it grew?

## Footnotes

- a. [17.5](#) Meaning of Heb uncertain
- b. [17.9](#) Gk: Meaning of Heb uncertain

## Romans 2:12-16

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<sup>12</sup>All who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged in accordance with the law. <sup>13</sup>For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God's sight but the doers of the law who will be justified. <sup>14</sup>When gentiles, who do not possess the law, by nature do<sup>[a]</sup> what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. <sup>15</sup>They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, as their own conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or perhaps excuse them <sup>16</sup>on the day when, according to my gospel, God through Christ Jesus judges the secret thoughts of all.

### Footnotes

- a. [2.14](#) Or *law by nature, do*