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2 Kings 6.,7:1-2.

1 . The Floating Ax Head. .

The sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell before you is too small for us.

2 Please let us go to the Jordan, and every man take a beam from there, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell." He answered, "Go!"

3 One said, "Please be pleased to go with your servants." He answered, "I will go."

4 So he went with them. When they came to the Jordan, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water. Then he cried, and said, "Alas, my master! For it was borrowed."

6 The man of ELOHIM asked, "Where did it fall?" He showed him the place. He cut down a stick, threw it in there, and made the iron float.

7 He said, "Take it." So he put out his hand and took it.

8 . The Blinded Syrians Captured. .

Now the king of Syria was warring against Israel; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place."

9 The man of ELOHIM sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you not pass such a place; for the Syrians are coming down there."

10 The king of Israel sent to the place which the man of ELOHIM told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 The heart of the king of Syria was very troubled about this. He called his servants, and said to them, "Won't you show me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

12 One of his servants said, "No, my master, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

13 He said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." It was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in Dothan."

14 Therefore he sent horses, chariots, and a great army there. They came by night, and surrounded the city.

15 When the servant of the man of ELOHIM had risen early, and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was around the city. His servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

16 He answered, "Don't be afraid; for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 Elisha prayed, and said, "YAHWEH, please open his eyes, that he may see." YAHWEH opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha.

18 When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to YAHWEH, and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, neither is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." He led them to Samaria.

20 It happened, when they had come into Samaria, that Elisha said, "YAHWEH, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." YAHWEH opened their eyes, and they saw; and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 The king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, "My father, shall I strike them? Shall I strike them?"

22 He answered, "You shall not strike them. Would you strike those whom you have

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taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.”

23 He prepared great feast for them. When they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. The bands of Syria stopped raiding Eretz-Israel.

24 . Syria Besieges Samaria in Famine. .

It happened after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria.

25 There was a great famine in Samaria. Behold, they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a kab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.

26 As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, saying, “Help, my master, O king!”

27 He said, “If YAHWEH doesn't help you, from where could I help you? From of the threshing floor, or from the winepress?”

28 The king said to her, “What ails you?” She answered, “This woman said to me, ‘Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.’”

29 So we boiled my son, and ate him: and I said to her on the next day, ‘Give your son, that we may eat him;’ and she has hidden her son.”

30 It happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes (now he was passing by on the wall); and the people looked, and behold, he had sackcloth underneath on his flesh.

31 Then he said, “ELOHIM do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stay on him this day.”

32 But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. Then the king sent a man from before him; but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, “Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Behold, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold the door shut against him. Isn't the sound of his master's feet behind him?”

33 While he was still talking with them, behold, the messenger came down to him. Then he said, “Behold, this evil is from YAHWEH! Why should I wait for YAHWEH any longer?”

1 Elisha said, “Hear the word of YAHWEH! Thus says YAHWEH, “Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour will be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.””

2 Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of ELOHIM, and said, “Behold, if YAHWEH made windows in heaven, could this thing be?” He said, “Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it.”

Jonah 1.

1 . Jonah's Disobedience. . **Jonah!**

Now the word of YAHWEH came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.”

3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of YAHWEH! He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid its fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of YAHWEH!

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4 **. The Storm at Sea. .**

But YAHWEH sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty storm on the sea, so that the ship was likely to break up.

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and every man cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship, and he was laying down, and was fast asleep.

6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your ELOHIM! Maybe your ELOHIM will notice us, so that we won't perish."

7 They all said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know who is responsible for this evil that is on us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

8 Then they asked him, "Tell us, please, for whose cause this evil is on us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? Of what people are you?"

9 He said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land."

10 **. Jonah Thrown into the Sea. .**

Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of YAHWEH, because he had told them.

11 Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm to us?" For the sea grew more and more stormy.

12 He said to them, "Take me up, and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will be calm for you; for I know that because of me this great storm is on you."

13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to get them back to the land; but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them.

14 Therefore they cried to YAHWEH, and said, "We beg you, YAHWEH, we beg you, don't let us die for this man's life, and don't lay on us innocent blood; for you, YAHWEH, have done as it pleased you."

15 So they took up Jonah, and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased its raging.

16 Then the men feared YAHWEH exceedingly; and they offered a sacrifice to YAHWEH, and made vows.

17 **. Jonah's Prayer and Deliverance. .**

YAHWEH prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Psalms 27.

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

By David. YAHWEH is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? YAHWEH is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came at me to eat up my flesh, even my adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war should rise against me, even then I will be confident.

4 One thing I have asked of YAHWEH, that I will seek after, that I may dwell in the house of YAHWEH all the days of my life, to see YAHWEH's beauty, and to inquire in his temple.

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- 5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion. In the covert of his tabernacle he will hide me. He will lift me up on a rock.
- 6 Now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me. I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tent. I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to YAHWEH!
- 7 Hear, YAHWEH, when I cry with my voice. Have mercy also on me, and answer me.
- 8 When you said, "Seek my face," my heart said to you, "I will seek your face, YAHWEH!"
- 9 Don't hide your face from me. Don't put your servant away in anger. You have been my help. Don't abandon me, neither forsake me, ELOHIM of my salvation.
- 10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then YAHWEH will take me up.
- 11 Teach me your way, YAHWEH! Lead me in a straight path, because of my enemies.
- 12 Don't deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, such as breathe out cruelty.
- 13 I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of YAHWEH in the land of the living.
- 14 Wait for YAHWEH! Be strong, and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for YAHWEH!

Proverbs 11.

- 1 A false balance is an abomination to YAHWEH, but accurate weights are his delight.
- 2 When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom.
- 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.
- 4 Riches don't profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but the unfaithful will be trapped by evil desires.
- 7 When a wicked man dies, hope perishes, and expectation of power comes to nothing.
- 8 A righteous person is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked takes his place.
- 9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but the righteous will be delivered through knowledge.
- 10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices. When the wicked perish, there is shouting.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 One who despises his neighbor is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding holds his peace.
- 13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a secret.
- 14 Where there is no wise guidance, the nation falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is victory.
- 15 He who is collateral for a stranger will suffer for it, but he who refuses pledges of collateral is secure.
- 16 A gracious woman obtains honor, but violent men obtain riches.
- 17 The merciful man does good to his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.
- 18 Wicked people earn deceitful wages, but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.
- 19 He who is truly righteous gets life. He who pursues evil gets death.

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- 20 Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination to YAHWEH, but those whose ways are blameless are his delight.
- 21 Most certainly, the evil man will not be unpunished, but the seed of the righteous will be delivered.
- 22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout, is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.
- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good. The expectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is one who scatters, and increases yet more. There is one who withholds more than is appropriate, but gains poverty.
- 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat. He who waters shall be watered also himself.
- 26 People curse someone who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.
- 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come to him.
- 28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.
- 29 He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind. The foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. He who is wise wins souls.
- 31 Behold, the righteous shall be repaid in the earth; how much more the wicked and the sinner!

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