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2 Kings 15.

1 **. Azariah Reigns in Judah. .**

In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

3 He did that which was right in the eyes of YAHWEH, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

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

5 YAHWEH struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house. Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land.

6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his place.

8 **. Zechariah Reigns in Israel. .**

In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months.

9 He did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, as his fathers had done: he didn't depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.

10 Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck him before the people, and killed him, and reigned in his place.

11 Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This was the word of YAHWEH which he spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel." So it came to pass.

13 **. Shallum Reigns in Israel. .**

Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned for a month in Samaria.

14 Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him, and reigned in his place.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 Then Menahem struck Tiphseh, and all who were therein, and its borders, from Tirzah: because they didn't open to him, therefore he struck it; and all the women therein who were with child he ripped up.

17 **. Menahem Reigns in Israel. .**

In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi began to reign over Israel for ten years in Samaria.

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

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19 There came against the land Pul the king of Assyria; and Menahem gave Pul one thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

20 Menahem exacted the money of Israel, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and didn't stay there in the land.

21 Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.

23 **. Pekahiah Reigns in Israel. .**

In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria for two years.

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

25 Pekah the son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against him, and struck him in Samaria, in the castle of the king's house, with Argob and Arie; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his place.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 **. Pekah Reigns in Israel. .**

In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria for twenty years.

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

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel Beth Maacah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria.

30 Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him, and killed him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 **. Jotham Reigns in Judah. .**

In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

33 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.

34 He did that which was right in the eyes of YAHWEH; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 However the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of YAHWEH!

36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

37 In those days YAHWEH began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

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38 Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

2 Kings 16.

1 . Ahaz Reigns in Judah. .

In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he didn't do that which was right in the eyes of YAHWEH his ELOHIM, like David his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yes, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations, whom YAHWEH cast out from before the children of Israel.

4 He sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath; and the Syrians came to Elath, and lived there, to this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son. Come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me."

8 Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of YAHWEH, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria.

9 The king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried its people captive to Kir, and killed Rezin.

10 King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar that was at Damascus; and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and its pattern, according to all its workmanship.

11 Urijah the priest built an altar: according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so Urijah the priest made it for the coming of king Ahaz from Damascus.

12 When the king had come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king drew near to the altar, and offered on it.

13 He burnt his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, on the altar.

14 The bronze altar, which was before YAHWEH, he brought from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of YAHWEH, and put it on the north side of his altar.

15 King Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, "On the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meal offering, and the king's burnt offering, and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; but the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by."

16 Urijah the priest did so, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17 King Ahaz cut off the panels of the bases, and removed the basin from off them, and took down the sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it, and put it on a pavement of stone.

18 The covered way for the Sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry outside, turned he to the house of YAHWEH, because of the king of Assyria.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, aren't they written in the book of the

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chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

Micah 5.

1 Now you shall gather yourself in troops, daughter of troops. He has laid siege against us. They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

2 . The Coming Messiah. .

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come forth to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.

3 Therefore he will abandon them until the time that she who is in labor gives birth. Then the rest of his brothers will return to the children of Israel.

4 He shall stand, and shall shepherd in the strength of YAHWEH, in the majesty of the name of YAHWEH his ELOHIM: and they will live, for then he will be great to the ends of the earth.

5 He will be our peace when Assyria invades our land, and when he marches through our fortresses, then we will raise against him seven shepherds, and eight leaders of men.

6 . Judgment on Israel's Enemies. .

They will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in its gates. He will deliver us from the Assyrian, when he invades our land, and when he marches within our border.

7 The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from YAHWEH, like showers on the grass, that don't wait for man, nor wait for the sons of men.

8 The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the animals of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep; who, if he goes through, treads down and tears in pieces, and there is no one to deliver.

9 Let your hand be lifted up above your adversaries, and let all of your enemies be cut off.

10 "It will happen in that day," says YAHWEH, "That I will cut off your horses out of the midst of you, and will destroy your chariots.

11 I will cut off the cities of your land, and will tear down all your strongholds.

12 I will destroy witchcraft from your hand; and you shall have no soothsayers.

13 I will cut off your engraved images and your pillars out of your midst; and you shall no more worship the work of your hands.

14 I will uproot your Asherim out of your midst; and I will destroy your cities.

15 I will execute vengeance in anger, and wrath on the nations that didn't listen."

Psalms 35.

1 . A Psalm of David. .

By David. Contend, YAHWEH, with those who contend with me. Fight against those who fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for my help.

3 Brandish the spear and block those who pursue me. Tell my soul, "I am your

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salvation.”

4 Let those who seek after my soul be disappointed and brought to dishonor. Let those who plot my ruin be turned back and confounded.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, YAHWEH’s angel driving them on.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, YAHWEH’s angel pursuing them.

7 For without cause they have hidden their net in a pit for me. Without cause they have dug a pit for my soul.

8 Let destruction come on him unawares. Let his net that he has hidden catch himself. Let him fall into that destruction.

9 My soul shall be joyful in YAHWEH! It shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, “YAHWEH, who is like you, who delivers the poor from him who is too strong for him; yes, the poor and the needy from him who robs him?”

11 Unrighteous witnesses rise up. They ask me about things that I don’t know about.

12 They reward me evil for good, to the bereaving of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth. I afflicted my soul with fasting. My prayer returned into my own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother. I bowed down mourning, as one who mourns his mother.

15 But in my adversity, they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together. The attackers gathered themselves together against me, and I didn’t know it. They tore at me, and didn’t cease.

16 Like the profane mockers in feasts, they gnashed their teeth at me.

17 ADONAI, how long will you look on? Rescue my soul from their destruction, my precious life from the lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great assembly. I will praise you among many people.

19 Don’t let those who are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me; neither let those who hate me without a cause wink their eyes.

20 For they don’t speak peace, but they devise deceitful words against those who are quiet in the land.

21 Yes, they opened their mouth wide against me. They said, “Aha! Aha! Our eye has seen it!”

22 You have seen it, YAHWEH! Don’t keep silent. ADONAI, don’t be far from me.

23 Wake up! Rise up to defend me, my ELOHIM! My ADONAI, contend for me!

24 Vindicate me, YAHWEH my ELOHIM, according to your righteousness. Don’t let them gloat over me.

25 Don’t let them say in their heart, “Aha! That’s the way we want it!” Don’t let them say, “We have swallowed him up!”

26 Let them be disappointed and confounded together who rejoice at my calamity. Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause. Yes, let them say continually, “YAHWEH be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of his servant!”

28 My tongue shall talk about your righteousness and about your praise all day long.

Proverbs 19.

1 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his lips and is a fool.

2 It isn’t good to have zeal without knowledge; nor being hasty with one’s feet and missing the way.

3 The foolishness of man subverts his way; his heart rages against YAHWEH!

4 Wealth adds many friends, but the poor is separated from his friend.

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- 5 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who pours out lies shall not go free.
- 6 Many will entreat the favor of a ruler, and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.
- 7 All the relatives of the poor shun him: how much more do his friends avoid him! He pursues them with pleas, but they are gone.
- 8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul. He who keeps understanding shall find good.
- 9 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who utters lies shall perish.
- 10 Delicate living is not appropriate for a fool, much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
- 11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger. It is his glory to overlook an offense.
- 12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass.
- 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father. A wife's quarrels are a continual dripping.
- 14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from YAHWEH!
- 15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep. The idle soul shall suffer hunger.
- 16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is contemptuous in his ways shall die.
- 17 He who has pity on the poor lends to YAHWEH; he will reward him.
- 18 Discipline your son, for there is hope; don't be a willing party to his death.
- 19 A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty, for if you rescue him, you must do it again.
- 20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end.
- 21 There are many plans in a man's heart, but YAHWEH's counsel will prevail.
- 22 That which makes a man to be desired is his kindness. A poor man is better than a liar.
- 23 The fear of YAHWEH leads to life, then contentment; he rests and will not be touched by trouble.
- 24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Flog a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; rebuke one who has understanding, and he will gain knowledge.
- 26 He who robs his father and drives away his mother, is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.
- 27 If you stop listening to instruction, my son, you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down iniquity.
- 29 Penalties are prepared for scoffers, and beatings for the backs of fools.

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