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2 Kings 7:3-20.

3 . The Syrians Flee. .

Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate. They said one to another, "Why do we sit here until we die?"

4 If we say, 'We will enter into the city,' then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. If we sit still here, we also die. Now therefore come, and let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they save us alive, we will live; and if they kill us, we will only die."

5 They rose up in the twilight, to go to the camp of the Syrians. When they had come to the outermost part of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no man there.

6 For ADONAI had made the army of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great army: and they said one to another, Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come on us.

7 Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their donkeys, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

8 When these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and ate and drink, and carried there silver, and gold, and clothing, and went and hid it. Then they came back, and entered into another tent, and carried there also, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another, "We aren't doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we keep silent. If we wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household."

10 So they came and called to the porter of the city; and they told them, saying, "We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but the horses tied, and the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were."

11 He called the porters; and they told it to the king's household within.

12 The king arose in the night, and said to his servants, "I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are hungry. Therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, 'When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive, and get into the city.'"

13 One of his servants answered, "Please let some take five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city. Behold, they are like all the multitude of Israel who are left in it. Behold, they are like all the multitude of Israel who are consumed. Let us send and see."

14 They took therefore two chariots with horses; and the king sent after the army of the Syrians, saying, "Go and see."

15 They went after them to the Jordan; and behold, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. The messengers returned, and told the king.

16 The people went out, and plundered the camp of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of YAHWEH!

17 The king appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to be in charge of the gate: and the people trod on him in the gate, and he died as the man of ELOHIM had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.

18 It happened, as the man of ELOHIM had spoken to the king, saying, "Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria;"

19 and that captain answered the man of ELOHIM, and said, "Now, behold, if YAHWEH

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should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be?" and he said, "Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it."

20 It happened like that to him; for the people trod on him in the gate, and he died.

Jonah 2.

1 Then Jonah prayed to YAHWEH, his ELOHIM, out of the fish's belly.

2 He said, "I called because of my affliction to YAHWEH! He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried. You heard my voice.

3 For you threw me into the depths, in the heart of the seas. The flood was all around me. All your waves and your billows passed over me.

4 I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'

5 The waters surrounded me, even to the soul. The deep was around me. The weeds were wrapped around my head.

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains. The earth barred me in forever: yet have you brought up my life from the pit, YAHWEH my ELOHIM!

7 "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered YAHWEH! My prayer came in to you, into your holy temple.

8 Those who regard lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

9 But I will sacrifice to you with the voice of thanksgiving. I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation belongs to YAHWEH!"

10 YAHWEH spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah on the dry land.

Psalms 28.

1 *. A Psalm of David.. .*

By David. To you, YAHWEH, I call. My rock, don't be deaf to me; lest, if you are silent to me, I would become like those who go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my petitions, when I cry to you, when I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.

3 Don't draw me away with the wicked, with the workers of iniquity who speak peace with their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their work, and according to the wickedness of their doings. Give them according to the operation of their hands. Bring back on them what they deserve.

5 Because they don't respect the works of YAHWEH, nor the operation of his hands, he will break them down and not build them up.

6 Blessed be YAHWEH, because he has heard the voice of my petitions.

7 YAHWEH is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoices. With my song I will thank him.

8 YAHWEH is their strength. He is a stronghold of salvation to his anointed.

9 Save your people, and bless your inheritance. Be their shepherd also, and bear them up forever.

Proverbs 12.

1 Whoever loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

2 A good man shall obtain favor from YAHWEH, but he will condemn a man of wicked devices.

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not be

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moved.

4 A worthy woman is the crown of her husband, but a disgraceful wife is as rotteness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.

6 The words of the wicked are about lying in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them.

7 The wicked are overthrown, and are no more, but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom, but he who has a warped mind shall be despised.

9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed, and has a servant, than he who honors himself, and lacks bread.

10 A righteous man respects the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

11 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread, but he who chases fantasies is void of understanding.

12 The wicked desires the plunder of evil men, but the root of the righteous flourishes.

13 An evil man is trapped by sinfulness of lips, but the righteous shall come out of trouble.

14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth. The work of a man's hands shall be rewarded to him.

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who is wise listens to counsel.

16 A fool shows his annoyance the same day, but one who overlooks an insult is prudent.

17 He who is truthful testifies honestly, but a false witness lies.

18 There is one who speaks rashly like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise heals.

19 Truth's lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only momentary.

20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, but joy comes to the promoters of peace.

21 No mischief shall happen to the righteous, but the wicked shall be filled with evil.

22 Lying lips are an abomination to YAHWEH, but those who do the truth are his delight.

23 A prudent man keeps his knowledge, but the hearts of fools proclaim foolishness.

24 The hands of the diligent ones shall rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.

25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a kind word makes it glad.

26 A righteous person is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

27 The slothful man doesn't roast his game, but the possessions of diligent men are prized.

28 In the way of righteousness is life; in its path there is no death.

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