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1 Kings 10.

1 **. The Queen of Sheba's Praise of Solomon. .**

When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of YAHWEH, she came to prove him with hard questions.

2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she had come to Solomon, she talked with him of all that was in her heart.

3 Solomon told her all her questions: there was not anything hidden from the king which he didn't tell her.

4 When the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

5 and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cup bearers, and his ascent by which he went up to the house of YAHWEH; there was no more spirit in her.

6 She said to the king, "It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts, and of your wisdom.

7 However I didn't believe the words, until I came, and my eyes had seen it. Behold, the half was not told me! Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame which I heard.

8 Happy are your men, happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you, who hear your wisdom.

9 Blessed is YAHWEH your ELOHIM, who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel. Because YAHWEH loved Israel forever, therefore made he you king, to do justice and righteousness."

10 She gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones. There came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

11 The navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees and precious stones.

12 The king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of YAHWEH, and for the king's house, harps also and stringed instruments for the singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen, to this day.

13 King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.

14 **. Solomon's Great Wealth. .**

Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold,

15 besides that which the traders brought, and the traffic of the merchants, and of all the kings of the mixed people, and of the governors of the country.

16 King Solomon made two hundred bucklers of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went to one buckler.

17 he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three minas of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold.

19 There were six steps to the throne, and the top of the throne was round behind; and there were stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays.

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- 20 Twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other on the six steps: there was nothing like it made in any kingdom.
- 21 All king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.
- 22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram: once every three years came the navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.
- 23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.
- 24 All the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which ELOHIM had put in his heart.
- 25 They brought every man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and clothing, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.
- 26 Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.
- 27 The king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance.
- 28 The horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt; and the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price.
- 29 A chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for one hundred fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, they brought them out by their means.

Hosea 11:12-to-end,12:1-14.

12 . ELOHIM's Charge Against Ephraim. .

Ephraim surrounds me with falsehood, and the house of Israel with deceit. Judah still strays from ELOHIM, and is unfaithful to the Holy One.

- 1 Ephraim feeds on wind, and chases the east wind. He continually multiplies lies and desolation. They make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried into Egypt.
- 2 YAHWEH also has a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his deeds he will repay him.
- 3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel; and in his manhood he contended with ELOHIM!
- 4 Indeed, he struggled with the angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication to him. He found him at Bethel, and there he spoke with us,
- 5 even YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Hosts; YAHWEH is his name of renown!
- 6 Therefore turn to your ELOHIM! Keep kindness and justice, and wait continually for your ELOHIM!
- 7 A merchant has dishonest scales in his hand. He loves to defraud.
- 8 Ephraim said, "Surely I have become rich, I have found myself wealth. In all my wealth they won't find in me any iniquity that is sin."
- 9 "But I am YAHWEH your ELOHIM from the land of Egypt. I will yet again make you dwell in tents, as in the days of the solemn feast.
- 10 I have also spoken to the prophets, and I have multiplied visions; and by the ministry of the prophets I have used parables.
- 11 If Gilead is wicked, surely they are worthless. In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls. Indeed, their altars are like heaps in the furrows of the field.
- 12 Jacob fled into the country of Aram, and Israel served to get a wife, and for a wife he tended flocks and herds.
- 13 By a prophet YAHWEH brought Israel up out of Egypt, and by a prophet he was

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preserved.

14 Ephraim has bitterly provoked anger. Therefore his blood will be left on him, and his ADONAI will repay his contempt.

Psalms 10.

1 . A Song of Confidence in ELOHIM's Triumph over Evil. .

Why do you stand far off, YAHWEH? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

2 In arrogance, the wicked hunt down the weak. They are caught in the schemes that they devise.

3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's cravings. He blesses the greedy, and condemns YAHWEH!

4 The wicked, in the pride of his face, has no room in his thoughts for ELOHIM!

5 His ways are prosperous at all times. He is haughty, and your Torah (teachings and instructions) are far from his sight. As for all his adversaries, he sneers at them.

6 He says in his heart, "I shall not be shaken. For generations I shall have no trouble."

7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression. Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.

8 He lies in wait near the villages. From ambushes, he murders the innocent. His eyes are secretly set against the helpless.

9 He lurks in secret as a lion in his ambush. He lies in wait to catch the helpless. He catches the helpless, when he draws him in his net.

10 The helpless are crushed. They collapse. They fall under his strength.

11 He says in his heart, "EL has forgotten. He hides his face. He will never see it."

12 Arise, YAHWEH! ELOHIM, lift up your hand! Don't forget the helpless.

13 Why does the wicked person condemn ELOHIM, and say in his heart, "ELOHIM won't call me into account?"

14 But you do see trouble and grief. You consider it to take it into your hand. You help the victim and the fatherless.

15 Break the arm of the wicked. As for the evil man, seek out his wickedness until you find none.

16 YAHWEH is King forever and ever! The nations will perish out of his land.

17 YAHWEH, you have heard the desire of the humble. You will prepare their heart. You will cause your ear to hear,

18 to judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that man who is of the earth may terrify no more.

Proverbs 25.

1 These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 It is the glory of ELOHIM to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from the silver, and material comes out for the refiner;

5 Take away the wicked from the king's presence, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

6 Don't exalt yourself in the presence of the king, or claim a place among great men;

7 for it is better that it be said to you, "Come up here," than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen.

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- 8 Don't be hasty in bringing charges to court. What will you do in the end when your neighbor shames you?
- 9 Debate your case with your neighbor, and don't betray the confidence of another;
- 10 lest one who hears it put you to shame, and your bad reputation never depart.
- 11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.
- 12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprovor to an obedient ear.
- 13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to those who send him; for he refreshes the soul of his masters.
- 14 As clouds and wind without rain, so is he who boasts of gifts deceptively.
- 15 By patience a ruler is persuaded. A soft tongue breaks the bone.
- 16 Have you found honey? Eat as much as is sufficient for you, lest you eat too much, and vomit it.
- 17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he be weary of you, and hate you.
- 18 A man who gives false testimony against his neighbor is like a club, a sword, or a sharp arrow.
- 19 Confidence in someone unfaithful in time of trouble is like a bad tooth, or a lame foot.
- 20 As one who takes away a garment in cold weather, or vinegar on soda, so is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.
- 21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat. If he is thirsty, give him water to drink:
- 22 for you will heap coals of fire on his head, and YAHWEH will reward you.
- 23 The north wind brings forth rain: so a backbiting tongue brings an angry face.
- 24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a contentious woman.
- 25 Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.
- 26 Like a muddied spring, and a polluted well, so is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.
- 27 It is not good to eat much honey; nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor.
- 28 Like a city that is broken down and without walls is a man whose spirit is without restraint.

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