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1 Kings 8.

1 **. The Ark Brought into the Temple. .**

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' households of the children of Israel, to king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH out of the city of David, which is Zion.

2 All the men of Israel assembled themselves to king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3 All the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

4 They brought up the ark of YAHWEH, and the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; even these the priests and the Levites brought up.

5 King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and cattle, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude.

6 The priests brought in the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH to its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim.

7 For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its poles above.

8 The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place before the oracle; but they were not seen outside: and there they are to this day.

9 There was nothing in the ark except the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when YAHWEH made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 It came to pass, when the priests had come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of YAHWEH,

11 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of YAHWEH filled the house of YAHWEH!

12 Then Solomon said, "YAHWEH has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

13 I have surely built you a house of habitation, a place for you to dwell in forever."

14 **. Solomon's Speech at Completion of the Work. .**

The king turned his face about, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood.

15 He said, "Blessed is YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David your father, and has with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

16 'Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.'

17 "Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

18 But YAHWEH said to David my father, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart.

19 Nevertheless, you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come forth out of your body, he shall build the house for my name.'

20 YAHWEH has established his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as YAHWEH promised, and have built the house for the name of YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

21 There I have set a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of YAHWEH, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt."

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22 . Solomon's Prayer of Dedication. .

Solomon stood before the altar of YAHWEH in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven;

23 and he said, "YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, there is no ELOHIM like you, in heaven above, or on earth beneath; who keep covenant and loving kindness with your servants, who walk before you with all their heart;

24 who have kept with your servant David my father that which you promised him. Yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is this day.

25 Now therefore, may YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, "There shall not fail you a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me."

26 "Now therefore, ELOHIM of Israel, please let your word be verified, which you spoke to your servant David my father.

27 But will ELOHIM in very deed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens can't contain you; how much less this house that I have built!

28 Yet have respect for the prayer of your servant, and for his supplication, YAHWEH my ELOHIM, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before you this day;

29 that your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there;' to listen to the prayer which your servant shall pray toward this place.

30 Listen to the supplication of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place. Yes, hear in heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive.

31 "If a man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, and he comes and swear before your altar in this house;

32 then hear in heaven, and do, and judge your servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way on his own head, and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 "When your people Israel are struck down before the enemy, because they have sinned against you; if they turn again to you, and confess your name, and pray and make supplication to you in this house:

34 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which you gave to their fathers.

35 "When the sky is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you afflict them:

36 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance.

37 "If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight, mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague, whatever sickness there is;

38 whatever prayer and supplication is made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall each know the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

39 then hear in heaven, your dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know; (for you, even you only, know the hearts of all the children of men;)

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40 that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land which you gave to our fathers.

41 “Moreover concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he shall come out of a far country for your name’s sake

42 (for they shall hear of your great name, and of your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm); when he shall come and pray toward this house;

43 hear in heaven, your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, to fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.

44 “If your people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to YAHWEH toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name;

45 then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

46 If they sin against you (for there is no man who doesn’t sin), and you are angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near;

47 yet if they shall repent in the land where they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication to you in the land of those who carried them captive, saying, ‘We have sinned, and have done perversely; we have dealt wickedly;’

48 if they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name:

49 then hear their prayer and their supplication in heaven, your dwelling place, and maintain their cause;

50 and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions in which they have transgressed against you; and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them

51 (for they are your people, and your inheritance, which you brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron);

52 that your eyes may be open to the supplication of your servant, and to the supplication of your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they cry to you.

53 For you separated them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be your inheritance, as you spoke by Moses your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, ADONAI YAHWEH!”

54 **. Solomon Blesses the Assembly. .**

It was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication to YAHWEH, he arose from before the altar of YAHWEH, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread forth toward heaven.

55 He stood, and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 “Blessed be YAHWEH, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. There has not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by Moses his servant.

57 May YAHWEH our ELOHIM be with us, as he was with our fathers. Let him not leave us, nor forsake us;

58 that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our fathers.

59 Let these my words, with which I have made supplication before YAHWEH, be near to YAHWEH our ELOHIM day and night, that he may maintain the cause of his servant,

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and the cause of his people Israel, as every day shall require;

60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that YAHWEH, he is ELOHIM! There is none else.

61 “Let your heart therefore be perfect with YAHWEH our ELOHIM, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.”

62 . **Solomon Dedicates the Temple.** .

The king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before YAHWEH!

63 Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to YAHWEH, two and twenty thousand head of cattle, and one hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of YAHWEH!

64 The same day the king made the middle of the court holy that was before the house of YAHWEH; for there he offered the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before YAHWEH was too little to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 So Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt, before YAHWEH our ELOHIM, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that YAHWEH had shown to David his servant, and to Israel his people.

Hosea 9:17-to-end,10:1-15.

17 My ELOHIM will cast them away, because they did not listen to him; and they will be wanderers among the nations.

1 . **Israel's Sin and Captivity.** .

Israel is a luxuriant vine that puts forth his fruit. According to the abundance of his fruit he has multiplied his altars. As their land has prospered, they have adorned their sacred stones.

2 Their heart is divided. Now they will be found guilty. He will demolish their altars. He will destroy their sacred stones.

3 Surely now they will say, “We have no king; for we don’t fear YAHWEH; and the king, what can he do for us?”

4 They make promises, swearing falsely in making covenants. Therefore judgment springs up like poisonous weeds in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria will be in terror for the calves of Beth Aven; for its people will mourn over it, Along with its priests who rejoiced over it, for its glory, because it has departed from it.

6 It also will be carried to Assyria for a present to a great king. Ephraim will receive shame, and Israel will be ashamed of his own counsel.

7 Samaria and her king float away, like a twig on the water.

8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, will be destroyed. The thorn and the thistle will come up on their altars. They will tell the mountains, “Cover us!” and the hills, “Fall on us!”

9 “Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah. There they remained. The battle against the children of iniquity doesn’t overtake them in Gibeah.

10 When it is my desire, I will chastise them; and the nations will be gathered against them, when they are bound to their two transgressions.

11 Ephraim is a trained heifer that loves to thresh; so I will put a yoke on her beautiful

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neck. I will set a rider on Ephraim. Judah will plow. Jacob will break his clods.
12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to kindness. Break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek YAHWEH, until he comes and rains righteousness on you.
13 You have plowed wickedness. You have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies, for you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your mighty men.
14 Therefore a battle roar will arise among your people, and all your fortresses will be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel in the day of battle. The mother was dashed in pieces with her children.
15 So Bethel will do to you because of your great wickedness. At daybreak the king of Israel will be destroyed.

Psalms 8.

1 . To the Chief Musician. On the instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David..

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For the Chief Musician; on an instrument of Gath. A Psalm by David. YAHWEH, our ADONAI, how majestic is your name in all the earth, who has set your glory above the heavens!
2 From the lips of babes and infants you have established strength, because of your adversaries, that you might silence the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained;
4 what is man, that you think of him? What is the son of man, that you care for him?
5 For you have made him a little lower than ELOHIM, and crowned him with glory and honor.
6 You make him ruler over the works of your hands. You have put all things under his feet:
7 All sheep and cattle, yes, and the animals of the field,
8 The birds of the sky, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
9 YAHWEH, our ADONAI, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Proverbs 23.

1 When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before you;
2 put a knife to your throat, if you are a man given to appetite.
3 Don't be desirous of his dainties, since they are deceitful food.
4 Don't weary yourself to be rich. In your wisdom, show restraint.
5 Why do you set your eyes on that which is not? For it certainly sprouts wings like an eagle and flies in the sky.
6 Don't eat the food of him who has a stingy eye, and don't crave his delicacies:
7 for as he thinks about the cost, so he is. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you.
8 The morsel which you have eaten you shall vomit up, and lose your good words.
9 Don't speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.
10 Don't move the ancient boundary stone. Don't encroach on the fields of the fatherless:
11 for their Defender is strong. He will plead their case against you.
12 Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.
13 Don't withhold correction from a child. If you punish him with the rod, he will not die.

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- 14 Punish him with the rod, and save his soul from Sheol.
15 My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad, even mine:
16 yes, my heart will rejoice, when your lips speak what is right.
17 Don't let your heart envy sinners; but rather fear YAHWEH all the day long.
18 Indeed surely there is a future hope, and your hope will not be cut off.
19 Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path!
20 Don't be among ones drinking too much wine, or those who gorge themselves on meat:
21 for the drunkard and the glutton shall become poor; and drowsiness clothes them in rags.
22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and don't despise your mother when she is old.
23 Buy the truth, and don't sell it. Get wisdom, discipline, and understanding.
24 The father of the righteous has great joy. Whoever fathers a wise child delights in him.
25 Let your father and your mother be glad! Let her who bore you rejoice!
26 My son, give me your heart; and let your eyes keep in my ways.
27 For a prostitute is a deep pit; and a wayward wife is a narrow well.
28 Yes, she lies in wait like a robber, and increases the unfaithful among men.
29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?
30 Those who stay long at the wine; those who go to seek out mixed wine.
31 Don't look at the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly.
32 In the end, it bites like a snake, and poisons like a viper.
33 Your eyes will see strange things, and your mind will imagine confusing things.
34 Yes, you will be as he who lies down in the midst of the sea, or as he who lies on top of the rigging:
35 "They hit me, and I was not hurt! They beat me, and I don't feel it! When will I wake up? I can do it again. I can find another."

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