239. 26-August Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

1 Chronicles 25.

1 <u>. The Musicians. .</u>

Moreover, David and the captains of the army set apart for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with stringed instruments, and with cymbals: and the number of those who did the work according to their service was:

2 of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asharelah, the sons of Asaph, under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied after the order of the king.

3 Of Jeduthun; the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising YAHWEH!

4 Of Heman; the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth.

5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of ELOHIM, to lift up the horn. ELOHIM gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of YAHWEH, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of the house of ELOHIM; Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the order of the king.

7 The number of them, with their brothers who were instructed in singing to YAHWEH, even all who were skillful, was two hundred eighty-eight.

8 They cast lots for their offices, all alike, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.

9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah; he and his brothers and sons were twelve:

10 the third to Zaccur, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

11 the fourth to Izri, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

13 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

14 the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

15 the eighth to Jeshaiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

16 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

17 the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

18 the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

20 for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

21 for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

22 for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

23 for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

24 for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

25 for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

26 for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

27 for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

28 for the one and twentieth to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

29 for the two and twentieth to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

30 for the three and twentieth to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

31 for the four and twentieth to Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

1 Chronicles 26.

1 . The Gatekeepers. .

For the divisions of the doorkeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

2 Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

4 Obed-Edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethanel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth; for ELOHIM blessed him.

6 Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born, who ruled over the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor.

7 The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brothers were valiant men, Elihu, and Semachiah.

8 All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom: they and their sons and their brothers, able men in strength for the service; sixty-two of Obed-Edom.

9 Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, valiant men, eighteen.

10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief, (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him chief),

11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen.

12 Of these were the divisions of the doorkeepers, even of the chief men, having offices like their brothers, to minister in the house of YAHWEH!

13 They cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate.

14 The lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward.

15 To Obed-Edom southward; and to his sons the storehouse.

16 To Shuppim and Hosah westward, by the gate of Shallecheth, at the causeway that goes up, watch against watch.

17 Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and for the storehouse two and two.

18 For Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar.

19 These were the divisions of the doorkeepers; of the sons of the Korahites, and of the sons of Merari.

20 . The Treasuries and Other Duties. .

Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of ELOHIM, and over the treasures of the dedicated things.

21 The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the fathers' households belonging to Ladan the Gershonite: Jehieli.

22 The sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and Joel his brother, over the treasures of the house of YAHWEH!

23 Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites:

24 and Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler over the treasures.

25 His brothers: of Eliezer, Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son.

26 This Shelomoth and his brothers were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of the fathers' households, the captains over

thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated. 27 They dedicated some of the spoil won in battles to repair the house of YAHWEH! 28 All that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated, whoever had dedicated anything, it was under the hand of Shelomoth, and of his brothers.

29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.

30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, men of valor, one thousand seven hundred, had the oversight of Israel beyond the Jordan westward, for all the business of YAHWEH, and for the service of the king.

31 Of the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even of the Hebronites, according to their generations by fathers' households. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jazer of Gilead. 32 His brothers, men of valor, were two thousand seven hundred, heads of fathers' households, whom king David made overseers over the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites, for every matter pertaining to ELOHIM, and for the affairs of the king.

Zechariah 11.

1 <u>. Desolation of Israel. .</u>

Open your doors, Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars.

2 Wail, fir tree, for the cedar has fallen, because the stately ones are destroyed. Wail, you oaks of Bashan, for the strong forest has come down.

3 A voice of the wailing of the shepherds! For their glory is destroyed: a voice of the roaring of young lions! For the pride of the Jordan is ruined.

4 . Prophecy of the Shepherds. .

Thus says YAHWEH my ELOHIM: "Feed the flock of slaughter.

5 Their buyers slaughter them, and go unpunished. Those who sell them say, 'Blessed be YAHWEH, for I am rich;' and their own shepherds don't pity them.

6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land," says YAHWEH; "but, behold, I will deliver the men everyone into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king. They will strike the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them."

7 So I fed the flock of slaughter, especially the oppressed of the flock. I took for myself two staffs. The one I called "Favor," and the other I called "Union," and I fed the flock. 8 I cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul also loathed me.

9 Then I said, "I will not feed you. That which dies, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let those who are left eat each other's flesh."

10 I took my staff Favor, and cut it apart, that I might break my covenant that I had made with all the peoples.

11 It was broken in that day; and thus the poor of the flock that listened to me knew that it was the word of YAHWEH!

12 I said to them, "If you think it best, give me my wages; and if not, keep them." So they weighed for my wages thirty pieces of silver.

13 YAHWEH said to me, "Throw it to the potter, the handsome price that I was valued at by them!" I took the thirty pieces of silver, and threw them to the potter, in the house of YAHWEH!

14 Then I cut apart my other staff, even Union, that I might break the brotherhood

between Judah and Israel.

15 YAHWEH said to me, "Take for yourself yet again the equipment of a foolish shepherd.

16 For, behold, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, who will not visit those who are cut off, neither will seek those who are scattered, nor heal that which is broken, nor feed that which is sound; but he will eat the flesh of the fat sheep, and will tear their hoofs in pieces.

¹⁷ Woe to the worthless shepherd who leaves the flock! The sword will be on his arm, and on his right eye. His arm will be completely withered, and his right eye will be totally blinded!"

Psalms 58.

<u>. To the Chief Musician. Set to Do Not Destroy. A Michtam of David..</u> <u>.</u>

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David. Do you indeed speak righteousness, silent ones? Do you judge blamelessly, you sons of men? 2 No, in your heart you plot injustice. You measure out the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked go astray from the womb. They are wayward as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison is like the poison of a snake; like a deaf cobra that stops its ear,

5 which doesn't listen to the voice of charmers, no matter how skillful the charmer may be.

6 Break their teeth, ELOHIM, in their mouth. Break out the great teeth of the young lions, YAHWEH!

7 Let them vanish as water that flows away. When they draw the bow, let their arrows be made blunt.

8 Let them be like a snail which melts and passes away, like the stillborn child, who has not seen the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the heat of the thorns, he will sweep away the green and the burning alike.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance. He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked;

11 so that men shall say, "Most certainly there is a reward for the righteous. Most certainly there is an ELOHIM who judges the earth."

Proverbs 11.

1 A false balance is an abomination to YAHWEH, but accurate weights are his delight.

2 When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom.

3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.

4 Riches don't profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but the unfaithful will be trapped by evil desires.

⁷When a wicked man dies, hope perishes, and expectation of power comes to nothing. 8 A righteous person is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked takes his place.

9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but the righteous will be

delivered through knowledge.

10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices. When the wicked perish, there is shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 One who despises his neighbor is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding holds his peace.

13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a secret.

14 Where there is no wise guidance, the nation falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is victory.

15 He who is collateral for a stranger will suffer for it, but he who refuses pledges of collateral is secure.

16 A gracious woman obtains honor, but violent men obtain riches.

17 The merciful man does good to his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

18 Wicked people earn deceitful wages, but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.

19 He who is truly righteous gets life. He who pursues evil gets death.

20 Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination to YAHWEH, but those whose ways are blameless are his delight.

21 Most certainly, the evil man will not be unpunished, but the seed of the righteous will be delivered.

22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout, is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous is only good. The expectation of the wicked is wrath.

24 There is one who scatters, and increases yet more. There is one who withholds more than is appropriate, but gains poverty.

25 The liberal soul shall be made fat. He who waters shall be watered also himself.26 People curse someone who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come to him.

28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.29 He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind. The foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. He who is wise wins souls.

31 Behold, the righteous shall be repaid in the earth; how much more the wicked and the sinner!

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