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1 Kings 19.

1 . Elijah Escapes from Jezebel. .

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I don't make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time!" 3 When he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough. Now, O YAHWEH, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers."

5 He lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat!"

6 He looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on the coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

7 The angel of YAHWEH came again the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you."

8 He arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the Mount of ELOHIM!

9 He came there to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of YAHWEH came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 He said, "I have been very jealous for YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword. I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

11 . ELOHIM's Revelation to Elijah. .

He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before YAHWEH!" Behold, YAHWEH passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before YAHWEH; but YAHWEH was not in the wind. After the wind an earthquake; but YAHWEH was not in the earthquake.

12 After the earthquake a fire passed; but YAHWEH was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 It was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. Behold, a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 He said, "I have been very jealous for YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword. I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." 15 YAHWEH said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria.

16 You shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi to be king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah to be prophet in your place.

17 It shall happen, that he who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and he who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.

18 Yet will I leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him."

19 <u>. Elisha Follows Elijah. .</u>

So he departed there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed over to him, and cast his mantle on him.

20 He left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me please kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." He said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?"

21 He returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and served him.

Amos 3:3-to-end,4:1-3.

3 Do two walk together, unless they have agreed?

4 Will a lion roar in the thicket, when he has no prey? Does a young lion cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing?

5 Can a bird fall in a trap on the earth, where no snare is set for him? Does a snare spring up from the ground, when there is nothing to catch?

6 Does the shofar alarm sound in a city, without the people being afraid? Does evil happen to a city, and YAHWEH hasn't done it?

7 Surely ADONAI YAHWEH will do nothing, unless he reveals his secret to his servants the prophets.

8 The lion has roared. Who will not fear? ADONAI YAHWEH has spoken. Who can but prophesy?

9 <u>. Punishment of Israel's Sins. .</u>

Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, "Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria, and see what unrest is in her, and what oppression is among them."

10 "Indeed they don't know to do right," says YAHWEH, "Who hoard plunder and loot in their palaces."

11 Therefore thus says ADONAI YAHWEH: "An adversary will overrun the land; and he will pull down your strongholds, and your fortresses will be plundered."

12 Thus says YAHWEH: "As the shepherd rescues out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the children of Israel be rescued who sit in Samaria on the corner of a couch, and on the silken cushions of a bed."

13 "Listen, and testify against the house of Jacob," says ADONAI YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Hosts.

14 "For in the day that I visit the transgressions of Israel on him, I will also visit the altars of Bethel; and the horns of the altar will be cut off, and fall to the ground.15 I will strike the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory will perish, and the great houses will have an end," says YAHWEH!

1 Listen to this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who tell their husbands, "Bring us drinks!"
2 ADONAI YAHWEH has sworn by his holiness that behold, "The days shall come on you that they will take you away with hooks, and the last of you with fish hooks.
3 You will go out at the breaks in the wall, everyone straight before her; and you will cast yourselves into Harmon," says YAHWEH!

Psalms 19.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. The heavens declare the glory of EL! The expanse shows his handiwork.

² Day after day they pour forth speech, and night after night they display knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their voice has gone out through all the earth, their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

5 which is as a bridegroom coming out of his room, like a strong man rejoicing to run his course.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens, his circuit to its ends; There is nothing hidden from its heat.

7 YAHWEH's Torah is perfect, restoring the soul. YAHWEH's testimony is sure, making wise the simple.

8 YAHWEH's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart. YAHWEH's commandment is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of YAHWEH is clean, enduring forever. YAHWEH's ordinances are true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the extract of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is your servant warned. In keeping them there is great reward.12 Who can discern his errors? Forgive me from hidden errors.

13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins. Let them not have dominion over me. Then I will be upright. I will be blameless and innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, YAHWEH, my rock, and my redeemer.

Proverbs 3.

1 <u>. Guidance for the Young. .</u>

My son, don't forget my teaching; but let your heart keep my commandments:

2 for length of days, and years of life, and peace, will they add to you.

3 Don't let kindness and truth forsake you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 So you will find favor, and good understanding in the sight of ELOHIM and man.

5 Trust in YAHWEH with all your heart, and don't lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

7 Don't be wise in your own eyes. Fear YAHWEH, and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones.

9 Honor YAHWEH with your substance, with the first fruits of all your increase:

10 so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

11 My son, don't despise YAHWEH's discipline, neither be weary of his reproof:

12 for whom YAHWEH loves, he reproves; even as a father reproves the son in whom he delights.

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gets understanding.

14 For her good profit is better than getting silver, and her return is better than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies. None of the things you can desire are to be compared to her.

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16 Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her.

19 By wisdom YAHWEH founded the earth. By understanding, he established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge, the depths were broken up, and the skies drop down the dew.

21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion: 22 so they will be life to your soul, and grace for your neck.

23 Then you shall walk in your way securely. Your foot won't stumble.

24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid. Yes, you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet.

25 Don't be afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes:

26 for YAHWEH will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being taken.27 Don't withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it.

28 Don't say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it to you," when you have it by you.

29 Don't devise evil against your neighbor, since he dwells securely by you.

30 Don't strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.

31 Don't envy the man of violence. Choose none of his ways.

32 For the perverse is an abomination to YAHWEH, but his friendship is with the upright.

33 YAHWEH's curse is in the house of the wicked, but he blesses the habitation of the righteous.

34 Surely he mocks the mockers, but he gives grace to the humble.

35 The wise will inherit glory, but shame will be the promotion of fools.

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