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2 Chronicles 6.

1 Then Solomon said, "YAHWEH has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

2 But I have built you a house of habitation, and a place for you to dwell in forever."

3 . Solomon's Speech upon Completion of the Work. .

The king turned his face, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood.

4 He said, "Blessed be YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David my father, and has with his hands fulfilled it, saying,

5 'Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be prince over my people Israel:

6 but I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.'

7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

8 But YAHWEH said to David my father, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart:

9 nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come forth out of your body, he shall build the house for my name.'

10 "YAHWEH has performed his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as YAHWEH promised, and have built the house for the name of YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

11 There I have set the ark, in which is the covenant of YAHWEH, which he made with the children of Israel."

12 . Solomon's Prayer of Dedication. .

He stood before the altar of YAHWEH in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands

13 (for Solomon had made a bronze scaffold, five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and on it he stood, and kneeled down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven;)

14 and he said, "YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, there is no ELOHIM like you, in heaven, or on earth; you who keep covenant and loving kindness with your servants, who walk before you with all their heart;

15 who have kept with your servant David my father that which you promised him: yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is this day.

16 "Now therefore, YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, "There shall not fail you a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to their way, to walk in my Torah (teaching and instruction) as you have walked before me.'

17 Now therefore, YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, let your word be verified, which you spoke to your servant David.

18 "But will ELOHIM indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens can't contain you; how much less this house which I have built!

19 Yet have respect for the prayer of your servant, and to his supplication, YAHWEH my

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ELOHIM, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before you; 20 that your eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place where you have said that you would put your name; to listen to the prayer which your servant shall pray toward this place.

21 Listen to the petitions of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yes, hear from your dwelling place, even from heaven; and when you hear, forgive.

22 “If a man sin against his neighbor, and an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, and he comes and swears before your altar in this house;

23 then hear from heaven, and do, and judge your servants, bringing retribution to the wicked, to bring his way on his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

24 “If your people Israel be struck down before the enemy, because they have sinned against you, and shall turn again and confess your name, and pray and make supplication before you in this house;

25 then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which you gave to them and to their fathers.

26 “When the sky is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you afflict them:

27 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance.

28 “If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is;

29 whatever prayer and supplication be made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall know every man his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread forth his hands toward this house:

30 then hear from heaven, your dwelling place and forgive, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know; (for you, even you only, know the hearts of the children of men;)

31 that they may fear you, to walk in your ways, so long as they live in the land which you gave to our fathers.

32 “Moreover concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he shall come from a far country for your great name’s sake, and your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm; when they shall come and pray toward this house:

33 then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, and fear you, as does your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.

34 “If your people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to you toward this city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name;

35 then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 “If they sin against you (for there is no man who doesn’t sin), and you are angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive to a land far off or near;

37 yet if they shall repent themselves in the land where they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication to you in the land of their captivity, saying, ‘We have sinned, we have done perversely, and have dealt wickedly;’

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38 if they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, and the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name:

39 then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling place, their prayer and their petitions, and maintain their cause, and forgive your people who have sinned against you.

40 “Now, my ELOHIM, let, I beg you, your eyes be open, and let your ears be attentive, to the prayer that is made in this place.

41 “Now therefore arise, YAHWEH ELOHIM, into your resting place, you, and the ark of your strength: let your priests, YAHWEH ELOHIM, be clothed with salvation [yeshu`ah], and let your holy ones rejoice in goodness.

42 “YAHWEH ELOHIM, don’t turn away the face of your anointed. Remember your loving kindnesses to David your servant.”

Malachi 3.

1 . **The Coming Messenger.** .

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and ADONAI, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, behold, he comes!” says YAHWEH of Hosts.

2 “But who can endure the day of his coming? And who will stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire, and like launderer’s soap;

3 and he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver; and they shall offer to YAHWEH offerings in righteousness.

4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to YAHWEH, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years.

5 I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the perjurers, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and who deprive the foreigner of justice, and don’t fear me,” says YAHWEH of Hosts.

6 “For I, YAHWEH, don’t change; therefore you, sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my ordinances, and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says YAHWEH of Hosts. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

8 . **Do Not Rob ELOHIM.** .

Will a man rob ELOHIM? Yet you rob me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In tithes and offerings.

9 You are cursed with the curse; for you rob me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this,” says YAHWEH of Hosts, “if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough for.

11 I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before its time in the field,” says YAHWEH of Hosts.

12 “All nations shall call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,” says YAHWEH of Hosts.

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13 . The People Complain Harshly. .

“Your words have been stout against me,” says YAHWEH! “Yet you say, ‘What have we spoken against you?’

14 You have said, ‘It is vain to serve ELOHIM;’ and ‘What profit is it that we have followed his instructions, and that we have walked mournfully before YAHWEH of Hosts?’

15 Now we call the proud happy; yes, those who work wickedness are built up; yes, they tempt ELOHIM, and escape.’

16 . A Book of Remembrance. .

Then those who feared YAHWEH spoke one with another; and YAHWEH listened, and heard, and a book of memory was written before him, for those who feared YAHWEH, and who honored his name.

17 They shall be mine,” says YAHWEH of Hosts, “my own possession in the day that I make, and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him.

18 Then you shall return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves ELOHIM and him who doesn’t serve him.

Psalms 64.

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

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. Hear my voice, ELOHIM, in my complaint. Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, from the noisy crowd of the ones doing evil;

3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and aim their arrows, deadly words,

4 to shoot innocent men from ambushes. They shoot at him suddenly and fearlessly.

5 They encourage themselves in evil plans. They talk about laying snares secretly. They say, “Who will see them?”

6 They plot injustice, saying, “We have made a perfect plan!” Surely man’s mind and heart are cunning.

7 But ELOHIM will shoot at them. They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow.

8 Their own tongues shall ruin them. All who see them will shake their heads.

9 All mankind shall be afraid. They shall declare the work of ELOHIM, and shall wisely ponder what he has done.

10 The righteous shall be glad in YAHWEH, and shall take refuge in him. All the upright in heart shall praise him!

Proverbs 17.

1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife.

2 A servant who deals wisely will rule over a son who causes shame, and shall have a part in the inheritance among the brothers.

3 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, but YAHWEH tests the hearts.

4 An evildoer heeds wicked lips. A liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.

5 Whoever mocks the poor reproaches his Maker. He who is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.

6 Children’s children are the crown of old men; the glory of children are their parents.

7 Arrogant speech isn’t fitting for a fool, much less do lying lips fit a prince.

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- 8 A bribe is a precious stone in the eyes of him who gives it; wherever he turns, he prospers.
- 9 He who covers an offense promotes love; but he who repeats a matter separates best friends.
- 10 A rebuke enters deeper into one who has understanding than a hundred lashes into a fool.
- 11 An evil man seeks only rebellion; therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
- 12 Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.
- 13 Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
- 14 The beginning of strife is like breaching a dam, therefore stop contention before quarreling breaks out.
- 15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to YAHWEH!
- 16 Why is there money in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, since he has no understanding?
- 17 A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity.
- 18 A man void of understanding strikes hands, and becomes collateral in the presence of his neighbor.
- 19 He who loves disobedience loves strife. One who builds a high gate seeks destruction.
- 20 One who has a perverse heart doesn't find prosperity, and one who has a deceitful tongue falls into trouble.
- 21 He who becomes the father of a fool grieves. The father of a fool has no joy.
- 22 A cheerful heart makes good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
- 23 A wicked man receives a bribe in secret, to pervert the ways of justice.
- 24 Wisdom is before the face of one who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool wander to the ends of the earth.
- 25 A foolish son brings grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.
- 26 Also to punish the righteous is not good, nor to flog officials for their integrity.
- 27 He who spares his words has knowledge. He who is even tempered is a man of understanding.
- 28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is counted wise. When he shuts his lips, he is thought to be discerning.

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