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1 Chronicles 15.,16:1-6.

1 . The Ark Brought to Jerusalem. .

David made him houses in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of ELOHIM, and pitched for it a tent.

2 Then David said, "No one ought to carry the ark of ELOHIM but the Levites. For YAHWEH has chosen them to carry the ark of ELOHIM, and to minister to him forever."

3 David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of YAHWEH to its place, which he had prepared for it.

4 David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and the Levites:

5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and his brothers one hundred twenty;

6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred twenty;

7 of the sons of Gershon, Joel the chief, and his brothers one hundred thirty;

8 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred;

9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his brothers eighty;

10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and his brothers one hundred twelve.

11 David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 and said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites. Sanctify yourselves, both you and your brothers, that you may bring up the ark of YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it.

13 For because you didn't carry it at first, YAHWEH our ELOHIM made broke out against us, because we didn't seek him according to the ordinance."

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

15 The children of the Levites bore the ark of ELOHIM on their shoulders with the poles thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of YAHWEH!

16 David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brothers the singers, with instruments of music, stringed instruments and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;

18 and with them their brothers of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were given cymbals of brass to sound aloud;

20 and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with stringed instruments set to Alamoth;

21 and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps tuned to the eight-stringed lyre, to lead.

22 Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over the song: he instructed about the song, because he was skillful.

23 Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark.

24 Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew the shofars before the ark of ELOHIM: and Obed-Edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH out of the house of Obed-Edom with joy.

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26 It happened, when ELOHIM helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH, that they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.

27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites who bore the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: and David had on him an ephod of linen.

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with shofars, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with stringed instruments and harps.

29 It happened, as the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David dancing and playing; and she despised him in her heart.

1 . **The Ark Placed in the Tabernacle.** .

They brought in the ark of ELOHIM, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before ELOHIM!

2 When David had made an end of offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of YAHWEH!

3 He dealt to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins.

4 He appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of YAHWEH, and to celebrate and to thank and praise YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, with stringed instruments and with harps; and Asaph with cymbals, sounding aloud;

6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with shofars continually, before the ark of the covenant of ELOHIM!

Zechariah 4.

1 . **Vision of the Lampstand and Olive Trees.** .

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep.

2 He said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I have seen, and behold, a menorah all of gold, with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are on the top of it;

3 and two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl, and the other on the left side of it."

4 I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my master?"

5 Then the angel who talked with me answered me, "Don't you know what these are?" I said, "No, my master."

6 Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, "This is the word of YAHWEH to Zerubbabel, saying, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says YAHWEH of Hosts.

7 Who are you, great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you are a plain; and he will bring out the capstone with shouts of 'Grace, grace, to it!'"

8 Moreover the word of YAHWEH came to me, saying,

9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house. His hands shall also finish it; and you will know that YAHWEH of Hosts has sent me to you.

10 Indeed, who despises the day of small things? For these seven shall rejoice, and shall

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see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. These are the eyes of YAHWEH, which run back and forth through the whole earth.”

11 Then I asked him, “What are these two olive trees on the right side of the menorah and on the left side of it?”

12 I asked him the second time, “What are these two olive branches, which are beside the two golden spouts, that pour the golden oil out of themselves?”

13 He answered me, “Don’t you know what these are?” I said, “No, my master.”

14 Then he said, “These are the two anointed ones who stand by ADONAI of the whole earth.”

Psalms 51.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.. .

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, ELOHIM, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions. My sin is constantly before me.

4 Against you, and you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight; that you may be proved right when you speak, and justified when you judge.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity. In sin my mother conceived me.

6 Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts. You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness, That the bones which you have broken may rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all of my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O ELOHIM! Renew a right spirit within me.

11 Don’t throw me from your presence, and don’t take your holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Uphold me with a willing spirit.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways. Sinners shall be converted to you.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O ELOHIM, the ELOHIM of my salvation. My tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

15 ADONAI, open my lips. My mouth shall declare your praise.

16 For you don’t delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it. You have no pleasure in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of ELOHIM are a broken spirit. A broken and contrite heart, O ELOHIM, you will not despise.

18 Do well in your good pleasure to Zion. Build the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, in burnt offerings and in whole burnt offerings. Then they will offer bulls on your altar.

Proverbs 4.

1 . Security in Wisdom. .

Listen, sons, to a father’s instruction. Pay attention and know understanding;

2 for I give you sound learning. Don’t forsake my Torah (teaching and instruction).

3 For I was a son to my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me, and said to me: “Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live.

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- 5 Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don't forget, neither swerve from the words of my mouth.
- 6 Don't forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you.
- 7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding.
- 8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her.
- 9 She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendor to you."
- 10 Listen, my son, and receive my sayings. The years of your life will be many.
- 11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you in straight paths.
- 12 When you go, your steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble.
- 13 Take firm hold of instruction. Don't let her go. Keep her, for she is your life.
- 14 Don't enter into the path of the wicked. Don't walk in the way of evil men.
- 15 Avoid it, and don't pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on.
- 16 For they don't sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken away, unless they make someone fall.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light, that shines more and more until the perfect day.
- 19 The way of the wicked is like darkness. They don't know what they stumble over.
- 20 My son, attend to my words. Turn your ear to my sayings.
- 21 Let them not depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart.
- 22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to their whole body.
- 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life.
- 24 Put away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you.
- 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you.
- 26 Make the path of your feet level. Let all of your ways be established.
- 27 Don't turn to the right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot from evil.

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