246. 2-September Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

2 Chronicles 7.

Solomon Dedicates the Temple.

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of YAHWEH filled the house.

- 2 The priests could not enter into the house of YAHWEH, because the glory of YAHWEH filled YAHWEH's house.
- 3 All the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and the glory of YAHWEH was on the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped, and gave thanks to YAHWEH, saying, "For he is good; for his loving kindness endures for ever."
- 4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before YAHWEH!
- 5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand head of cattle, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of ELOHIM!
- 6 The priests stood, according to their positions; the Levites also with instruments of music of YAHWEH, which David the king had made to give thanks to YAHWEH, when David praised by their ministry, saying "For his loving kindness endures for ever." The priests sounded shofars before them; and all Israel stood.
- 7 Moreover Solomon made the middle of the court holy that was before the house of YAHWEH; for there he offered the burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat.
- 8 So Solomon held the feast at that time seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt.
- 9 On the eighth day they held a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.
- 10 On the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that YAHWEH had shown to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.
- 11 Thus Solomon finished the house of YAHWEH, and the king's house: and he successfully completed all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of YAHWEH, and in his own house.

12 . ELOHIM's Second Appearance to Solomon. .

YAHWEH appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.

- 13 "If I shut up the sky so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;
- 14 if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
- 15 Now my eyes shall be open, and my ears attentive, to the prayer that is made in this place.
- 16 For now have I chosen and made this house holy, that my name may be there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.
- 17 "As for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances;

- 18 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, according as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man to be ruler in Israel.'
- 19 But if you turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;
- 20 then I will pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have made holy for my name, I will cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.
- 21 This house, which is so high, everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall say, 'Why has YAHWEH done thus to this land, and to this house?'
- 22 They shall answer, 'Because they abandoned YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of their fathers, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and took other gods, worshiped them, and served them. Therefore he has brought all this evil on them."

Malachi 4.

1 . The Great Day of ELOHIM. .

- "For, behold, the day comes, it burns as a furnace; and all the proud, and all who work wickedness, will be stubble; and the day that comes will burn them up," says YAHWEH of Hosts, "that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.
- 2 But to you who fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings. You will go out, and leap like calves of the stall.
- 3 You shall tread down the wicked; for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I make," says YAHWEH of Hosts.
- 4 "Remember the Torah of Moses my servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and ordinances.
- 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of YAHWEH comes.
- 6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Psalms 65.

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

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. A song. Praise waits for you, ELOHIM, in Zion. To you shall vows be performed.

- 2 You who hear prayer, to you all men will come.
- 3 Sins overwhelmed me, but you atoned for our transgressions.
- 4 Blessed is one whom you choose, and cause to come near, that he may live in your courts. We will be filled with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
- 5 By awesome deeds of righteousness, you answer us, ELOHIM of our salvation. You who are the hope of all the ends of the earth, of those who are far away on the sea;
- 6 Who by his power forms the mountains, having armed yourself with strength;
- 7 who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.
- 8 They also who dwell in faraway places are afraid at your wonders. You call the morning's dawn and the evening with songs of joy.
- 9 You visit the earth, and water it. You greatly enrich it. The river of ELOHIM is full of water. You provide them grain, for so you have ordained it.
- 10 You drench its furrows. You level its ridges. You soften it with showers. You bless it with a crop.

- 11 You crown the year with your bounty. Your carts overflow with abundance.
- 12 The wilderness grasslands overflow. The hills are clothed with gladness.
- 13 The pastures are covered with flocks. The valleys also are clothed with grain. They shout for joy! They also sing.

Proverbs 18.

- 1 An unfriendly man pursues selfishness, and defies all sound judgment.
- 2 A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own opinion.
- 3 When wickedness comes, contempt also comes, and with shame comes disgrace.
- 4 The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters. The fountain of wisdom is like a flowing brook.
- 5 To be partial to the faces of the wicked is not good, nor to deprive the innocent of justice.
- 6 A fool's lips come into strife, and his mouth invites beatings.
- 7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are a snare to his soul.
- 8 The words of a gossip are like dainty morsels: they go down into a person's innermost parts.
- 9 One who is slack in his work is brother to him who is a master of destruction.
- 10 The name of YAHWEH is a strong tower: the righteous run to him, and are safe.
- 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, like an unscalable wall in his own imagination.
- 12 Before destruction the heart of man is proud, but before honor is humility.
- 13 He who gives answer before he hears, that is folly and shame to him.
- 14 A man's spirit will sustain him in sickness, but a crushed spirit, who can bear?
- 15 The heart of the discerning gets knowledge. The ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.
- 17 He who pleads his cause first seems right; until another comes and questions him.
- 18 The lot settles disputes, and keeps strong ones apart.
- 19 A brother offended is more difficult than a fortified city; and disputes are like the bars of a castle.
- 20 A man's stomach is filled with the fruit of his mouth. With the harvest of his lips he is satisfied.
- 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who love it will eat its fruit.
- 22 Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor of YAHWEH!
- 23 The poor plead for mercy, but the rich answer harshly.
- 24 A man of many companions may be ruined, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

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