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1 Kings 3.

1 . Solomon Requests Wisdom. .

Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of YAHWEH, and the wall of Jerusalem all around.

2 Only the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was no house built for the name of YAHWEH until those days.

3 Solomon loved YAHWEH, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5 In Gibeon YAHWEH appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and ELOHIM said, "Ask what I shall give you."

6 Solomon said, "You have shown to your servant David my father great loving kindness, according as he walked before you in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you. You have kept for him this great loving kindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 Now, YAHWEH my ELOHIM, you have made your servant king instead of David my father. I am but a little child. I don't know how to go out or come in.

8 Your servant is in the midst of your people which you have chosen, a great people, that can't be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this your great people?"

10 The speech pleased ADONAI, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 ELOHIM said to him, "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice;

12 behold, I have done according to your word. Behold, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there has been none like you before you, neither after you shall any arise like you.

13 I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like you, all your days.

14 If you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

15 Solomon awoke; and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH, and offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

16 . Solomon's Wise Judgment. .

Then two women who were prostitutes came to the king, and stood before him.

17 The one woman said, "Oh, my master, I and this woman dwell in one house. I delivered a child with her in the house.

18 It happened the third day after I delivered, that this woman delivered also. We were together. There was no stranger with us in the house, just us two in the house.

19 This woman's child died in the night, because she lay on it.

20 She arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

21 When I rose in the morning to nurse my child, behold, it was dead; but when I had

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looked at it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, whom I bore.”

22 The other woman said, “No; but the living is my son, and the dead is your son.” This said, “No; but the dead is your son, and the living is my son.” Thus they spoke before the king.

23 Then the king said, “The one says, ‘This is my son who lives, and your son is the dead;’ and the other says, ‘No; but your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.’”

24 The king said, “Get me a sword.” They brought a sword before the king.

25 The king said, “Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.”

26 Then the woman whose the living child was spoke to the king, for her heart yearned over her son, and she said, “Oh, my master, give her the living child, and in no way kill it!” But the other said, “It shall be neither mine nor yours. Divide it.”

27 Then the king answered, “Give her the living child, and in no way kill it. She is its mother.”

28 All Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of ELOHIM was in him, to do justice.

Hosea 6.,7:1-2.

1 . A Call to Repentance. .

“Come, and let us return to YAHWEH; for he has torn us to pieces, and he will heal us; he has injured us, and he will bind up our wounds.

2 After two days he will revive us. On the third day he will raise us up, and we will live before him.

3 Let us acknowledge YAHWEH! Let us press on to know YAHWEH! As surely as the sun rises, YAHWEH will appear. He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain that waters the earth.”

4 . Impenitence of Israel and Judah. .

“Ephraim, what shall I do to you? Judah, what shall I do to you? For your love is like a morning cloud, and like the dew that disappears early.

5 Therefore I have cut them to pieces with the prophets; I killed them with the words of my mouth. Your judgments are like a flash of lightning.

6 For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of ELOHIM more than burnt offerings.

7 But they, like Adam, have broken the covenant. They were unfaithful to me, there.

8 Gilead is a city of those who work iniquity; it is stained with blood.

9 As gangs of robbers wait to ambush a man, so the company of priests murder in the way toward Shechem, committing shameful crimes.

10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing. There is prostitution in Ephraim. Israel is defiled.

11 “Also, Judah, there is a harvest appointed for you, when I restore the fortunes of my people.

1 When I would heal Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered, also the wickedness of Samaria; for they commit falsehood, and the thief enters in, and the gang of robbers ravages outside.

2 They don’t consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness. Now their own deeds have engulfed them. They are before my face.

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Psalms 4.

1 . To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm of David..

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For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm by David. Answer me when I call, ELOHIM of my righteousness. Give me relief from my distress. Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

2 You sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned into dishonor? Will you love vanity, and seek after falsehood? Selah.

3 But know that YAHWEH has set apart for himself him who is godly: YAHWEH will hear when I call to him.

4 Stand in awe, and don't sin. Search your own heart on your bed, and be still. Selah.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness. Put your trust in YAHWEH!

6 Many say, "Who will show us any good?" YAHWEH, let the light of your face shine on us.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their grain and their new wine are increased.

8 In peace I will both lay myself down and sleep, for you, YAHWEH alone, make me live in safety.

Proverbs 19.

1 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his lips and is a fool.

2 It isn't good to have zeal without knowledge; nor being hasty with one's feet and missing the way.

3 The foolishness of man subverts his way; his heart rages against YAHWEH!

4 Wealth adds many friends, but the poor is separated from his friend.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who pours out lies shall not go free.

6 Many will entreat the favor of a ruler, and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.

7 All the relatives of the poor shun him: how much more do his friends avoid him! He pursues them with pleas, but they are gone.

8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul. He who keeps understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who utters lies shall perish.

10 Delicate living is not appropriate for a fool, much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger. It is his glory to overlook an offense.

12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass.

13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father. A wife's quarrels are a continual dripping.

14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from YAHWEH!

15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep. The idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is contemptuous in his ways shall die.

17 He who has pity on the poor lends to YAHWEH; he will reward him.

18 Discipline your son, for there is hope; don't be a willing party to his death.

19 A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty, for if you rescue him, you must do it again.

20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end.

21 There are many plans in a man's heart, but YAHWEH's counsel will prevail.

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- 22 That which makes a man to be desired is his kindness. A poor man is better than a liar.
- 23 The fear of YAHWEH leads to life, then contentment; he rests and will not be touched by trouble.
- 24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Flog a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; rebuke one who has understanding, and he will gain knowledge.
- 26 He who robs his father and drives away his mother, is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.
- 27 If you stop listening to instruction, my son, you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down iniquity.
- 29 Penalties are prepared for scoffers, and beatings for the backs of fools.

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