

St. James the Apostle

The Old Testament is written in the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 45, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 927.

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The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neri'ah, when he wrote these words in a book at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoi'akim the son of Josi'ah, king of Judah:

“Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, ‘Woe is me! for the Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning,

and I find no rest.’ Thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord: Behold, what I have built I am breaking down, and what I have planted I am plucking up—that is, the whole land. And do you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not; for behold, I am bringing evil upon all flesh, says the Lord; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in all places to which you may go.”

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This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 34

1 I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; * the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O praise the Lord with me, * and let us magnify his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me; * yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; * and their faces were not ashamed.

6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; * yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, * and delivereth them.

8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: * blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints; * for they that fear him lack nothing.

10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; * but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; * I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 What man is he that lusteth to live, * and would fain see good days?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, * and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

14 Eschew evil, and do good; * seek peace, and ensue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, * and his ears are open unto their prayers.

16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, * and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, * and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous; * but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

20 He keepeth all his bones, * so that not one of them is broken.

21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; * and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; * and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Glory be...

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The New Testament is written in the 11th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the 27th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 246.

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IN these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Cæsar.

Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judæa:

which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.