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2 Kings 10.

1 . Ahab's Seventy Sons Killed. .

Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, even the elders, and to those who brought up the sons of Ahab, saying,

2 “Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master’s sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and armor.

3 Select the best and fittest of your master’s sons, set him on his father’s throne, and fight for your master’s house.”

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, “Behold, the two kings didn’t stand before him! How then shall we stand?”

5 He who was over the household, and he who was over the city, the elders also, and those who raised the children, sent to Jehu, saying, “We are your servants, and will do all that you ask us. We will not make any man king. You do that which is good in your eyes.”

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, “If you are on my side, and if you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men your master’s sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time.” Now the king’s sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who brought them up.

7 It happened, when the letter came to them, that they took the king’s sons, and killed them, even seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them to him to Jezreel.

8 A messenger came, and told him, “They have brought the heads of the king’s sons.” He said, “Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning.”

9 It happened in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, “You are righteous. Behold, I conspired against my master, and killed him; but who struck all these?”

10 Know now that nothing shall fall to the earth of the word of YAHWEH, which YAHWEH spoke concerning the house of Ahab. For YAHWEH has done that which he spoke by his servant Elijah.”

11 So Jehu struck all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, with all his great men, his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12 . Ahaziah's Forty-two Brothers Killed. .

He arose and departed, and went to Samaria. As he was at the shearing house of the shepherds on the way,

13 Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, “Who are you?” They answered, “We are the brothers of Ahaziah. We are going down to greet the children of the king and the children of the queen.”

14 He said, “Take them alive!” They took them alive, and killed them at the pit of the shearing house, even forty-two men. He didn’t leave any of them.

15 . The Rest of Ahab's Family Killed. .

When he had departed from there, he met Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him. He greeted him, and said to him, “Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart?” Jehonadab answered, “It is.” “If it is, give me your hand.” He gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 He said, “Come with me, and see my zeal for YAHWEH!” So they made him ride in his chariot.

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17 When he came to Samaria, he struck all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of YAHWEH, which he spoke to Elijah.

18 **. Worshipers of Baal Killed. .**

Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu will serve him much.

19 Now therefore call to me all the prophets of Baal, all of his worshippers, and all of his priests. Let none be absent; for I have a great sacrifice to Baal. Whoever is absent, he shall not live." But Jehu did it in subtlety, intending that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 Jehu said, "Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal!" They proclaimed it.

21 Jehu sent through all Israel; and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that didn't come. They came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was filled from one end to another.

22 He said to him who was over the vestry, "Bring out robes for all the worshippers of Baal!" He brought robes out to them.

23 Jehu went with Jehonadab the son of Rechab into the house of Baal. Then he said to the worshippers of Baal, "Search, and look that there are here with you none of the servants of YAHWEH, but the worshippers of Baal only."

24 They went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had appointed him eighty men outside, and said, "If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escape, he who lets him go, his life shall be for the life of him."

25 It happened, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, "Go in, and kill them! Let none escape." They struck them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

26 They brought out the pillars that were in the house of Baal, and burned them.

27 They broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a latrine, to this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 However from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin, Jehu didn't depart from after them, the golden calves that were in Bethel, and that were in Dan.

30 YAHWEH said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in executing that which is right in my eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, your sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel."

31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the Torah (teaching and instruction) of YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, with all his heart. He didn't depart from the sins of Jeroboam, with which he made Israel to sin.

32 **. Death of Jehu. .**

In those days YAHWEH began to cut off from Israel; and Hazael struck them in all the borders of Israel;

33 from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 Jehu slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria. Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place.

36 The time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.

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Micah 1.

1 .Micah!

The word of YAHWEH that came to Micah the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

. The Coming Judgment on Israel. .

2 Hear, you peoples, all of you. Listen, O earth, and all that is therein: and let ADONAI YAHWEH be witness against you, ADONAI from his holy temple.

3 For, behold, YAHWEH comes forth out of his place, and will come down and tread on the high places of the earth.

4 The mountains melt under him, and the valleys split apart, like wax before the fire, like waters that are poured down a steep place.

5 “All this is for the disobedience of Jacob, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the disobedience of Jacob? Isn’t it Samaria? And what are the high places of Judah? Aren’t they Jerusalem?

6 Therefore I will make Samaria like a rubble heap of the field, like places for planting vineyards; and I will pour down its stones into the valley, and I will uncover its foundations.

7 All her idols will be beaten to pieces, and all her temple gifts will be burned with fire, and all her images I will destroy; for of the hire of a prostitute has she gathered them, and to the hire of a prostitute shall they return.”

8 . Mourning for Israel and Judah. .

For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will howl like the jackals, and moan like the daughters of owls.

9 For her wounds are incurable; for it has come even to Judah. It reaches to the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.

10 Don’t tell it in Gath. Don’t weep at all. At Beth Ophrah I have rolled myself in the dust.

11 Pass on, inhabitant of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame. The inhabitant of Zaanon won’t come out. The wailing of Beth Ezel will take from you his protection.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waits anxiously for good, because evil has come down from YAHWEH to the gate of Jerusalem.

13 Harness the chariot to the swift steed, inhabitant of Lachish. She was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion; For the transgressions of Israel were found in you.

14 Therefore you will give a parting gift to Moresheth Gath. The houses of Achzib will be a deceitful thing to the kings of Israel.

15 I will yet bring to you, inhabitant of Mareshah. He who is the glory of Israel will come to Adullam.

16 Shave your heads, and cut off your hair for the children of your delight. Enlarge your baldness like the vulture; for they have gone into captivity from you!

Psalms 31.

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

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. In you, YAHWEH, I take refuge. Let me never be disappointed. Deliver me in your righteousness.

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- 2 Bow down your ear to me. Deliver me speedily. Be to me a strong rock, a house of defense to save me.
- 3 For you are my rock and my fortress, therefore for your name's sake lead me and guide me.
- 4 Pluck me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my stronghold.
- 5 Into your hand I commend my spirit. You redeem me, YAHWEH, EL of truth.
- 6 I hate those who regard lying vanities, but I trust in YAHWEH!
- 7 I will be glad and rejoice in your loving kindness, for you have seen my affliction. You have known my soul in adversities.
- 8 You have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy. You have set my feet in a large place.
- 9 Have mercy on me, YAHWEH, for I am in distress. My eye, my soul, and my body waste away with grief.
- 10 For my life is spent with sorrow, my years with sighing. My strength fails because of my iniquity. My bones are wasted away.
- 11 Because of all my adversaries I have become utterly contemptible to my neighbors, A fear to my acquaintances. Those who saw me on the street fled from me.
- 12 I am forgotten from their hearts like a dead man. I am like broken pottery.
- 13 For I have heard the slander of many, terror on every side, while they conspire together against me, they plot to take away my life.
- 14 But I trust in you, YAHWEH! I said, "You are my ELOHIM!"
- 15 My times are in your hand. Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine on your servant. Save me in your loving kindness.
- 17 Let me not be disappointed, YAHWEH, for I have called on you. Let the wicked be disappointed. Let them be silent in Sheol.
- 18 Let the lying lips be mute, which speak against the righteous insolently, with pride and contempt.
- 19 Oh how great is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear you, which you have worked for those who take refuge in you, before the sons of men!
- 20 In the shelter of your presence you will hide them from the plotting of man. You will keep them secretly in a dwelling away from the strife of tongues.
- 21 Praise be to YAHWEH, for he has shown me his marvelous loving kindness in a strong city.
- 22 As for me, I said in my haste, "I am cut off from before your eyes." Nevertheless you heard the voice of my petitions when I cried to you.
- 23 Oh love YAHWEH, all you his holy ones! YAHWEH preserves the faithful, and fully recompenses him who behaves arrogantly.
- 24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in YAHWEH!

Proverbs 15.

- 1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- 2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of fools gush out folly.
- 3 YAHWEH's eyes are everywhere, keeping watch on the evil and the good.
- 4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but deceit in it crushes the spirit.
- 5 A fool despises his father's correction, but he who heeds reproof shows prudence.
- 6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure, but the income of the wicked brings trouble.
- 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so with the heart of fools.
- 8 The sacrifice made by the wicked is an abomination to YAHWEH, but the prayer of the

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upright is his delight.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to YAHWEH, but he loves him who follows after righteousness.

10 There is stern discipline for one who forsakes the way: whoever hates reproof shall die.

11 Sheol and Abaddon are before YAHWEH how much more than the hearts of the children of men!

12 A scoffer doesn't love to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.

13 A glad heart makes a cheerful face; but an aching heart breaks the spirit.

14 The heart of one who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.

15 All the days of the afflicted are wretched, but one who has a cheerful heart enjoys a continual feast.

16 Better is little, with the fear of YAHWEH, than great treasure with trouble.

17 Better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, than a fattened calf with hatred.

18 A wrathful man stirs up contention, but one who is slow to anger appeases strife.

19 The way of the sluggard is like a thorn patch, but the path of the upright is a highway.

20 A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.

21 Folly is joy to one who is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding keeps his way straight.

22 Where there is no counsel, plans fail; but in a multitude of counselors they are established.

23 Joy comes to a man with the reply of his mouth. How good is a word at the right time!

24 The path of life leads upward for the wise, to keep him from going downward to Sheol.

25 YAHWEH will uproot the house of the proud, but he will keep the widow's borders intact.

26 YAHWEH detests the thoughts of the wicked, but the thoughts of the pure are pleasing.

27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live.

28 The heart of the righteous weighs answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes out evil.

29 YAHWEH is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart. Good news gives health to the bones.

31 The ear that listens to reproof lives, and will be at home among the wise.

32 He who refuses correction despises his own soul, but he who listens to reproof gets understanding.

33 The fear of YAHWEH teaches wisdom. Before honor is humility.

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