

Rabbi's Reflections - Friday, December 12, 2025
(Early) Shabbat Shalom {{firstName}},

Psalms Psalm 41:3,4(2,3) – Part 2

Psalm 41:3 Adonai will protect him and keep him alive. He will be made blessed in the land. You will not give him over to the desire of his foes. 4 Adonai will strengthen him on his sickbed. May You restore him completely from his bed.

These two verses continue the prophetic promises made to the one who “considers the feeble.” The TLV uses the word “wretched” which misses something from the original Hebrew, as explained in yesterday’s RR. There are a total of six promises after the initial promise of gladness. Some appear to be duplicates, which is done in Hebrew for emphasis.

The first promise which we dealt with yesterday, because it is in verse 2, is the promise of deliverance in the evil day. Just for review, the message of the first prophetic promise is, “deal kindly with people who are hanging on by a thread and God will deal kindly with you.” Now, let’s move on to the rest of the the six promises. Remember, these promises are conditional.

Second and third, the Lord will protect you. Then as an explanation of the promise of protection, the third promise amplifies the meaning of protection, “to keeping you alive.” The Shores of “protection” is “Shamar,” which is the same as for “Shomair,” the name of our congregation. For amplification, let’s return to Psalm 34 on a Rabbi Trail.

Rabbi Trail: Psalm 34 was put to music by Stewart Dauermann probably 50 years ago. Enjoy... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpV_hZ5ci4Q
Psalm 34:12 Come, children, listen to me: I will teach you the fear of Adonai. 13 Who is the one who delights in life, and loves to see good days? 14 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking treachery. 15 Depart from evil and do good. Seek shalom and pursue it. End RT.

The next promise (fourth) is one of “blessing in the land.” This blessing, in the Hebrew, is “V’U’shar” which is again the blessing of joy and gladness (from the same Shores as “Ashre”). Notice it will happen in “the land.”

This is the “promised land” which is both spiritual and physical. **Genesis 17:8 “I will give to you and to your seed after you the land where you are an outsider—the whole land of Canaan—as an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”**

But what is this “spiritual land?” I could write a whole book this this topic. Briefly. God’s kingdom is a spiritual land or place where God is on His throne, in which He is supreme (He is obeyed immediately and without question). That spiritual land is coming to earth in the form of New Jerusalem and only His followers will be the citizens of it.

Revelation 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 I also saw the holy city—the New Jerusalem—coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

This has gotten surprisingly long, and I want to finish with the last 2 conditional blessings. However; let’s continue with Part 3 in the RR for Monday. Shabbat shalom everybody. Remember, Chanukah starts with the first light on Sunday night.

Daily Bread, reading plan by Lars Enarson (<https://www.thewatchman.org/>)

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Ge 39:7-23 1 Sa 23-24 Ps 69 Mk 15 (1 Co 13)