

Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Job

Chapter 29

- 29,1 {S} And Job again took up his parable, and said:
- 29,2 Oh that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched over me;
- 29,3 When His lamp shined above my head, and by His light I walked through darkness; {S} And Job again took up his parable, and said:
- 29,4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the converse of God was upon my tent;
- 29,5 When the Almighty was yet with me, and my children were about me;
- 29,6 When my steps were washed with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil!
- 29,7 When I went forth to the gate unto the city, when I prepared my seat in the broad place,
- 29,8 The young men saw me and hid themselves, and the aged rose up and stood;
- 29,9 The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth;
- 29,10 The voice of the nobles was hushed, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
- 29,11 For when the ear heard me, then it blessed me, and when the eye saw me, it gave witness unto me;
- 29,12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, the fatherless also, that had none to help him.
- 29,13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
- 29,14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed itself with me; my justice was as a robe and a diadem.
- 29,15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.
- 29,16 I was a father to the needy; and the cause of him that I knew not I searched out.
- 29,17 And I broke the jaws of the unrighteous, and plucked the prey out of his teeth.
- 29,18 Then I said: 'I shall die with my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the phoenix;
- 29,19 My root shall be spread out to the waters, and the dew shall lie all night upon my branch;
- 29,20 My glory shall be fresh in me, and my bow shall be renewed in my hand.'
- 29,21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence for my counsel.
- 29,22 After my words they spoke not again; and my speech dropped upon them.
- 29,23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.
- 29,24 If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.
- 29,25 I chose out their way, and sat as chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.