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2 Kings 17.

1 . Hoshea Reigns in Israel. .

In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel for nine years.

2 He did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him tribute.

4 The king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

5 . Israel Carried Captive to Assyria. .

Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 It was so, because the children of Israel had sinned against YAHWEH their ELOHIM, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

8 and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom YAHWEH cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they made.

9 The children of Israel did secretly things that were not right against YAHWEH their ELOHIM: and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city;

10 and they set them up pillars and Asherim on every high hill, and under every green tree;

11 and there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the nations whom YAHWEH carried away before them; and they worked wicked things to provoke YAHWEH to anger;

12 and they served idols, of which YAHWEH had said to them, "You shall not do this thing."

13 Yet YAHWEH testified to Israel, and to Judah, by every prophet, and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the Torah (teaching and instruction) which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

14 Notwithstanding, they would not listen, but hardened their neck, like the neck of their fathers, who didn't believe in YAHWEH their ELOHIM!

15 They rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified to them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom YAHWEH had commanded them that they should not do like them.

16 They forsook all the commandments of YAHWEH their ELOHIM, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah, and worshiped all the army of the sky, and served Baal.

17 They caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight

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of YAHWEH, to provoke him to anger.

18 Therefore YAHWEH was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

19 Also Judah didn't keep the commandments of YAHWEH their ELOHIM, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

20 YAHWEH rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

21 For he tore Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Israel from following YAHWEH, and made them sin a great sin.

22 The children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they didn't depart from them;

23 until YAHWEH removed Israel out of his sight, as he spoke by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria to this day.

24 . Assyria Resettles Samaria. .

The king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and lived in the cities of it.

25 So it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they didn't fear YAHWEH: therefore YAHWEH sent lions among them, which killed some of them.

26 Therefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations which you have carried away, and placed in the cities of Samaria, don't know the law of the god of the land. Therefore he has sent lions among them, and behold, they kill them, because they don't know the law of the god of the land."

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Carry there one of the priests whom you brought from there; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the law of the god of the land."

28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear YAHWEH!

29 However every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived.

30 The men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31 and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they feared YAHWEH, and made to them from among themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared YAHWEH, and served their own gods, after the ways of the nations from among whom they had been carried away.

34 To this day they do what they did before: they don't fear YAHWEH, neither do they follow their statutes, or their ordinances, or the Torah (teaching and instruction) or the commandment which YAHWEH commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

35 with whom YAHWEH had made a covenant, and commanded them, saying, "You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them;

36 but you shall fear YAHWEH, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm, and you shall bow yourselves to him, and you shall sacrifice to him.

37 The statutes and the ordinances, and the Torah (teaching and instruction) and the

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commandment, which he wrote for you, you shall observe to do forevermore. You shall not fear other gods.

38 You shall not forget the covenant that I have made with you; neither shall you fear other gods.

39 But you shall fear YAHWEH your ELOHIM; and he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.”

40 However they did not listen, but they did what they did before.

41 So these nations feared YAHWEH, and served their engraved images. Their children likewise, and their children’s children, as their fathers did, so they do to this day.

Micah 6.

1 . ELOHIM Pleads with Israel. .

Listen now to what YAHWEH says: “Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear what you have to say.

2 Hear, you mountains, YAHWEH’s controversy, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for YAHWEH has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

3 My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage. I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of YAHWEH!”

6 How shall I come before YAHWEH, and bow myself before the exalted ELOHIM? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

7 Will YAHWEH be pleased with thousands of rams? With tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my disobedience? The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O man, what is good. What does YAHWEH require of you, but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your ELOHIM?

9 . Punishment of Israel's Injustice. .

YAHWEH’s voice calls to the city, and wisdom sees your name: “Listen to the rod, and he who appointed it.

10 Are there yet treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and a short ephah that is accursed?

11 Shall I be pure with dishonest scales, and with a bag of deceitful weights?

12 Her rich men are full of violence, her inhabitants speak lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their speech.

13 Therefore I also have struck you with a grievous wound. I have made you desolate because of your sins.

14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied. Your humiliation will be in your midst. You will store up, but not save; and that which you save I will give up to the sword.

15 You will sow, but won’t reap. You will tread the olives, but won’t anoint yourself with oil; and crush grapes, but won’t drink the wine.

16 For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab. You walk in their counsels, that I may make you a ruin, and her inhabitants a hissing; And you will bear the reproach of my people.”

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Psalms 36.

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

For the Chief Musician. By David, the servant of YAHWEH! An oracle is within my heart about the disobedience of the wicked: "There is no fear of ELOHIM before his eyes."

2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes, too much to detect and hate his sin.

3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit. He has ceased to be wise and to do good.

4 He plots iniquity on his bed. He sets himself in a way that is not good. He doesn't abhor evil.

5 Your loving kindness, YAHWEH, is in the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of ELOHIM! Your judgments are like a great deep. YAHWEH, you preserve man and animal.

7 How precious is your loving kindness, ELOHIM! The children of men take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the abundance of your house. You will make them drink of the river of your pleasures.

9 For with you is the spring of life. In your light shall we see light.

10 Oh continue your loving kindness to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Don't let the foot of pride come against me. Don't let the hand of the wicked drive me away.

12 There the workers of iniquity are fallen. They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

Proverbs 20.

1 Wine is a mocker, and beer is a brawler. Whoever is led astray by them is not wise.

2 The terror of a king is like the roaring of a lion. He who provokes him to anger forfeits his own life.

3 It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife; but every fool will be quarreling.

4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the winter; therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.

5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 Many men claim to be men of unflinching love, but who can find a faithful man?

7 A righteous man walks in integrity. Blessed are his children after him.

8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say, "I have made my heart pure. I am clean and without sin?"

10 Differing weights and differing measures, both of them alike are an abomination to YAHWEH!

11 Even a child makes himself known by his doings, whether his work is pure, and whether it is right.

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, YAHWEH has made even both of them.

13 Don't love sleep, lest you come to poverty. Open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread.

14 "It's no good, it's no good," says the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasts.

15 There is gold and abundance of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a rare jewel.

16 Take the garment of one who puts up collateral for a stranger; and hold him in pledge

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for a wayward woman.

17 Fraudulent food is sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth is filled with gravel.

18 Plans are established by advice; by wise guidance you wage war!

19 He who goes about as a tale-bearer reveals secrets; therefore don't keep company with him who opens wide his lips.

20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in blackness of darkness.

21 An inheritance quickly gained at the beginning, won't be blessed in the end.

22 Don't say, "I will pay back evil." Wait for YAHWEH, and he will save you.

23 YAHWEH detests differing weights, and dishonest scales are not pleasing.

24 A man's steps are from YAHWEH; how then can man understand his way?

25 It is a snare to a man to make a rash dedication, then later to consider his vows.

26 A wise king winnows out the wicked, and drives the threshing wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man is YAHWEH's lamp, searching all his innermost parts.

28 Love and faithfulness keep the king safe. His throne is sustained by love.

29 The glory of young men is their strength. The splendor of old men is their gray hair.

30 Wounding blows cleanse away evil, and beatings purge the innermost parts.

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