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1 Chronicles 18.

1 **. David's Further Conquests. .**

After this it happened, that David struck the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 He struck Moab; and the Moabites became servants to David, and brought tribute.

3 David struck Hadadezer king of Zobah to Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

4 David took from him one thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for one hundred chariots.

5 When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck of the Syrians twenty-two thousand men.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought tribute. YAHWEH gave victory to David wherever he went.

7 David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 From Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took very much brass, with which Solomon made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

9 When Tou king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,

10 he sent Hadoram his son to king David, to Greet him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him; (for Hadadezer had wars with Tou;) and he had with him all kinds of vessels of gold and silver and brass.

11 King David also dedicated these to YAHWEH, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruah struck of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand.

13 He put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. YAHWEH gave victory to David wherever he went.

14 **. David's Administration. .**

David reigned over all Israel; and he executed justice and righteousness to all his people.

15 Joab the son of Zeruah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

16 and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Shavsha was scribe;

17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

1 Chronicles 19.

1 **. The Ammonites and Syrians Defeated. .**

It happened after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his place.

2 David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his

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father. David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him.

3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David honors your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Haven't his servants come to you to search, to overthrow, and to spy out the land?"

4 So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then there went certain persons, and told David how the men were served. He sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. The king said, "Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return."

6 When the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent one thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Arammaacah, and out of Zobah.

7 So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people, who came and encamped before Medeba. The children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

8 When David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the army of the mighty men.

9 The children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the gate of the city: and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians.

11 The rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai his brother; and they put themselves in array against the children of Ammon.

12 He said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you are to help me; but if the children of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you.

13 Be courageous, and let us be strong for our people, and for the cities of our ELOHIM! May YAHWEH do that which seems good to him."

14 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near before the Syrians to the battle; and they fled before him.

15 When the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

16 When the Syrians saw that they were defeated by Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians who were beyond the River, with Shophach the captain of the army of Hadadezer at their head.

17 It was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came on them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 The Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed of the Syrians the men of seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the army.

19 When the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David, and served him: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

Zechariah 7.

1 . Obedience Better than Fasting. .

It happened in the fourth year of king Darius that the word of YAHWEH came to Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, the month of Chislev.

2 The people of Bethel sent Sharezer and Regem Melech, and their men, to entreat YAHWEH's favor,

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3 and to speak to the priests of the house of YAHWEH of Hosts, and to the prophets, saying, “Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?”

4 Then the word of YAHWEH of Hosts came to me, saying,

5 “Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh month for these seventy years, did you at all fast to me, really to me?’

6 When you eat, and when you drink, don’t you eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?’

7 Aren’t these the words which YAHWEH proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and its cities around her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?’”

8 . Disobedience Resulted in Captivity. .

The word of YAHWEH came to Zechariah, saying,

9 “Thus has YAHWEH of Hosts spoken, saying, ‘Execute true judgment, and show kindness and compassion every man to his brother.

10 Don’t oppress the widow, nor the fatherless, the foreigner, nor the poor; and let none of you devise evil against his brother in your heart.’

11 But they refused to listen, and turned their backs, and stopped their ears, that they might not hear.

12 Yes, they made their hearts as hard as flint, lest they might hear the Torah (teaching and instruction), and the words which YAHWEH of Hosts had sent by his Spirit by the former prophets. Therefore great wrath came from YAHWEH of Hosts.

13 It has come to pass that, as he called, and they refused to listen, so they will call, and I will not listen,” said YAHWEH of Hosts;

14 “but I will scatter them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they have not known. Thus the land was desolate after them, so that no man passed through nor returned: for they made the pleasant land desolate.”

Psalms 54.

1 . To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Contemplation of David when the Ziphites went and said to Saul, Is David not hiding with us?.

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For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation by David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, “Isn’t David hiding himself among us?” Save me, ELOHIM, by your name. Vindicate me in your might.

2 Hear my prayer, ELOHIM! Listen to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers have risen up against me. Violent men have sought after my soul. They haven’t set ELOHIM before them. Selah.

4 Behold, ELOHIM is my helper. ADONAI is the one who sustains my soul.

5 He will repay the evil to my enemies. Destroy them in your truth.

6 With a free will offering, I will sacrifice to you. I will give thanks to your name, YAHWEH, for it is good.

7 For he has delivered me out of all trouble. My eye has seen triumph over my enemies.

Proverbs 7.

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1 My son, keep my words. Lay up my commandments within you.
2 Keep my commandments and live! Guard my teaching as the apple of your eye.
3 Bind them on your fingers. Write them on the tablet of your heart.
4 Tell wisdom, "You are my sister." Call understanding your relative,
5 that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.

6 . The Crafty Harlot. .

For at the window of my house, I looked out through my lattice.
7 I saw among the simple ones. I discerned among the youths a young man void of understanding,
8 passing through the street near her corner, he went the way to her house,
9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.
10 Behold, there a woman met him with the attire of a prostitute, and with crafty intent.
11 She is loud and defiant. Her feet don't stay in her house.
12 Now she is in the streets, now in the squares, and lurking at every corner.
13 So she caught him, and kissed him. With an impudent face she said to him:
14 "Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me. This day I have paid my vows.
15 Therefore I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I have found you.
16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, with striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.
17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let's take our fill of loving until the morning. Let's solace ourselves with loving.
19 For my husband isn't at home. He has gone on a long journey.
20 He has taken a bag of money with him. He will come home at the full moon."
21 With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him.
22 He followed her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, as a fool stepping into a noose.
23 Until an arrow strikes through his liver, as a bird hurries to the snare, and doesn't know that it will cost his life.
24 Now therefore, sons, listen to me. Pay attention to the words of my mouth.
25 Don't let your heart turn to her ways. Don't go astray in her paths,
26 for she has thrown down many wounded. Yes, all her slain are a mighty army.
27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the rooms of death.

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