

Ezekiel 17-39, Jeremiah 2-17

St. Raymond's Adult Bible Study
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PRAYER BEFORE READING THE BIBLE

SHINE within my heart, Loving Master, the pure light of Your Divine knowledge, and open the eyes of my mind that I may understand Your teaching. Instill in me reverence for Your commandments, so that having conquered my sinful desires, I may pursue a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing in Your sight. For You, Christ our God, are my light and my life, and to You we render glory together with Your Eternal Father ✠ and Your All-Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever. Amen.

+ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.



Ezekiel 16:13

You were adorned with gold and silver, while your clothing was of fine linen, rich fabric, and embroidered cloth. You had choice flour and honey and oil for food. **You grew exceedingly beautiful, fit to be a queen.**

Ezekiel 16:14

Your **fame** spread among the nations on account of your beauty, for **it was perfect because of my splendor that I had bestowed on you**, says the Lord God.



Psalm 45:13-14

The princess is decked in her chamber with **gold-woven robes**; in **many-colored robes** she is led to the king, with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train.

Psalm 45:16-17

Instead of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. **I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.**

Luke 1:46-49

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.

For behold, **henceforth all generations will call me blessed;** for he who is mighty has done great things for me...



Luke 11:27-28

As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him,
“Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!” But he said, **“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”**

Luke 11:27-28

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Luke 11:28

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indeed (μεν) + therefore (οὔν)





Chapter 4

The Cedar



Ezekiel 17:22

I will break off **a tender shoot**

from the topmost of the young

twigs of a cedar;

I myself will transplant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

Therese of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*

This flower, in telling her story, is happy to make known all the gifts that Jesus has given her.

Therese of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*

It was He who caused her to be
**born on soil which had been
abundantly blessed**, where
eight radiant lilies already
bloomed...

Therese of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*

...and her petals were scarcely
open **when He transplanted**
her to the mountain of
Carmel, to Mary's garden of
delight.

Ezekiel 17:23

On the mountain height of Israel
I will transplant it,
and it will produce boughs and
bear fruit and **become a noble
cedar.**

Ezekiel 17:23

Under it **every kind of bird** will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

Mark 4:31

It is like **a grain of mustard seed**, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth...

Mark 4:32

...yet when it is sown it grows up
and becomes the greatest of all
shrubs, and puts forth large
branches, **so that the birds of the
air can make nests in its shade.**"



Theophylact on Mark 4:32

...the preaching of it has been spread far and wide over the earth, and increased so, that the birds of heaven, that is, **contemplative men**, sublime in understanding and knowledge, dwell under it. For how many wise men among the Gentiles, quitting their wisdom, have found rest in the preaching of the Gospel!

Ezekiel 17:24

All the trees of the field shall
know that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree;

I make high the low tree.



Chapter 5

Sour Grapes



Ezekiel 18:2-3

The word of the Lord came to me:
What do you mean by repeating this
proverb concerning the land of Israel,
**“The parents have eaten sour
grapes, and the children’s teeth are
set on edge”?**

Ezekiel 18:3-4

As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: **it is only the person who sins who shall die.**

Exodus 34:7

...keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, **to the third and the fourth generation.**

John 9:1-3

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “**Neither this man nor his parents sinned;** he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.

Ezekiel 14:12-13

The word of the Lord
came to me: **Mortal**, when
a land sins against me by
acting faithlessly...

Ezekiel 14:14-15

...even if Noah, Daniel, and Job,

these three, were in it, they

would save

only their own lives by their

righteousness, says the Lord

Genesis 18:32-33

Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.”

He answered, **“For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”** And the Lord went his way...

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me;** and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ezekiel 18:20

The person who sins shall die. A child shall not suffer for the iniquity of a parent nor a parent suffer for the iniquity of a child; **the righteousness of the righteous shall be their own**, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be their own.

Ezekiel 18:21

But if the wicked turn away from all their sins that they have committed and keep all my statutes and do what is lawful and right, **they shall surely live**; they shall not die.

Ezekiel 18:22

None of the transgressions that they have committed shall be remembered against them, for the righteousness that they have done they shall live.

Ezekiel 18:23

Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live?

Ezekiel 18:24

**But when the righteous turn away
from their righteousness and
commit iniquity and do the same
abominable things that the wicked
do, shall they live?**

Ezekiel 18:24

None of the righteous deeds that they have done shall be remembered, for the treachery of which they are guilty and the sin they have committed, **they shall die.**

Ezekiel 18:25

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? **Is it not your ways that are unfair?**

Matthew 20:13-15

Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. **Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?** Or do you begrudge my generosity?



Matthew 20:13-15

ἢ ὁ ὀφθαλμός σου πονηρός ἐστίν
ὅτι ἐγὼ ἀγαθός εἰμι;

lit. Is your eye evil because I
am good?

Ezekiel 18:26

When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; **for the iniquity that they have committed**, they shall die.

Ezekiel 18:30

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. **Repent and turn from all your transgressions;** otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.

Ezekiel 18:31

Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and **get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!**

Why will you die, O house of Israel?

Ezekiel 18:32

For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. **Turn, then, and live.**









Ezekiel 18:32

**Turn, then,
and live.**

Chapter 6

(Ezekiel 25-32)

Prophecies Against Foreign Nations

Ezekiel 26:17

'How you have vanished from the seas, O city renowned, that was mighty on the sea, you and your inhabitants, **who imposed your terror on all the mainland!**

Ezekiel 27:3-9

O Tyre, you have said, '**I am perfect in beauty.**

Your borders are in the heart of the seas...

Ezekiel 27

Read on mechon-mamre

<https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt1227.htm>



Chapter 7

Like One

Who Sings Love Songs

Ezekiel 33:30

“As for you, son of man, your people who talk together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to his brother, **‘Come, and hear what the word is that comes forth from the Lord.’**”

Ezekiel 33:31

And they come to you as people come,
and they sit before you as my people,
and **they hear what you say but they
will not do it**; for with their lips they
show much love, but their heart is set
on their gain.

Ezekiel 33:31

And lo, you are to them **like one who sings love songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument**, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it.

Ezekiel 33:31

When this comes—and
come it will!—then they will
know that **a prophet has
been among them.**”









Chapter 8

The Good Shepherd



Ezekiel 34:2-3

Thus says the Lord God: Ho, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves!

Should not shepherds feed the sheep?

You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep.

Ezekiel 34:4

The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the crippled you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and **with force and harshness you have ruled them.**

Ezekiel 34:5-6

So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

Luke 19:10

For the Son of man
came **to seek and to**
save the lost.

Ezekiel 34:11-12

...For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, **I myself will search for my sheep**, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep...

Ezekiel 34:11-12

**... and I will rescue them
from all places where they
have been scattered on a
day of clouds and thick
darkness.**

Luke 15:4

What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, **and go after the one which is lost,** until he finds it?

Ezekiel 34:15-16

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over...

John 10:11–12

I am the good shepherd. **The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

Ezekiel 34:17-19

As for you, my flock, thus says
the Lord God: Behold, I judge
**between sheep and sheep,
rams and he-goats.**

Matthew 25:31–33

“When **the Son of man** comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, **and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left.**



Ezekiel 34:17-19

Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, **that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture;** and to drink of clear water, that you must foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet?



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Ezekiel 34:25-26

I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness **and sleep in the woods.**

Micah 7:14

Shepherd thy people with thy
staff, the flock of thy
inheritance,

**who dwell alone in a forest in
the midst of a garden land.**

Chapter 9

The Valley of Dry Bones



Ezekiel 37:1-2

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; **it was full of bones.**

Ezekiel 37:1-2

And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley; and **lo, they were very dry.**



Ezekiel 37:3

And he said to me, “Son of man, **can these bones live?**” And I answered, “O Lord God, thou knowest.”

Ezekiel 37:4-5

Again he said to me,

“Prophecy to these bones,

and say to them, O dry bones,

hear the word of the Lord.

Ezekiel 37:4-5

Thus says the Lord God to
these bones: Behold, I will
cause breath to enter you,
and you shall live.

Ezekiel 37:6

And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; **and you shall know that I am the Lord.**”



Job 19:23-24

“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a
book! Oh that with an iron pen
and lead they **were graven in
the rock forever!**”

Job 19:25-27

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then **from my flesh I shall see God**, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Mark 12:18

And Sadducees came to him, **who say that there is no resurrection**; and they asked him a question...

Mark 12:24

Is not this why you are
wrong, that **you know**
neither the scriptures nor
the power of God?



Dry Bones

American Folk Song

Sung by Willie Watson

<https://open.spotify.com/track/1lugcYsgL0CLsyj6w2Hk70>



Ezekiel 37:7-8

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, **and behold, a rattling;** and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

Ezekiel 37:7-8

And as I looked, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; **but there was no breath in them.**



Ezekiel 37:9

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the **breath**, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, **O breath**, and **breathe upon these slain, that they may live.**”

Ezekiel 37:10

So I prophesied as he
commanded me, and the breath
came into them, and they lived,
**and stood upon their feet, an
exceedingly great host.**

Ezekiel 37:11

Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘**Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.**’



T.S Eliot, "Ash Wednesday"

Because I do not hope to turn again

Because I do not hope

Because I do not hope to turn

Desiring this man's gift and that

man's scope

T.S Eliot, "Ash Wednesday"

**I no longer strive to strive towards such
things**

(Why should the aged eagle stretch its
wings?)

Why should I mourn

The vanished power of the usual reign?

T.S Eliot, "Ash Wednesday"

Because I know that time is always
time

And place is always and only place

**And what is actual is actual only
for one time**

T.S Eliot, "Ash Wednesday"

And only for one place

I rejoice that things are as

they are and

I renounce the blessed face

T.S Eliot, "Ash Wednesday"

And renounce the voice

Because I cannot hope to turn again

Consequently I rejoice, **having to**

construct something

Upon which to rejoice

T.S Eliot, "Ash Wednesday"

Under a juniper-tree the bones sang,
scattered and shining

**We are glad to be scattered, we did
little good to each other,**

Under a tree in the cool of day, with the
blessing of sand.

T.S Eliot, "Ash Wednesday"

Forgetting themselves and each other, united. In the quiet of the desert. This is the land which ye Shall divide by lot. And neither division nor unity Matters. This is the land. We have our inheritance.

Ezekiel 37:12

Therefore prophesy, and say to them,
Thus says the Lord God: **Behold, I
will open your graves, and raise you
from your graves.** O my people; and I
will bring you home **into the land of
Israel.**



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Ezekiel 37:13-14

**And you shall know that I am
the Lord,** when I open your
graves, and raise you from
your graves, O my people.

Ezekiel 37:13-14

And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done it, says the Lord.”

Psalm 104:30

When **thou sendest forth
thy Spirit**, they are created;
and thou renewest the
face of the earth.



Jeremiah 2-17







Jeremiah 1:1

The words of Jeremiah, the
son of Hilkiah, **of the priests**
who were in Anathoth in
the land of Benjamin...

Jeremiah 1

...to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of **Josiah** the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

Jeremiah 1:3

It came also in the days of **Jehoiakim** the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of **Zedekiah**, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, **until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.**

Jeremiah 7:31

And they have built the high place of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, **to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire**; which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind.

Jeremiah 2:10

For cross to the coasts of Cyprus
and see,

or send to Kedar and examine
with care;

see **if there has been such a
thing.**

Jeremiah 2:11

**Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?**

But my people have changed
their glory for that which does
not profit.

Jeremiah 2:11

...for my people have committed two evils: **they have forsaken me,** the fountain of living waters, and **hewed out cisterns for themselves,** broken cisterns, that can hold no water.



Jeremiah 2:18

And now what do you gain by going to Egypt, **to drink the waters of the Nile?**

Or what do you gain by going to Assyria, **to drink the waters of the Euphrates?**

Jeremiah 2:22

Though you **wash yourself with
lye and use much soap,**

the stain of your guilt is still
before me,

says the Lord God.

Lady MacBeth, Act 5, Scene 1

Out, damned spot! out, I say!--One: two:
why, then, 'tis time to do't.--Hell is
murky!--Fie, my lord, fie! a soldier, and
afeard? What need we fear who knows it,
when none can call our power to
account?--Yet **who would have thought the
old man to have had so much blood in him.**

Lady MacBeth, Act 5, Scene 1

Here's the smell of the blood still:

all the

perfumes of Arabia will not

sweeten this little

hand. Oh, oh, oh!

Jeremiah 2:27

who say to a tree, 'You are my father,' and to a stone, 'You gave me birth.' For they have turned their back to me, and not their face. But in the time of their trouble they say, **'Arise and save us!'**

Jeremiah 2:28

**But where are your gods
that you made for yourself?**

Let them arise, if they can
save you...

Jeremiah 2:32

Can a maiden forget her
ornaments, **or a bride her
attire?** Yet my people have
forgotten me days without
number.



Galatians 3:27

For as many of you as
were baptized into
Christ **have put on
Christ.**

Jeremiah 3:4–5

Have you not just now
called to me, **‘My
father, thou art the
friend of my youth—**

Jeremiah 3:5

...will he be angry for
ever, **will he be**
indignant to the end?'

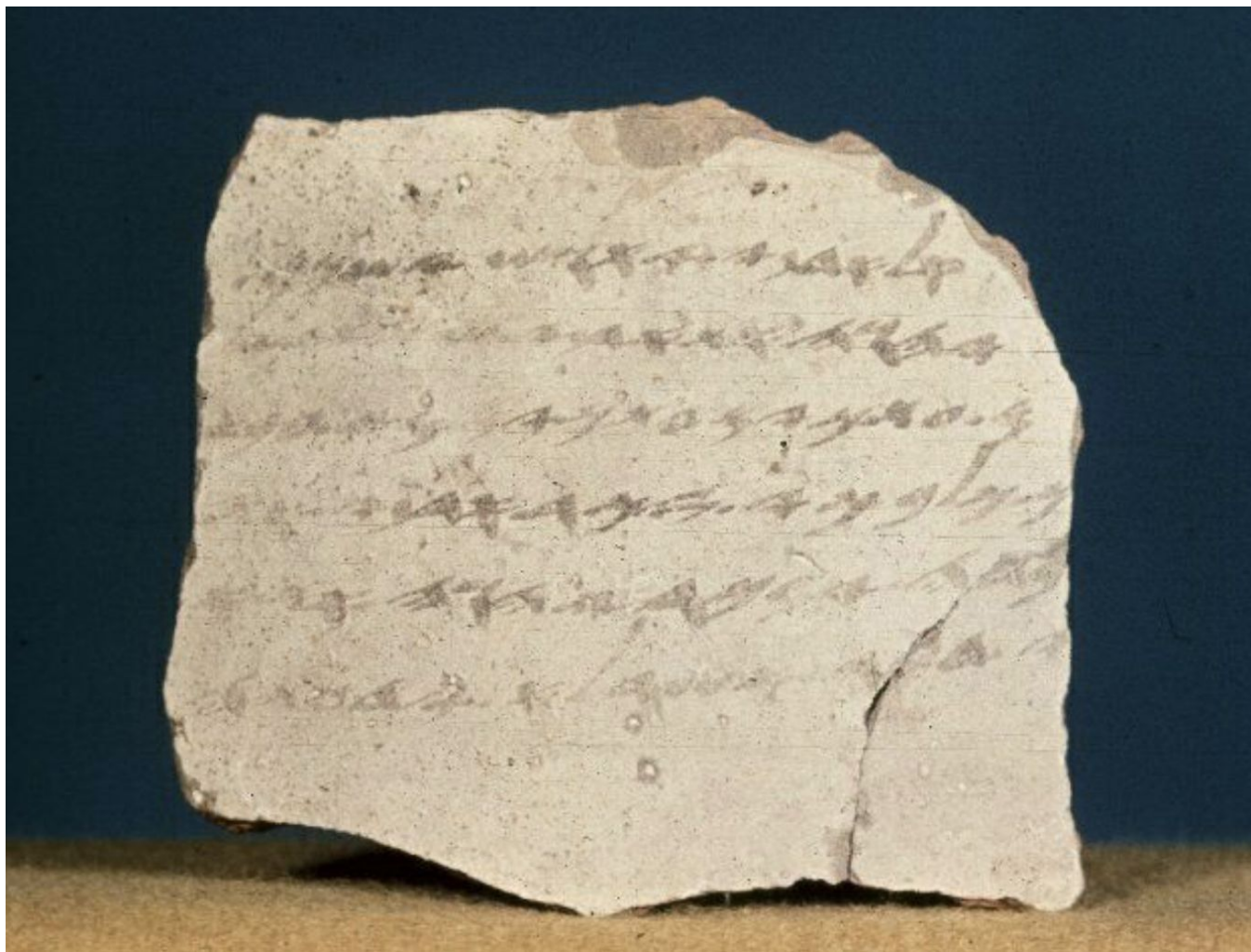
Jeremiah 3:5

Behold, you have
spoken, **but you have
done all the evil that
you could.”**

Jeremiah 6:13-14

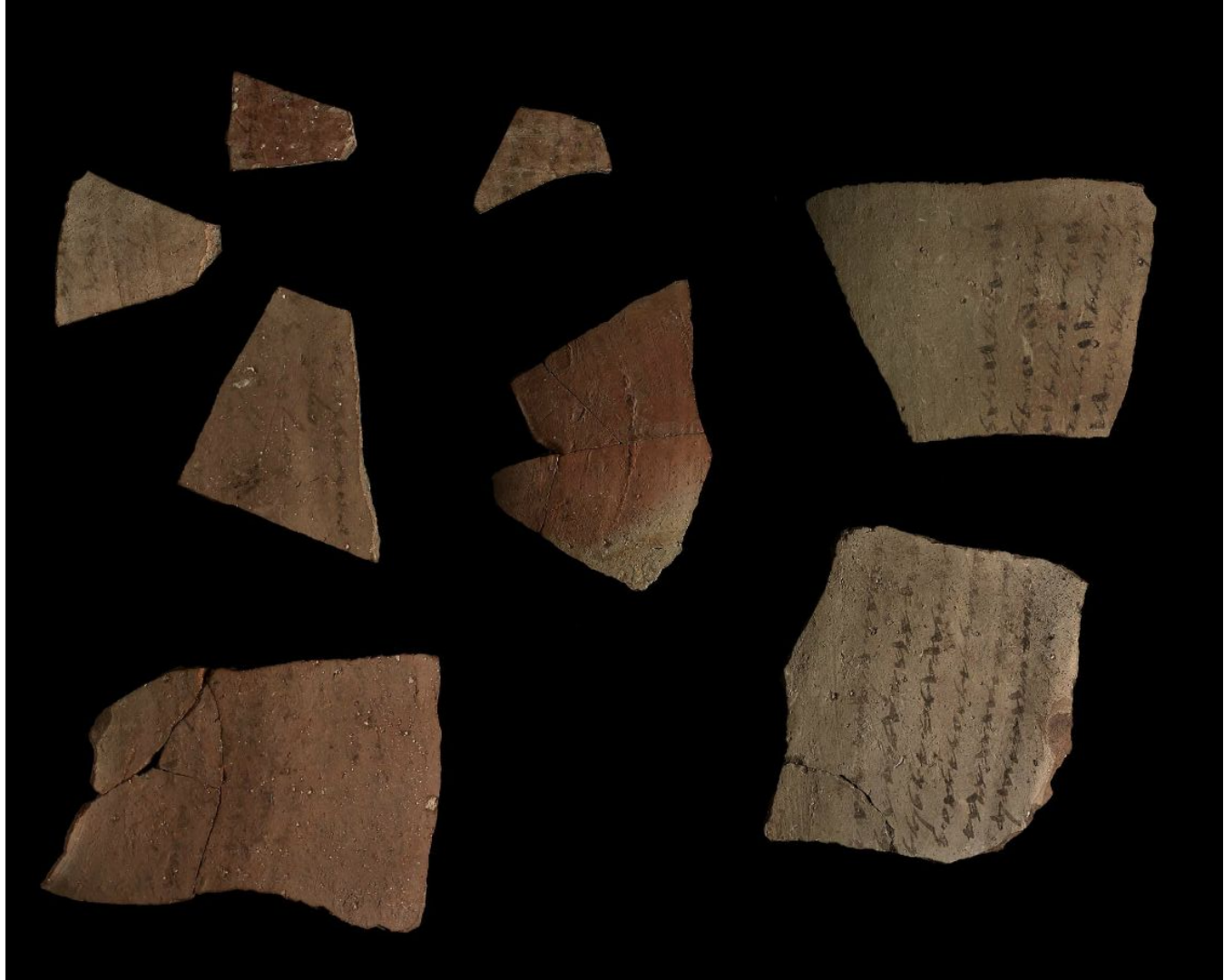
...from prophet to priest, every one deals falsely. They have healed the wound of my people lightly, **saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace.**





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Lachish Ostrakon II

To my lord Yaosh: May Yahweh cause my lord to hear **tidings of peace this very day, this very day!** Who is thy servant (but) a dog that my lord hath remembered his servant? **May Yahweh afflict those who re[port] an (evil) rumor about which thou art not Informed!**

Lachish Ostrakon VI

To my lord Yaosh: May Yahweh cause my lord to see **this season in good health!** Who is thy servant (but) a dog that my lord hath sent the [let] ter of the king and the letters of the prince[s], say[ing], "Pray, read them!" And behold the words of the pr[inces] are not good, (but) **to weaken our hands [and to sla]cken the hands of the m[en] who are informed about them...**

Jeremiah 6:24

We have heard the report of it,
our hands fall helpless;
anguish has taken hold of us,
pain as of a woman in travail.

Lachish Ostrakon IV

And may (my lord) be apprised
that **we are watching for the fire
signals of Lachish** according to all
the signs which my lord has given,
because we cannot see Azeqah.

Jeremiah 6:1

Flee for safety, O people of Benjamin,
from the midst of Jerusalem!

Blow the trumpet in Tekoa,

and raise a signal on

Bethhaccherem;

for evil looms out of the north,
and great destruction.

Jeremiah 6:13-14

...from prophet to priest, every one deals falsely. They have **healed the wound of my people lightly**, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace.

St. Catherine of Siena to Gregory XI

Sometimes men like this want to get along with purely peaceful means. **I say that this is the very worst cruelty which can be shown.**

If a wound when necessary is not cauterized or cut out with steel, but simply covered with ointment, not only does it fail to heal, but it infects everything, and many a time death follows from it.

Jeremiah 7:4

Do not trust in these
deceptive words: 'This is the
temple of the Lord, the
temple of the Lord, the
temple of the Lord.'

Jeremiah 7:4

λέγοντες

Ναὸς Κυρίου,

ναὸς Κυρίου ἐστίν.

Jeremiah 7:5

**“For if you truly amend
your ways and your
doings, if you truly execute
justice one with another...**

Jeremiah 7:6

...if you do not oppress the **alien**,
the **fatherless** or the **widow**, or
shed **innocent blood** in this
place, and if you do not **go after**
other gods to your own hurt,

Jeremiah 7:7

...then I will let you dwell
in this place, **in the land**
that I gave of old to
your fathers for ever.

Jeremiah 6:16

“Stand by the roads, and look, and **ask for the ancient paths**, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”



Jeremiah 7:8-9

“Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. Will **you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Ba'al**, and go after other gods that you have not known...

Jeremiah 7:10

...and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations?

Jeremiah 7:11

Has this house, which is called
by my name, **become a den
of robbers in your eyes?**

Behold, I myself have seen it,
says the Lord.



Jeremiah 7:12

Go now to **my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first**, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.



Jeremiah 8:1-2

“At that time... **the bones** of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be brought out of their tombs; and they **shall be spread before the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven,** which they have loved and served and they shall not be gathered or buried...

Jeremiah 8:7

Even the stork in the heavens knows
her times;

and the turtledove, swallow, and
crane keep the time of their coming;

**but my people know not the
ordinance of the Lord.**



Jeremiah 9:1

O that my head were waters,
and my eyes a fountain of
tears, **that I might weep day
and night** for the slain of the
daughter of my people!



Jeremiah 8:22

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of
the daughter of my people
not been restored?

Jeremiah 9:23

Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
let not the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches.

Jeremiah 9:24

...but let him who glories glory in this, **that he understands and knows me**, that I am the Lord who practice steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth...

Philippians 3:8

Indeed **I count everything as loss** because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ...

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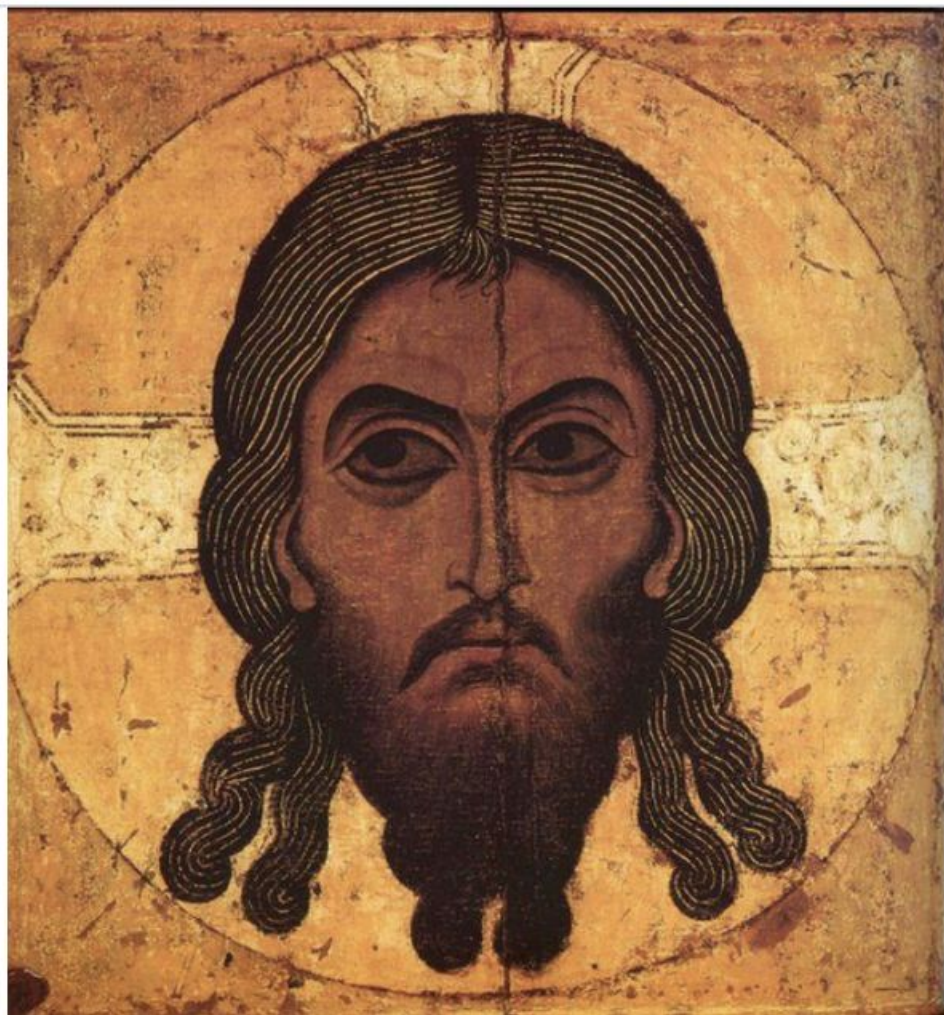
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Glorious Saint Raymond of Peñafort, wise and holy patron, come to the aid of those entrusted to your care, and all who flee to your protection. Intercede for us in our need, and help us through your prayers, example, and teaching, to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to all we meet. And when we have reached the fullness of our years, we beseech you to guide us home to heaven, to live in peace with you, Our Mother Mary, and Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Gregory of Nyssa, Office of Readings, Tuesday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

We are in a sense our own parents,
and we give birth to ourselves by our
own free choice of what is good... On
the other hand, if... the form of Christ
has not been produced in us, we
abort ourselves.





Flavius Josephus

- Years
- Veteran
- Works

Battle of Yodfat



Josephus, the New Jeremiah

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