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2 Kings 11.

1 **. Athaliah Reigns in Judah. .**

Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.

2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were slain, even him and his nurse, and put them in the bedroom; and they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not slain;

3 He was with her hidden in the house of YAHWEH six years. Athaliah reigned over the land.

4 **. Joash Crowned King of Judah. .**

In the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds of the Carites and of the guard, and brought them to him into the house of YAHWEH; and he made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of YAHWEH, and showed them the king's son.

5 He commanded them, saying, "This is the thing that you shall do: a third part of you, who come in on the Sabbath, shall be keepers of the watch of the king's house;

6 A third part shall be at the gate Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard. So you shall keep the watch of the house, and be a barrier.

7 The two companies of you, even all who go out on the Sabbath, shall keep the watch of the house of YAHWEH around the king.

8 You shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he who comes within the ranks, let him be slain. Be with the king when he goes out, and when he comes in."

9 The captains over hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they took every man his men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath, with those who were to go out on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 The priest delivered to the captains over hundreds the spears and shields that had been king David's, which were in the house of YAHWEH!

11 The guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, around the king.

12 Then he brought out the king's son, and put the crown on him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, "Long live the king!"

13 **. Death of Athaliah. .**

When Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the house of YAHWEH:

14 and she looked, and behold, the king stood by the pillar, as the tradition was, and the captains and the shofars by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew shofars. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and cried, "Treason! Treason!"

15 Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks. Kill him who follows her with the sword." For the priest said, "Don't let her be slain in the house of YAHWEH!"

16 So they made way for her; and she went by the way of the horses' entry to the king's house. She was slain there.

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17 Jehoiada made a covenant between YAHWEH and the king and the people, that they should be YAHWEH's people; between the king also and the people.

18 All the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and broke it down; his altars and his images broke they in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. The priest appointed officers over the house of YAHWEH!

19 He took the captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of YAHWEH, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. He sat on the throne of the kings.

20 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. Athaliah they had slain with the sword at the king's house.

21 Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign.

Micah 2.

1 . Woe to Evildoers. .

Woe to those who devise iniquity and work evil on their beds! When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 They covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away: and they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus says YAHWEH: "Behold, I am planning against these people a disaster, from which you will not remove your necks, neither will you walk haughtily; for it is an evil time.

4 In that day they will take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, saying, "We are utterly ruined! My people's possession is divided up. Indeed he takes it from me and assigns our fields to traitors!"

5 Therefore you will have no one who divides the land by lot in the assembly of YAHWEH!

6 . Lying Prophets. .

"Don't prophesy!" They prophesy. "Don't prophesy about these things. Disgrace won't overtake us."

7 Shall it be said, O house of Jacob: "Is the Spirit of YAHWEH angry? Are these his doings? Don't my words do good to him who walks blamelessly?"

8 But lately my people have risen up as an enemy. You strip the robe and clothing from those who pass by without a care, returning from battle.

9 You drive the women of my people out from their pleasant houses; from their young children you take away my blessing forever.

10 Arise, and depart! For this is not your resting place, because of uncleanness that destroys, even with a grievous destruction.

11 If a man walking in a spirit of falsehood lies: "I will prophesy to you of wine and of strong drink;" he would be the prophet of this people.

12 . Israel Restored. .

I will surely assemble, Jacob, all of you; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as a flock in the midst of their pasture; they will swarm with people.

13 He who breaks open the way goes up before them. They break through the gate, and go out. And their king passes on before them, with YAHWEH at their head.

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Psalms 32.

1 .A Psalm of David. A Contemplation..

- By David. A contemplative psalm. Blessed is he whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man to whom YAHWEH doesn't impute iniquity, in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me. My strength was sapped in the heat of summer. Selah.
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to you. I didn't hide my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to YAHWEH, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.
- 6 For this, let everyone who is godly pray to you in a time when you may be found. Surely when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach to him.
- 7 You are my hiding place. You will preserve me from trouble. You will surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go. I will counsel you with my eye on you.
- 9 Don't be like the horse, or like the mule, which have no understanding, who are controlled by bit and bridle, or else they will not come near to you.
- 10 Many sorrows come to the wicked, but loving kindness shall surround him who trusts in YAHWEH!
- 11 Be glad in YAHWEH, and rejoice, you righteous! Shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart!

Proverbs 16.

- 1 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from YAHWEH!
- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but YAHWEH weighs the motives.
- 3 Commit your deeds to YAHWEH, and your plans shall succeed.
- 4 YAHWEH has made everything for its own end yes, even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to YAHWEH: they shall certainly not be unpunished.
- 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for. By the fear of YAHWEH men depart from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways please YAHWEH, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues with injustice.
- 9 A man's heart plans his course, but YAHWEH directs his steps.
- 10 Inspired judgments are on the lips of the king. He shall not betray his mouth.
- 11 Honest balances and scales are YAHWEH's; all the weights in the bag are his work.
- 12 It is an abomination for kings to do wrong, for the throne is established by righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings. They value one who speaks the truth.
- 14 The king's wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man will pacify it.
- 15 In the light of the king's face is life. His favor is like a cloud of the spring rain.
- 16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! Yes, to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
- 17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil. He who keeps his way preserves his soul.
- 18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

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- 19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, than to divide the plunder with the proud.
- 20 He who heeds the Word finds prosperity. Whoever trusts in YAHWEH is blessed.
- 21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent. Pleasantness of the lips promotes instruction.
- 22 Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, but the punishment of fools is their folly.
- 23 The heart of the wise instructs his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.
- 24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
- 25 There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
- 26 The appetite of the laboring man labors for him; for his mouth urges him on.
- 27 A worthless man devises mischief. His speech is like a scorching fire.
- 28 A perverse man stirs up strife. A whisperer separates close friends.
- 29 A man of violence entices his neighbor, and leads him in a way that is not good.
- 30 One who winks his eyes to plot perversities, one who compresses his lips, is bent on evil.
- 31 Gray hair is a crown of glory. It is attained by a life of righteousness.
- 32 One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; one who rules his spirit, than he who takes a city.
- 33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from YAHWEH!

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