233. 20-August Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

1 Chronicles 16:7-43.

. David's Song of Thanksgiving. .

Then on that day David first ordained to give thanks to YAHWEH, by the hand of Asaph and his brothers.

- 8 Oh give thanks to YAHWEH! Call on his name. Make his doings known among the peoples.
- 9 Sing to him. Sing praises to him. Tell of all his marvelous works.
- 10 Glory in his holy name. Let the heart of those who seek YAHWEH rejoice.
- 11 Seek YAHWEH and his strength. Seek his face forever more.
- 12 Remember his marvelous works that he has done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,
- 13 you seed of Israel his servant, you children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- 14 He is YAHWEH our ELOHIM! His judgments are in all the earth.
- 15 Remember his covenant forever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations,
- 16 the covenant which he made with Abraham, his oath to Isaac.
- 17 He confirmed the same to Jacob for a statute, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant.
- 18 saying, "I will give you the land of Canaan, The lot of your inheritance,"
- 19 when you were but a few men in number, yes, very few, and foreigners were in it.
- 20 They went about from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people.
- 21 He allowed no man to do them wrong. Yes, he reproved kings for their sakes,
- 22 "Don't touch my anointed ones! Do my prophets no harm!"
- 23 Sing to YAHWEH, all the earth! Display his salvation from day to day.
- 24 Declare his glory among the nations, and his marvelous works among all the peoples.
- 25 For great is YAHWEH, and greatly to be praised. He also is to be feared above all gods.
- 26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but YAHWEH made the heavens.
- 27 Honor and majesty are before him. Strength and gladness are in his place.
- **28** Ascribe to YAHWEH, you relatives of the peoples, ascribe to YAHWEH glory and strength!
- 29 Ascribe to YAHWEH the glory due to his name. Bring an offering, and come before him. Worship YAHWEH in holy array.
- 30 Tremble before him, all the earth. The world also is established that it can't be moved.
- 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let them say among the nations, "YAHWEH reigns!"
- 32 Let the sea roar, and its fullness! Let the field exult, and all that is therein!
- 33 Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before YAHWEH, for he comes to judge the earth.
- 34 Oh give thanks to YAHWEH, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.
- 35 Say, "Save us, ELOHIM of our salvation! Gather us together and deliver us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, to triumph in your praise."
- 36 Blessed be YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. All the people said, "Amen," and praised YAHWEH!

37 . Regular Worship Maintained...

So he left there, before the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH, Asaph and his brothers, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required;

- 38 and Obed-Edom with their brothers, sixty-eight; Obed-Edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be doorkeepers;
- 39 and Zadok the priest, and his brothers the priests, before the tabernacle of YAHWEH in the high place that was at Gibeon,
- 40 to offer burnt offerings to YAHWEH on the altar of burnt offering continually morning and evening, even according to all that is written in the Torah of YAHWEH, which he commanded to Israel:
- 41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest who were chosen, who were mentioned by name, to give thanks to YAHWEH, because his loving kindness endures forever:
- 42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun with shofars and cymbals for those that should sound aloud, and with instruments for the songs of ELOHIM; and the sons of Jeduthun to be at the gate.
- 43 All the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

Zechariah 5.

. Vision of the Flying Scroll. .

Then again I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, a flying scroll.

- 2 He said to me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty cubits, and its breadth ten cubits."
- 3 Then he said to me, "This is the curse that goes out over the surface of the whole land; for everyone who steals shall be cut off according to it on the one side; and everyone who swears falsely shall be cut off according to it on the other side.
- 4 I will cause it to go out," says YAHWEH of Hosts, "and it will enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him who swears falsely by my name; and it will remain in the midst of his house, and will destroy it with its timber and its stones."

5 . Vision of the Woman in a Basket. .

Then the angel who talked with me came forward, and said to me, "Lift up now your eyes, and see what is this that is appearing."

- 6 I said, "What is it?" He said, "This is the efah basket that is appearing." He said moreover, "This is their appearance in all the land
- 7 (and behold, a talent of lead was lifted up); and this is a woman sitting in the midst of the efah basket."
- 8 He said, "This is Wickedness;" and he threw her down into the midst of the efah basket; and he threw the weight of lead on its mouth.
- 9 Then lifted I up my eyes, and saw, and behold, there were two women, and the wind was in their wings. Now they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the efah basket between earth and the sky.
- 10 Then I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are these carrying the efah basket?"
- 11 He said to me, "To build her a house in the land of Shinar. When it is prepared, she will be set there in her own place."

Psalms 52.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of David when Doeg the Edomite went and told Saul, and said to him, David has gone to the house of Ahimelech.. .

For the Chief Musician. A contemplation by David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, "David has come to Abimelech's house." Why do you boast of mischief, mighty man? ELOHIM's loving kindness endures continually.

- 2 Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
- 3 You love evil more than good, lying rather than speaking the truth. Selah.
- 4 You love all devouring words, you deceitful tongue.
- 5 ELOHIM will likewise destroy you forever. He will take you up, and pluck you out of your tent, and root you out of the land of the living. Selah.
- 6 The righteous also will see it, and fear, and laugh at him, saying,
- 7 "Behold, this is the man who didn't make ELOHIM his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness."
- 8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in ELOHIM's house. I trust in ELOHIM's loving kindness forever and ever.
- 9 I will give you thanks forever, because you have done it. I will hope in your name, for it is good, in the presence of your holy ones.

Proverbs 5.

1 . The Peril of Adultery. .

My son, pay attention to my wisdom. Turn your ear to my understanding:

- 2 that you may maintain discretion, that your lips may preserve knowledge.
- 3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey. Her mouth is smoother than oil,
- 4 But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, and as sharp as a two-edged sword.
- 5 Her feet go down to death. Her steps lead straight to Sheol.
- 6 She gives no thought to the way of life. Her ways are crooked, and she doesn't know it.
- 7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me. Don't depart from the words of my mouth.
- 8 Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house,
- 9 lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel one;
- 10 lest strangers feast on your wealth, and your labors enrich another man's house.
- 11 You will groan at your latter end, when your flesh and your body are consumed,
- 12 and say, "How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
- 13 neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor turned my ear to those who instructed me!
- 14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin, in the midst of the gathered assembly."
- 15 Drink water out of your own cistern, running water out of your own well.
- 16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares?
- 17 Let them be for yourself alone, not for strangers with you.
- 18 Let your spring be blessed. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.
- 19 A loving doe and a graceful deer let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be captivated always with her love.
- **20** For why should you, my son, be captivated with an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another?
- 21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of YAHWEH! He examines all his paths.
- 22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare him. The cords of his sin hold him firmly.
- 23 He will die for lack of instruction. In the greatness of his folly, he will go astray.

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