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1 Kings 15:33-to-end,16:1-34.

33 . Baasha Reigns in Israel. .

In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel in Tirzah for twenty-four years.

34 He did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin.

1 The word of YAHWEH came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,
2 “Because I exalted you out of the dust, and made you prince over my people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

3 behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4 The dogs will eat Baasha’s descendants who die in the city; and he who dies of his in the field the birds of the sky will eat.”

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, aren’t they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

6 Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his place.

7 Moreover by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of YAHWEH against Baasha, and against his house, both because of all the evil that he did in the sight of YAHWEH, to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he struck him.

8 . Elah Reigns in Israel. .

In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah for two years.

9 His servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him. Now he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the household in Tirzah:

10 and Zimri went in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

11 It happened, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he struck all the house of Baasha: he didn’t leave him a single one who urinates on a wall, neither of his relatives, nor of his friends.

12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha, according to the word of YAHWEH, which he spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,

13 for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned, and with which they made Israel to sin, to provoke YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, aren’t they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 . Zimri Reigns in Israel. .

In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16 The people who were encamped heard say, Zimri has conspired, and has also struck

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the king: therefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 It happened, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the castle of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,

19 for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he committed, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 **. Omri Reigns in Israel. .**

Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed against the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel for twelve years. He reigned six years in Tirzah.

24 He bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, Samaria.

25 Omri did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, and dealt wickedly above all who were before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins with which he made Israel to sin, to provoke YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his place.

29 **. Ahab Reigns in Israel. .**

In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 Ahab the son of Omri did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH above all that were before him.

31 It happened, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshiped him.

32 He reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 Ahab made the Asherah; and Ahab did yet more to provoke YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

34 In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho: he laid its foundation with the loss of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of YAHWEH, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

Joel 3.

1 **. ELOHIM Judges the Nations. .**

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“For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will execute judgment on them there for my people, and for my heritage, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations. They have divided my land,

3 and have cast lots for my people, and have given a boy for a prostitute, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.

4 “Yes, and what are you to me, Tyre, and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? Will you repay me? And if you repay me, I will swiftly and speedily return your repayment on your own head.

5 Because you have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried my finest treasures into your temples,

6 and have sold the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem to the sons of the Greeks, that you may remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, I will stir them up out of the place where you have sold them, and will return your repayment on your own head;

8 and I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands of the children of Judah, and they will sell them to the men of Sheba, to a faraway nation, for YAHWEH has spoken it.”

9 Proclaim this among the nations: “Prepare for war! Stir up the mighty men. Let all the warriors draw near. Let them come up.

10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weak say, ‘I am strong.’

11 Hurry and come, all you surrounding nations, and gather yourselves together.” Cause your mighty ones to come down there, YAHWEH!

12 “Let the nations arouse themselves, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there will I sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

13 Put in the sickle; for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the winepress is full, the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great.”

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of YAHWEH is near, in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.

16 YAHWEH will roar from Zion, and thunder from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth will shake; but YAHWEH will be a refuge to his people, and a stronghold to the children of Israel.

17 “So you will know that I am YAHWEH, your ELOHIM, dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain. Then Jerusalem will be holy, and no strangers will pass through her any more.

18 **. ELOHIM Blesses His People. .**

It will happen in that day, that the mountains will drop down sweet wine, the hills will flow with milk, all the brooks of Judah will flow with waters, and a fountain will come forth from the house of YAHWEH, and will water the valley of Shittim.

19 Egypt will be a desolation, and Edom will be a desolate wilderness, for the violence done to the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Judah will be inhabited forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21 I will cleanse their blood, that I have not cleansed: for YAHWEH dwells in Zion.”

Psalms 16.

1 **. A Michtam of David.. .**

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- A Poem by David. Preserve me, ELOHIM, for in you do I take refuge.
- 2 My soul, you have said to YAHWEH, "You are my ADONAI. Apart from you I have no good thing."
 - 3 As for the holy ones who are in the earth, they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight.
 - 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who give gifts to another god. Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their names on my lips.
 - 5 YAHWEH assigned my portion and my cup. You made my lot secure.
 - 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. Yes, I have a good inheritance.
 - 7 I will bless YAHWEH, who has given me counsel. Yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons.
 - 8 I have set YAHWEH always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
 - 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices. My body shall also dwell in safety.
 - 10 For you will not leave my soul in Sheol, neither will you allow your holy one to see corruption.
 - 11 You will show me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Proverbs 31.

1 . The Words of King Lemuel's Mother. .

- The words of king Lemuel; the oracle which his mother taught him.
- 2 "Oh, my son! Oh, son of my womb! Oh, son of my vows!
 - 3 Don't give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings.
 - 4 It is not for kings, Lemuel; it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes to say, 'Where is strong drink?'
 - 5 lest they drink, and forget the decree, and pervert the justice due to anyone who is afflicted.
 - 6 Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish; and wine to the bitter in soul:
 - 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
 - 8 Open your mouth for the mute, in the cause of all who are left desolate.
 - 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and serve justice to the poor and needy."

10 . The Virtuous Wife. .

- Who can find a worthy woman? For her price is far above rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her. He shall have no lack of gain.
 - 12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
 - 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works eagerly with her hands.
 - 14 She is like the merchant ships. She brings her bread from afar.
 - 15 She rises also while it is yet night, gives food to her household, and portions for her servant girls.
 - 16 She considers a field, and buys it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard.
 - 17 She arms her waist with strength, and makes her arms strong.
 - 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp doesn't go out by night.
 - 19 She lays her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
 - 20 She opens her arms to the poor; yes, she extends her hands to the needy.
 - 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
 - 22 She makes for herself carpets of tapestry. Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

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- 23 Her husband is respected in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.
24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and delivers sashes to the merchant.
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing. She laughs at the time to come.
26 She opens her mouth with wisdom. Faithful instruction is on her tongue.
27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and doesn't eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her:
29 "Many women do noble things, but you excel them all."
30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears YAHWEH, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands! Let her works praise her in the gates!

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