228. 15-August Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

1 Chronicles 9.

- 1 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel: and Judah was carried away captive to Babylon for their disobedience.
- 2 Now the first inhabitants who lived in their possessions in their cities were Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim.

3 . Dwellers in Jerusalem. .

In Jerusalem lived of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim and Manasseh:

- 4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Perez the son of Judah.
- 5 Of the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons.
- 6 Of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their brothers, six hundred ninety.
- 7 Of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah,
- 8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;
- 9 and their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred fifty-six. All these men were heads of fathers' households by their fathers' houses.

10 . The Priests at Jerusalem. .

Of the priests: Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, Jachin,

- 11 and Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of ELOHIM;
- 12 and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;
- 13 and their brothers, heads of their fathers' houses, one thousand seven hundred sixty; very able men for the work of the service of the house of ELOHIM!

. The Levites at Jerusalem. .

Of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari:

- 15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph,
- 16 and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

. The Levite Gatekeepers...

The porters: Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brothers (Shallum was the chief),

- 18 who previously served in the king's gate eastward: they were the porters for the camp of the children of Levi.
- 19 Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brothers, of

his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent: and their fathers had been over the camp of YAHWEH, keepers of the entry.

- 20 Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in time past, and YAHWEH was with him.
- 21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was porter of the door of the Tent of Meeting.
- 22 All these who were chosen to be porters in the thresholds were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer ordained in their office of trust.
- 23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of YAHWEH, even the house of the tent, by wards.
- 24 On the four sides were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.
- 25 Their brothers, in their villages, were to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them:
- 26 for the four chief porters, who were Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the rooms and over the treasuries in the house of ELOHIM!
- 27 They lodged around the house of ELOHIM, because that duty was on them; and to them pertained its opening morning by morning.

. Other Levite Responsibilities. .

Certain of them were in charge of the vessels of service; for by count were these brought in and by count were these taken out.

- 29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.
- 30 Some of the sons of the priests prepared the confection of the spices.
- 31 Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the office of trust over the things that were baked in pans.
- 32 Some of their brothers, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the show bread, to prepare it every Sabbath.
- 33 These are the singers, heads of fathers' households of the Levites, who lived in the rooms and were free from other service; for they were employed in their work day and night.
- 34 These were heads of fathers' households of the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men: these lived at Jerusalem.

35 . The Family of King Saul. .

In Gibeon there lived the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maacah:

- 36 and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,
- 37 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.
- 38 Mikloth became the father of Shimeam. They also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, over against their brothers.
- 39 Ner became the father of Kish; and Kish became the father of Saul; and Saul became the father of Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.
- 40 The son of Jonathan was Merib Baal; and Merib Baal became the father of Micah.
- 41 The sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, and Ahaz.
- 42 Ahaz became the father of Jarah; and Jarah became the father of Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza;
- 43 and Moza became the father of Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44 Azel had six sons, whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons of Azel.

Haggai 1.

. The Command to Build ELOHIM's House. . Haggai!

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, the Word of YAHWEH came by Haggai, the prophet, to Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,

- 2 "This is what YAHWEH of Hosts says: These people say, 'The time hasn't yet come, the time for YAHWEH's house to be built."
- 3 Then the Word of YAHWEH came by Haggai, the prophet, saying,
- 4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies waste?
- 5 Now therefore this is what YAHWEH of Hosts says: Consider your ways.
- 6 You have sown much, and bring in little. You eat, but you don't have enough. You drink, but you aren't filled with drink. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm, and he who earns wages earns wages to put them into a bag with holes in it."
- 7 This is what YAHWEH of Hosts says: "Consider your ways.
- 8 Go up to the mountain, bring wood, and build the house. I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified," says YAHWEH!
- 9 "You looked for much, and, behold, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says YAHWEH of Hosts, "Because of my house that lies waste, while each of you is busy with his own house.
- 10 Therefore for your sake the heavens withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit
- 11 I called for a drought on the land, on the mountains, on the grain, on the new wine, on the oil, on that which the ground brings forth, on men, on livestock, and on all the labor of the hands."

. The People's Obedience. .

Then Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of YAHWEH, their ELOHIM, and the words of Haggai, the prophet, as YAHWEH, their ELOHIM, had sent him; and the people feared YAHWEH!

- 13 Then Haggai, YAHWEH's messenger, spoke YAHWEH's message to the people, saying, "I am with you," says YAHWEH!
- 14 YAHWEH stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of YAHWEH of Hosts, their ELOHIM,
- 15 in the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Haggai 2.

1 . The Coming Glory of ELOHIM's House. .

In the seventh month, in the twenty-first day of the month, the Word of YAHWEH came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua, the

son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

- 3 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Isn't it in your eyes as nothing?
- 4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says YAHWEH! 'Be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' says YAHWEH, 'and work, for I am with you,' says YAHWEH of Hosts.
- 5 This is the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, and my Spirit lived among you. 'Don't be afraid.'
- 6 For this is what YAHWEH of Hosts says: 'Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, the earth, the sea, and the dry land;
- 7 and I will shake all nations. The precious things of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory, says YAHWEH of Hosts.
- 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,' says YAHWEH of Hosts.
- 9 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says YAHWEH of Hosts; 'and in this place will I give peace,' says YAHWEH of Hosts."

. The People Are Defiled. .

In the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the Word of YAHWEH came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

- 11 "Thus says YAHWEH of Hosts: Ask now the priests concerning the Torah (teaching and instruction), saying,
- 12 'If someone carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with his fold touches bread, stew, wine, oil, or any food, will it become holy?'" The priests answered, "No."
- 13 Then Haggai said, "If one who is unclean by reason of a dead body touch any of these, will it be unclean?" The priests answered, "It will be unclean."
- 14 Then Haggai answered, "So is this people, and so is this nation before me,' says YAHWEH; 'and so is every work of their hands. That which they offer there is unclean.

. Promised Blessing. .

Now, please consider from this day and backward, before a stone was laid on a stone in the temple of YAHWEH!

- 16 Through all that time, when one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty, there were only twenty.
- 17 I struck you with blight, mildew, and hail in all the work of your hands; yet you didn't turn to me,' says YAHWEH!
- 18 'Consider, please, from this day and backward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, since the day that the foundation of YAHWEH's temple was laid, consider it
- 19 Is the seed yet in the barn? Yes, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree haven't brought forth. From this day will I bless you."

20 . Zerubbabel Chosen as a Signet. .

The Word of YAHWEH came the second time to Haggai in the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying,

- 21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, 'I will shake the heavens and the earth.
- 22 I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms. I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations. I will overthrow the chariots, and those who ride in them. The horses and their riders will come down, everyone by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day, says YAHWEH of Hosts, will I take you, Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says YAHWEH, 'and will make you as a signet, for I have chosen you,' says YAHWEH of Hosts."

Psalms 47.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah...

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. Oh clap your hands, all you nations. Shout to ELOHIM with the voice of triumph!

- 2 For YAHWEH Most High is awesome. He is a great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues nations under us, and peoples under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.
- 5 ELOHIM has gone up with a shout, YAHWEH with the sound of a shofar.
- 6 Sing praise to ELOHIM, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For ELOHIM is the King of all the earth. Sing praises with understanding.
- 8 ELOHIM reigns over the nations. ELOHIM sits on his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together, the people of the ELOHIM of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to ELOHIM! He is greatly exalted!

Proverbs 31.

. The Words of King Lemuel's Mother..

The words of king Lemuel; the oracle which his mother taught him.

- 2 "Oh, my son! Oh, son of my womb! Oh, son of my vows!
- 3 Don't give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings.
- 4 It is not for kings, Lemuel; it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes to say, 'Where is strong drink?'
- 5 lest they drink, and forget the decree, and pervert the justice due to anyone who is afflicted.
- 6 Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish; and wine to the bitter in soul:
- 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
- 8 Open your mouth for the mute, in the cause of all who are left desolate.
- 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and serve justice to the poor and needy."

. The Virtuous Wife. .

Who can find a worthy woman? For her price is far above rubies.

- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her. He shall have no lack of gain.
- 12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works eagerly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchant ships. She brings her bread from afar.
- 15 She rises also while it is yet night, gives food to her household, and portions for her servant girls.
- 16 She considers a field, and buys it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She arms her waist with strength, and makes her arms strong.
- 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp doesn't go out by night.
- 19 She lays her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She opens her arms to the poor; yes, she extends her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She makes for herself carpets of tapestry. Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

- 23 Her husband is respected in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and delivers sashes to the merchant.
- 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing. She laughs at the time to come.
- 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom. Faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- 27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and doesn't eat the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her:
- 29 "Many women do noble things, but you excel them all."
- 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears YAHWEH, she shall be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands! Let her works praise her in the gates!

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