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2 Kings 5.

1 **. Naaman's Leprosy Healed. .**

Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him YAHWEH had given victory to Syria: he was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.

2 The Syrians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of Eretz-Israel a little maiden; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3 She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would heal him of his leprosy."

4 Someone went in, and told his master, saying, "The maiden who is from Eretz-Israel said this."

5 The king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." He departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of clothing.

6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "Now when this letter has come to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy."

7 It happened, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he tore his clothes, and said, "Am I ELOHIM, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends to me to heal a man of his leprosy? But please consider and see how he seeks a quarrel against me."

8 It was so, when Elisha the man of ELOHIM heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come again to you, and you shall be clean."

11 But Naaman was angry, and went away, and said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of YAHWEH his ELOHIM, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leper.'

12 Aren't Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them, and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 His servants came near, and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had asked you do some great thing, wouldn't you have done it? How much rather then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'"

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of ELOHIM; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 He returned to the man of ELOHIM, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him; and he said, "See now, I know that there is no ELOHIM in all the earth, but in Israel. Now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

16 But he said, "As YAHWEH lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." He urged him to take it; but he refused.

17 Naaman said, "If not, then, please let there be given to your servant two mules' burden of earth; for your servant will from now on offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to YAHWEH!"

18 In this thing may YAHWEH pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow myself in the

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house of Rimmon. When I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, may YAHWEH pardon your servant in this thing.”

19 He said to him, “Go in peace.” So he departed from him a little way.

20 . Gehazi's Greed. .

But Gehazi the servant of Elisha the man of ELOHIM, said, “Behold, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought. As YAHWEH lives, I will run after him, and take something from him.”

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. When Naaman saw one running after him, he came down from the chariot to meet him, and said, “Is all well?”

22 He said, “All is well. My master has sent me, saying, ‘Behold, even now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.’”

23 Naaman said, “Be pleased to take two talents.” He urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants; and they carried them before him.

24 When he came to the hill, he took them from their hand, and stored them in the house. Then he let the men go, and they departed.

25 But he went in, and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, “Where did you come from, Gehazi?” He said, “Your servant went nowhere.”

26 He said to him, “Didn’t my heart go with you, when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive groves and vineyards, and sheep and cattle, and male servants and female servants?”

27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman will cling to you and to your seed forever.” He went out from his presence a leper, as white as snow.

Obadiah 1.

1 . The Coming Judgment on Edom. .

Obadiah!

The vision of Obadiah. This is what ADONAI YAHWEH says about Edom. We have heard news from YAHWEH, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, “Arise, and let’s rise up against her in battle.

2 Behold, I have made you small among the nations. You are greatly despised.

3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high, who says in his heart, ‘Who will bring me down to the ground?’

4 Though you mount on high as the eagle, and though your nest is set among the stars, I will bring you down from there,” says YAHWEH!

5 “If thieves came to you, if robbers by night oh, what disaster awaits you wouldn’t they only steal until they had enough? If grape pickers came to you, wouldn’t they leave some gleaning grapes?”

6 How Esau will be ransacked! How his hidden treasures are sought out!

7 All the men of your alliance have brought you on your way, even to the border. The men who were at peace with you have deceived you, and prevailed against you. Friends who eat your bread lay a snare under you. There is no understanding in him.”

8 “Won’t I in that day,” says YAHWEH, “destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mountain of Esau?”

9 Your mighty men, Teman, will be dismayed, to the end that everyone may be cut off from the mountain of Esau by slaughter.

10 . Edom Mistreated His Brother. .

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For the violence done to your brother Jacob, shame will cover you, and you will be cut off forever.

11 In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away his substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots for Jerusalem, even you were like one of them.

12 But don't look down on your brother in the day of his disaster, and don't rejoice over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction. Don't speak proudly in the day of distress.

13 Don't enter into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity. Don't look down on their affliction in the day of their calamity, neither seize their wealth on the day of their calamity.

14 Don't stand in the crossroads to cut off those of his who escape. Don't deliver up those of his who remain in the day of distress.

15 For the day of YAHWEH is near all the nations! As you have done, it will be done to you. Your deeds will return upon your own head.

16 For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so will all the nations drink continually. Yes, they will drink, swallow down, and will be as though they had not been.

17 **. Israel's Final Triumph. .**

But in Mount Zion, there will be those who escape, and it will be holy. The house of Jacob will possess their possessions.

18 The house of Jacob will be a fire, the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble. They will burn among them, and devour them. There will not be any remaining to the house of Esau." Indeed, YAHWEH has spoken.

19 Those of the South will possess the mountain of Esau, and those of the lowland, the Philistines. They will possess the field of Ephraim, and the field of Samaria. Benjamin will possess Gilead.

20 The captives of this army of the children of Israel, who are among the Canaanites, will possess even to Zarephath; and the captives of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad, will possess the cities of the Negev.

21 Saviors will go up on Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom will be YAHWEH's.

Psalms 26.

1 **. A Psalm of David. . .**

By David. Judge me, YAHWEH, for I have walked in my integrity. I have trusted also in YAHWEH without wavering.

2 Examine me, YAHWEH, and prove me. Try my heart and my mind.

3 For your loving kindness is before my eyes. I have walked in your truth.

4 I have not sat with deceitful men, neither will I go in with hypocrites.

5 I hate the assembly of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, so I will go about your altar, YAHWEH;

7 that I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard, and tell of all your wondrous works.

8 YAHWEH, I love the habitation of your house, the place where your glory dwells.

9 Don't gather my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men;

10 in whose hands is wickedness, their right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity. Redeem me, and be merciful to me.

12 My foot stands in an even place. In the congregations I will bless YAHWEH!

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Proverbs 10.

1 . Wise Sayings of Solomon. .

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.

3 YAHWEH will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked.

4 He becomes poor who works with a lazy hand, but the hand of the diligent brings wealth.

5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during the harvest is a son who causes shame.

6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot.

8 The wise in heart accept commandments, but a chattering fool will fall.

9 He who walks blamelessly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.

10 One winking with the eye causes sorrow, but a chattering fool will fall.

11 The mouth of the righteous is a spring of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all wrongs.

13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has discernment, but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin.

15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty.

16 The labor of the righteous leads to life. The increase of the wicked leads to sin.

17 He is in the way of life who heeds correction, but he who forsakes reproof leads others astray.

18 He who hides hatred has lying lips. He who utters a slander is a fool.

19 In the multitude of words there is no lack of disobedience, but he who restrains his lips does wisely.

20 The tongue of the righteous is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is of little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but the foolish die for lack of understanding.

22 YAHWEH's blessing brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.

23 It is a fool's pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a man of understanding's pleasure.

24 What the wicked fear, will overtake them, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.

25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more; but the righteous stand firm forever.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.

27 The fear of YAHWEH prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish.

29 The way of YAHWEH is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.

31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut

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32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked is perverse.

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