



Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Psaumes

Chapter 39

- 39,1 For the Leader, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.
- 39,2 I said: 'I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep a curb upon my mouth, while the wicked is before me.'
- 39,3 I was dumb with silence; I held my peace, had no comfort; and my pain was held in check.
- 39,4 My heart waxed hot within me; while I was musing, the fire kindled; then spoke I with my tongue:
- 39,5 'Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; let me know how short-lived I am.
- 39,6 Behold, Thou hast made my days as hand-breadths; and mine age is as nothing before Thee; surely every man at his best estate is altogether vanity. Selah
- 39,7 Surely man walketh as a mere semblance; surely for vanity they are in turmoil; he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
- 39,8 And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope, it is in Thee.
- 39,9 Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the reproach of the base.
- 39,10 I am dumb, I open not my mouth; because Thou hast done it.
- 39,11 Remove Thy stroke from off me; I am consumed by the blow of Thy hand.
- 39,12 With rebukes dost Thou chasten man for iniquity, and like a moth Thou makest his beauty to consume away; surely every man is vanity. Selah
- 39,13 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; keep not silence at my tears; for I am a stranger with Thee, a sojourner, as all my fathers were.
- 39,14 Look away from me, that I may take comfort, before I go hence, and be no more.'