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2 Kings 14.

1 . Amaziah Reigns in Judah. .

In the second year of Joash son of Joahaz king of Israel began Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah to reign.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem.

3 He did that which was right in the eyes of YAHWEH, yet not like David his father: he did according to all that Joash his father had done.

4 However the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

5 It happened, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he killed his servants who had slain the king his father:

6 but the children of the murderers he didn't put to death; according to that which is written in the scroll of the Torah of Moses, as YAHWEH commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin."

7 He killed of Edom in the Valley of Salt ten thousand, and took Sela by war, and called its name Joktheel, to this day.

8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us look one another in the face."

9 Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as wife. Then a wild animal that was in Lebanon passed by, and trampled down the thistle.

10 You have indeed struck Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Enjoy the glory of it, and stay at home; for why should you meddle to your harm, that you should fall, even you, and Judah with you?"

11 But Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

12 Judah was defeated by Israel; and they fled every man to his tent.

13 Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

14 He took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of YAHWEH, and in the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place.

17 Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 They made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there.

20 They brought him on horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the

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city of David.

21 All the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

22 He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 . Jeroboam II Reigns in Israel. .

In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria for forty-one years.

24 He did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH: he didn't depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.

25 He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the sea of the Arabah, according to the word of YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath Hepher.

26 For YAHWEH saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter; for there was none shut up nor left at large, neither was there any helper for Israel.

27 YAHWEH didn't say that he would blot out the name of Israel from under the sky; but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, for Israel, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his place.

Micah 4.

1 . YAHWEH's Reign in Zion. .

But in the latter days, it will happen that the mountain of YAHWEH's temple will be established on the top of the mountains, and it will be exalted above the hills; and peoples will stream to it.

2 Many nations will go and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YAHWEH, and to the house of the ELOHIM of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For out of Zion will go forth the Torah (teaching and instruction), and the word of YAHWEH from Jerusalem;

3 and he will judge between many peoples, and will decide concerning strong nations afar off. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war any more.

4 But they will sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and no one will make them afraid: For the mouth of YAHWEH of Hosts has spoken.

5 Indeed all the nations may walk in the name of their gods; but we will walk in the name of YAHWEH our ELOHIM forever and ever.

6 . Zion's Future Triumph. .

"In that day," says YAHWEH, "I will assemble that which is lame, and I will gather that which is driven away, and that which I have afflicted;

7 and I will make that which was lame a remnant, and that which was cast far off a strong nation: and YAHWEH will reign over them on Mount Zion from then on, even forever."

8 You, tower of the flock, the hill of the daughter of Zion, to you it will come, yes, the

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former dominion will come, the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why do you cry out aloud? Is there no king in you? Has your counselor perished, that pains have taken hold of you as of a woman in travail?

10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now you will go forth out of the city, and will dwell in the field, and will come even to Babylon. There you will be rescued. There YAHWEH will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

11 Now many nations have assembled against you, that say, "Let her be defiled, and let our eye gloat over Zion."

12 But they don't know the thoughts of YAHWEH, neither do they understand his counsel; for he has gathered them like the sheaves to the threshing floor.

13 Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion; for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs brass; and you will beat in pieces many peoples: and I will devote their gain to YAHWEH, and their substance to ADONAI of the whole earth.

Psalms 34.

1 . A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.. .

By David; when he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed. I will bless YAHWEH at all times. His praise will always be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall boast in YAHWEH! The humble shall hear of it, and be glad.

3 Oh magnify YAHWEH with me. Let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought YAHWEH, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked to him, and were radiant. Their faces shall never be covered with shame.

6 This poor man cried, and YAHWEH heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of YAHWEH encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8 Oh taste and see that YAHWEH is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

9 Oh fear YAHWEH, you his holy ones, for there is no lack with those who fear him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger, but those who seek YAHWEH shall not lack any good thing.

11 Come, you children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of YAHWEH!

12 Who is someone who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good?

13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking lies.

14 Depart from evil, and do good. seek peace, and pursue it.

15 YAHWEH's eyes are toward the righteous. His ears listen to their cry.

16 YAHWEH's face is against those who do evil, to cut off their memory from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and YAHWEH hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 YAHWEH is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves those who have a crushed spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but YAHWEH delivers him out of them all.

20 He protects all of his bones. Not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall kill the wicked. Those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

22 YAHWEH redeems the soul of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him shall be condemned.

Proverbs 18.

1 An unfriendly man pursues selfishness, and defies all sound judgment.

2 A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own opinion.

3 When wickedness comes, contempt also comes, and with shame comes disgrace.

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- 4 The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters. The fountain of wisdom is like a flowing brook.
- 5 To be partial to the faces of the wicked is not good, nor to deprive the innocent of justice.
- 6 A fool's lips come into strife, and his mouth invites beatings.
- 7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are a snare to his soul.
- 8 The words of a gossip are like dainty morsels: they go down into a person's innermost parts.
- 9 One who is slack in his work is brother to him who is a master of destruction.
- 10 The name of YAHWEH is a strong tower: the righteous run to him, and are safe.
- 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, like an unscalable wall in his own imagination.
- 12 Before destruction the heart of man is proud, but before honor is humility.
- 13 He who gives answer before he hears, that is folly and shame to him.
- 14 A man's spirit will sustain him in sickness, but a crushed spirit, who can bear?
- 15 The heart of the discerning gets knowledge. The ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.
- 17 He who pleads his cause first seems right; until another comes and questions him.
- 18 The lot settles disputes, and keeps strong ones apart.
- 19 A brother offended is more difficult than a fortified city; and disputes are like the bars of a castle.
- 20 A man's stomach is filled with the fruit of his mouth. With the harvest of his lips he is satisfied.
- 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who love it will eat its fruit.
- 22 Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor of YAHWEH!
- 23 The poor plead for mercy, but the rich answer harshly.
- 24 A man of many companions may be ruined, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

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