243. 30-August Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

2 Chronicles 2:17-to-end, 3., 4., 5:1.

- 17 Solomon numbered all the foreigners who were in Eretz-Israel, after the numbering with which David his father had numbered them; and they were found one hundred fifty-three thousand six hundred.
- 18 He set seventy thousand of them to bear burdens, and eighty thousand who were stone cutters in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred overseers to set the people at work.

. Solomon Builds the Temple. .

Then Solomon began to build the house of YAHWEH at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where YAHWEH appeared to David his father, which he prepared in the place that David had appointed, in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

- 2 He began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.
- 3 Now these are the foundations which Solomon laid for the building of the house of ELOHIM! The length by cubits after the first measure was sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.
- 4 The porch that was in front, its length, according to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and the height one hundred twenty; and he overlaid it within with pure gold.
- 5 The greater house he made a ceiling with fir wood, which he overlaid with fine gold, and ornamented it with palm trees and chains.
- 6 He garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim.
- 7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the thresholds, and its walls, and its doors, with gold; and engraved cherubim on the walls.
- 8 He made the most holy house: its length, according to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and its breadth twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents.
- 9 The weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. He overlaid the upper rooms with gold. 10 In the most holy house he made two cherubim of image work; and they overlaid them with gold.
- 11 The wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: the wing of the one was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.
- 12 The wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits, joining to the wing of the other cherub.
- 13 The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were toward the house.
- 14 He made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and ornamented it with cherubim.
- 15 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty-five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.
- 16 He made chains in the oracle, and put them on the tops of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.
- 17 He set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

1 . Furnishings of the Temple. .

Then he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits its length, and twenty cubits its breadth, and ten cubits its height.

- 2 Also he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass; and its height was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits encircled it.
- 3 Under it was the likeness of oxen, which encircled it, for ten cubits, encircling the sea. The oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast.
- 4 It stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set on them above, and all their hinder parts were inward.
- 5 It was a handbreadth thick; and its brim was worked like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it received and held three thousand baths.
- 6 He made also ten basins, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as belonged to the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.
- 7 He made the ten menorahs of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.
- 8 He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. He made one hundred basins of gold.
- 9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with brass.
- 10 He set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south.
- 11 Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. So Huram made an end of doing the work that he did for king Solomon in the house of ELOHIM:
- 12 the two pillars, and the bowls, and the two capitals which were on the top of the pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars,
- 13 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars.
- 14 He made also the bases, and the basins made he on the bases;
- 15 one sea, and the twelve oxen under it.
- 16 Huram his father also made the pots, the shovels, the forks, and all its vessels for king Solomon for the house of YAHWEH of bright brass.
- 17 The king cast them in the plain of the Jordan, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah.
- 18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.
- 19 Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of ELOHIM, the golden altar also, and the tables with the show bread on them;
- 20 and the menorahs with their lamps, to burn according to the ordinance before the oracle, of pure gold;
- 21 and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold, and that perfect gold;
- 22 and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the fire pans, of pure gold: and as for the entry of the house, the inner doors of it for the most holy place, and the doors of the main hall of the temple were of gold.
- 1 Thus all the work that Solomon did for the house of YAHWEH was finished. Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of ELOHIM!

1 Malachi!

An oracle: the word of YAHWEH to Israel by Malachi.

. Israel Beloved of ELOHIM. .

- 2 "I have loved you," says YAHWEH! Yet you say, "How have you loved us?" "Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother?" says YAHWEH, "Yet I loved Jacob;
- 3 but Esau I hated, and made his mountains a desolation, and gave his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness."
- 4 Whereas Edom says, "We are beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places;" thus says YAHWEH of Hosts, "They shall build, but I will throw down; and men will call them 'The Wicked Land,' even the people against whom YAHWEH shows wrath forever."
- 5 Your eyes will see, and you will say, "YAHWEH is great even beyond the border of Israel!"

6 . Polluted Offerings. .

- "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, then where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is the respect due me? Says YAHWEH of Hosts to you, priests, who despise my name. You say, 'How have we despised your name?'
- 7 You offer polluted bread on my altar. You say, 'How have we polluted you?' In that you say, 'YAHWEH's table contemptible.'
- 8 When you offer the blind for sacrifice, isn't that evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, isn't that evil? Present it now to your governor! Will he be pleased with you? Or will he accept your person?" says YAHWEH of Hosts.
- 9 "Now, please entreat the favor of EL, that he may be gracious to us. With this, will he accept any of you?" says YAHWEH of Hosts.
- 10 "Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you," says YAHWEH of Hosts, "neither will I accept an offering at your hand.
- 11 For from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the nations," says YAHWEH of Hosts.
- 12 "But you profane it, in that you say, 'YAHWEH's table is polluted, and its fruit, even its food, is contemptible.'
- 13 You say also, 'Behold, what a weariness it is!' and you have sniffed at it," says YAHWEH of Hosts; "and you have brought that which was taken by violence, the lame, and the sick; thus you bring the offering. Should I accept this at your hand?" says YAHWEH!
- 14 "But the deceiver is cursed, who has in his flock a male, and vows, and sacrifices to ADONAI a blemished thing; for I am a great King," says YAHWEH of Hosts, "and my name is awesome among the nations."

1 . Corrupt Priests. .

- "Now, you priests, this commandment is for you.
- 2 If you will not listen, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name," says YAHWEH of Hosts, "then will I send the curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have cursed them already, because you do not lay it to heart.
- 3 Behold, I will rebuke your seed, and will spread dung on your faces, even the dung of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it.
- 4 You will know that I have sent this commandment to you, that my covenant may be

with Levi," says YAHWEH of Hosts.

- 5 "My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him that he might be reverent toward me; and he was reverent toward me, and stood in awe of my name.
- 6 The Torah (teaching and instruction) of truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found in his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many away from iniquity.
- 7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the Torah (teaching and instruction) at his mouth; for he is the messenger of YAHWEH of Hosts.
- 8 But you have turned aside out of the way. You have caused many to stumble in the Torah (teaching and instruction). You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," says YAHWEH of Hosts.
- 9 "Therefore I have also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according to the way you have not kept my ways, but have had respect for persons in the Torah (teaching and instruction).

Psalms 62.

. To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David...

For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthan. A Psalm by David. My soul rests in ELOHIM alone. My salvation [yeshuah-ti] is from him.

- 2 He alone is my rock and my salvation [yeshuah-ti], my fortress I will never be greatly shaken.
- 3 How long will you assault a man, would all of you throw him down, Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
- 4 They fully intend to throw him down from his lofty place. They delight in lies. They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.
- 5 My soul, wait in silence for ELOHIM alone, for my expectation is from him.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation [yeshuah-ti], my fortress. I will not be shaken.
- 7 With ELOHIM is my salvation and my honor. The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in ELOHIM!
- 8 Trust in him at all times, you people. Pour out your heart before him. ELOHIM is a refuge for us. Selah.
- 9 Surely men of low degree are just a breath, and men of high degree are a lie. In the balances they will go up. They are together lighter than a breath.
- 10 Don't trust in oppression. Don't become vain in robbery. If riches increase, don't set your heart on them.
- 11 ELOHIM has spoken once; twice I have heard this, that power belongs to ELOHIM!
- 12 Also to you, ADONAI, belongs loving kindness, for you reward every man according to his work.

Proverbs 15.

- 1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- 2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of fools gush out folly.
- 3 YAHWEH's eyes are everywhere, keeping watch on the evil and the good.
- 4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but deceit in it crushes the spirit.
- 5 A fool despises his father's correction, but he who heeds reproof shows prudence.
- 6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure, but the income of the wicked brings trouble.

- 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so with the heart of fools.
- 8 The sacrifice made by the wicked is an abomination to YAHWEH, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to YAHWEH, but he loves him who follows after righteousness.
- 10 There is stern discipline for one who forsakes the way: whoever hates reproof shall die.
- 11 Sheol and Abaddon are before YAHWEH how much more then the hearts of the children of men!
- 12 A scoffer doesn't love to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.
- 13 A glad heart makes a cheerful face; but an aching heart breaks the spirit.
- 14 The heart of one who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted are wretched, but one who has a cheerful heart enjoys a continual feast.
- 16 Better is little, with the fear of YAHWEH, than great treasure with trouble.
- 17 Better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, than a fattened calf with hatred.
- 18 A wrathful man stirs up contention, but one who is slow to anger appeases strife.
- 19 The way of the sluggard is like a thorn patch, but the path of the upright is a highway.
- 20 A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.
- 21 Folly is joy to one who is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding keeps his way straight.
- 22 Where there is no counsel, plans fail; but in a multitude of counselors they are established.
- 23 Joy comes to a man with the reply of his mouth. How good is a word at the right time!
- 24 The path of life leads upward for the wise, to keep him from going downward to Sheol.
- 25 YAHWEH will uproot the house of the proud, but he will keep the widow's borders intact.
- 26 YAHWEH detests the thoughts of the wicked, but the thoughts of the pure are pleasing.
- 27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live.
- 28 The heart of the righteous weighs answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes out evil.
- 29 YAHWEH is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.
- 30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart. Good news gives health to the bones.
- 31 The ear that listens to reproof lives, and will be at home among the wise.
- 32 He who refuses correction despises his own soul, but he who listens to reproof gets understanding.
- 33 The fear of YAHWEH teaches wisdom. Before honor is humility.

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