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Psa 49:1-20 {p} Chiasm

INTRODUCTION) 49:1-4 Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world, 2 Both low and high, rich and poor together. 3 My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart *shall be* understanding. 4 I will incline my ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon the harp;

1A.1) 49:5-6 **WHY SHOULD I FEAR** in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my supplanters encompasses me about? 6 Of them that trust in their wealth and boast of themselves **IN THE MULTITUDE OF THEIR RICHES?**

1A.2) 49:7-8 No man can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him— 8 For too costly is **THE REDEMPTION OF THEIR SOUL**, and must be let alone forever;

1A.3) 49:9-11 That he and his dwellings should live forever, for **ALL ALIKE PERISH, LEAVING THEIR WEALTH TO OTHERS;**

1a) 49:9 That he should **continue to live eternally**, that he should not see the pit;

central axis) 49:10 For he sees that wise men die; the fool and the senseless person together perish, {n} and leave their wealth to others;

2a) 49:11 Their inner thought is that their houses **shall continue for ever**, and their dwelling places to all generations; {n} they call their lands after their own names;

1A.4) 49:12 But a man does not abide **IN HONOR; HE IS LIKE THE BEASTS THAT PERISH;**

1B) 49:13 **THIS IS THE WAY OF THEM THAT ARE FOOLISH**, and of those who after them approve their sayings; *Selah*

1C) 49:14A Like sheep they are appointed **FOR THE GRAVE**; death shall be their shepherd; {n}

CENTRAL AXIS) 49:14B AND THE UPRIGHT SHALL HAVE DOMINION OVER THEM IN THE MORNING;

2C) 49:14C And their form shall be **FOR THE GRAVE** to wear away, that there is no habitation for it;

2B) 49:15 [**THIS IS THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS**] But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, for He shall receive me; *Selah*

2A.2) 49:15 But God will **REDEEM MY SOUL** from the power of the grave, for He shall receive me; *Selah*

2A.1) 49:16 **DO NOT BE AFRAID** when **ONE BECOMES RICH**, when the wealth of his house is increased;

2A.3) 49:17-19 WHEN HE DIES HE WILL NOT TAKE HIS WEALTH WITH HIM/ while he lives he blesses himself because men praise him;

1a) 49:17 For **when he dies** he shall carry nothing away; his wealth shall not descend after him;

central axis) 49:18 Though while he lived he blessed himself: 'Men will praise you when you do well for yourself;'

2a) 49:19 **He shall go to the generation of his fathers;** they shall never see the light;

2A.4) 49:20 A man that is **IN HONOR** understands not, **HE IS LIKE THE BEASTS THAT PERISH.** {p}