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2 Chronicles 30.

1 . Hezekiah Keeps the Passover. .

Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of YAHWEH at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month.

3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

4 The thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the assembly.

5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, at Jerusalem: for they had not kept it in great numbers in such sort as it is written.

6 So the couriers went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, "You children of Israel, turn again to YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant that have escaped of you out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

7 Don't be like your fathers, and like your brothers, who trespassed against YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of their fathers, so that he gave them up to desolation, as you see.

8 Now don't be stiff-necked, as your fathers were; but yield yourselves to YAHWEH, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified forever, and serve YAHWEH your ELOHIM, that his fierce anger may turn away from you.

9 For if you turn again to YAHWEH, your brothers and your children shall find compassion before those who led them captive, and shall come again into this land: for YAHWEH your ELOHIM is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him."

10 So the couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun: but they ridiculed them, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless certain men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also on Judah came the hand of ELOHIM to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the princes by the word of YAHWEH!

13 Many people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great assembly.

14 They arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.

15 Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt offerings into the house of YAHWEH!

16 They stood in their place after their order, according to the Torah of Moses the man of ELOHIM: the priests sprinkled the blood which they received of the hand of the Levites.

17 For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Levites were in charge of killing the Passovers for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to YAHWEH!

18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover otherwise than it is

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written. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, “May the good YAHWEH pardon everyone

19 who sets his heart to seek ELOHIM, YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of his fathers, even if they aren’t clean according to the purification of the sanctuary.”

20 YAHWEH listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

21 The children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised YAHWEH day by day, singing with loud instruments to YAHWEH!

22 Hezekiah spoke comfortably to all the Levites who had good understanding in the service of YAHWEH! So they ate throughout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and making confession to YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of their fathers.

23 The whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days; and they kept another seven days with gladness.

24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly for offerings one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

25 All the assembly of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly who came out of Israel, and the foreigners who came out of Eretz-Israel, and who lived in Judah, rejoiced.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.

27 Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even to heaven.

Psalms 86.

1 . A Prayer of David.. .

A Prayer by David. Hear, YAHWEH, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul, for I am godly. You, my ELOHIM, save your servant who trusts in you.

3 Be merciful to me, ADONAI, for I call to you all day long.

4 Bring joy to the soul of your servant, for to you, ADONAI, do I lift up my soul.

5 For you, ADONAI, are good, and ready to forgive; abundant in loving kindness to all those who call on you.

6 Hear, YAHWEH, my prayer. Listen to the voice of my petitions.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call on you, for you will answer me.

8 There is no one like you among the gods, ADONAI, nor any deeds like your deeds.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship before you, ADONAI. They shall glorify your name.

10 For you are great, and do wondrous things. You are ELOHIM alone.

11 Teach me your way, YAHWEH! I will walk in your truth. Make my heart undivided to fear your name.

12 I will praise you, ADONAI my ELOHIM, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forevermore.

13 For your loving kindness is great toward me. You have delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.

14 ELOHIM, the proud have risen up against me. A company of violent men have sought after my soul, and they don’t hold regard for you before them.

15 But you, ADONAI, are a merciful and gracious EL, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth.

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16 Turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give your strength to your servant. Save the son of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your goodness, that those who hate me may see it, and be shamed, because you, YAHWEH, have helped me, and comforted me.

Proverbs 4.

1 . Security in Wisdom. .

Listen, sons, to a father's instruction. Pay attention and know understanding;

2 for I give you sound learning. Don't forsake my Torah (teaching and instruction).

3 For I was a son to my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don't forget, neither swerve from the words of my mouth.

6 Don't forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you.

7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding.

8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her.

9 She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendor to you."

10 Listen, my son, and receive my sayings. The years of your life will be many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you in straight paths.

12 When you go, your steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble.

13 Take firm hold of instruction. Don't let her go. Keep her, for she is your life.

14 Don't enter into the path of the wicked. Don't walk in the way of evil men.

15 Avoid it, and don't pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on.

16 For they don't sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken away, unless they make someone fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light, that shines more and more until the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked is like darkness. They don't know what they stumble over.

20 My son, attend to my words. Turn your ear to my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart.

22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to their whole body.

23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life.

24 Put away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you.

25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you.

26 Make the path of your feet level. Let all of your ways be established.

27 Don't turn to the right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot from evil.

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2 Chronicles 31.

1 . The Reforms of Hezekiah. .

Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherim, and broke down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

2 Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites after their divisions, every man according to his service, both the priests and the Levites, for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp of YAHWEH!

3 He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the Torah of YAHWEH!

4 Moreover he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to the Torah (teaching and instruction) of YAHWEH!

5 As soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.

6 The children of Israel and Judah, who lived in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of dedicated things which were consecrated to YAHWEH their ELOHIM, and laid them by heaps.

7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month.

8 When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed YAHWEH, and his people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him and said, "Since people began to bring the offerings into the house of YAHWEH, we have eaten and had enough, and have left plenty: for YAHWEH has blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store."

11 Then Hezekiah commanded them to prepare rooms in the house of YAHWEH; and they prepared them.

12 They brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: and over them Conaniah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was second.

13 Jehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of ELOHIM!

14 Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter at the east gate, was over the freewill offerings of ELOHIM, to distribute the offerings of YAHWEH, and the most holy things.

15 Under him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Yeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their office of trust, to give to their brothers by divisions, as well to the great as to the small:

16 besides those who were reckoned by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even everyone who entered into the house of YAHWEH, as the duty of every day required, for their service in their offices according to their divisions;

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17 and those who were reckoned by genealogy of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by their divisions;

18 and those who were reckoned by genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their office of trust they sanctified themselves in holiness.

19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, who were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every city, there were men who were mentioned by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all who were reckoned by genealogy among the Levites.

20 Hezekiah did so throughout all Judah; and he worked that which was good and right and faithful before YAHWEH his ELOHIM!

21 In every work that he began in the service of the house of ELOHIM, and in the Torah (teaching and instruction), and in the commandments, to seek his ELOHIM, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

Psalms 87.

1 . A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.. .

A Psalm by the sons of Korah; a Song. His foundation is in the holy mountains.

2 YAHWEH loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken about you, city of ELOHIM! Selah.

4 I will record Rahab and Babylon among those who acknowledge me. Behold, Philistia, Tyre, and also Ethiopia: "This one was born there."

5 Yes, of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one was born in her;" the Most High himself will establish her.

6 YAHWEH will count, when he writes up the peoples, "This one was born there." Selah.

7 Those who sing as well as those who dance say, "All my springs are in you."

Proverbs 5.

1 . The Peril of Adultery. .

My son, pay attention to my wisdom. Turn your ear to my understanding:

2 that you may maintain discretion, that your lips may preserve knowledge.

3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey. Her mouth is smoother than oil,

4 But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, and as sharp as a two-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death. Her steps lead straight to Sheol.

6 She gives no thought to the way of life. Her ways are crooked, and she doesn't know it.

7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me. Don't depart from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house,

9 lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel one;

10 lest strangers feast on your wealth, and your labors enrich another man's house.

11 You will groan at your latter end, when your flesh and your body are consumed,

12 and say, "How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

13 neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor turned my ear to those who instructed me!

14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin, in the midst of the gathered assembly."

15 Drink water out of your own cistern, running water out of your own well.

16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares?

17 Let them be for yourself alone, not for strangers with you.

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18 Let your spring be blessed. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

19 A loving doe and a graceful deer let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be captivated always with her love.

20 For why should you, my son, be captivated with an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another?

21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of YAHWEH! He examines all his paths.

22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare him. The cords of his sin hold him firmly.

23 He will die for lack of instruction. In the greatness of his folly, he will go astray.

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2 Chronicles 32.

1 . Sennacherib Boasts Against YAHWEH. .

After these things, and this faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fortified cities, and thought to win them for himself.

2 When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

3 he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the springs which were outside of the city; and they helped him.

4 So many people gathered together, and they stopped all the springs, and the brook that flowed through the midst of the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?"

5 He took courage, and built up all the wall that was broken down, and raised it up to the towers, and the other wall outside, and strengthened Millo in the city of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance.

6 He set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the broad place at the gate of the city, and spoke comfortably to them, saying,

7 "Be strong and courageous, don't be afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude who is with him; for there is a greater with us than with him.

8 With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is YAHWEH our ELOHIM to help us, and to fight our battles." The people rested themselves on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 After this, Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem, (now he was before Lachish, and all his power with him), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying,

10 Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, "In whom do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem?"

11 Doesn't Hezekiah persuade you, to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, 'YAHWEH our ELOHIM will deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?'

12 Hasn't the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, 'You shall worship before one altar, and on it you shall burn incense?'

13 Don't you know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands in any way able to deliver their land out of my hand?

14 Who was there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of my hand, that your ELOHIM should be able to deliver you out of my hand?

15 Now therefore don't let Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you in this way, neither believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers. How much less will your ELOHIM deliver you out of my hand?"

16 His servants spoke yet more against YAHWEH ELOHIM, and against his servant Hezekiah.

17 He also wrote letters insulting YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, "As the gods of the nations of the lands, which have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall the ELOHIM of Hezekiah not deliver his people out of my hand."

18 They cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.

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19 They spoke of the ELOHIM of Jerusalem, as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men's hands.

20 **. Sennacherib's Defeat and Death. .**

Hezekiah the king, and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, prayed because of this, and cried to heaven.

21 YAHWEH sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains, in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. When he had come into the house of his god, those who came forth from his own bowels killed him there with the sword.

22 Thus YAHWEH saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side.

23 Many brought gifts to YAHWEH to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah; so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

24 **. Hezekiah Humbles Himself. .**

In those days Hezekiah was sick even to death: and he prayed to YAHWEH; and he spoke to him, and gave him a sign.

25 But Hezekiah didn't render again according to the benefit done to him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath on him, and on Judah and Jerusalem.

26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of YAHWEH didn't come on them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 **. Hezekiah's Wealth and Honor. .**

Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor: and he provided him treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all kinds of goodly vessels;

28 storehouses also for the increase of grain and new wine and oil; and stalls for all kinds of animals, and flocks in folds.

29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for ELOHIM had given him very much substance.

30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gihon, and brought them straight down on the west side of the city of David. Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31 However concerning the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, ELOHIM left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

32 **. Death of Hezekiah. .**

Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his good deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

33 Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ascent of the tombs of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor at his death. Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

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Psalms 88.

1 . A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. To the Chief Musician. Set to Mahalath Leannoth. A Contemplation of Heman the Ezrahite..

- A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Suffering of Affliction." A contemplation by Heman, the Ezrahite. YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of my salvation, I have cried day and night before you.
- 2 Let my prayer enter into your presence. Turn your ear to my cry.
 - 3 For my soul is full of troubles. My life draws near to Sheol.
 - 4 I am counted among those who go down into the pit. I am like a man who has no help,
 - 5 set apart among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more. They are cut off from your hand.
 - 6 You have laid me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.
 - 7 Your wrath lies heavily on me. You have afflicted me with all your waves. Selah.
 - 8 You have taken my friends from me. You have made me an abomination to them. I am confined, and I can't escape.
 - 9 My eyes are dim from grief. I have called on you daily, YAHWEH! I have spread out my hands to you.
 - 10 Do you show wonders to the dead? Do the dead rise up and praise you? Selah.
 - 11 Is your loving kindness declared in the grave? Or your faithfulness in Destruction?
 - 12 Are your wonders made known in the dark? Or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
 - 13 But to you, YAHWEH, I have cried. In the morning, my prayer comes before you.
 - 14 YAHWEH, why do you reject my soul? Why do you hide your face from me?
 - 15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up. While I suffer your terrors, I am distracted.
 - 16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me. Your terrors have cut me off.
 - 17 They came around me like water all day long. They completely engulfed me.
 - 18 You have put lover and friend far from me, and my friends into darkness.

Proverbs 6.

1 . Dangerous Promises. .

- My son, if you have become collateral for your neighbor, if you have struck your hands in pledge for a stranger;
- 2 You are trapped by the words of your mouth. You are ensnared with the words of your mouth.
 - 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver yourself, since you have come into the hand of your neighbor. Go, humble yourself. Press your plea with your neighbor.
 - 4 Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids.
 - 5 Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

6 . The Folly of Indolence. .

- Go to the ant, you sluggard. Consider her ways, and be wise;
- 7 which having no chief, overseer, or ruler,
 - 8 provides her bread in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.
 - 9 How long will you sleep, sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep?
 - 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
 - 11 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your scarcity as an armed man.

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12 . The Wicked Man. .

A worthless person, a man of iniquity, is he who walks with a perverse mouth;
13 who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, who motions with his fingers;
14 in whose heart is perverseness, who devises evil continually, who always sows discord.

15 Therefore his calamity will come suddenly. He will be broken suddenly, and that without remedy.

16 There are six things which YAHWEH hates; yes, seven which are an abomination to him:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood;

18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are swift in running to mischief,

19 a false witness who utters lies, and he who sows discord among brothers.

20 . Beware of Adultery. .

My son, keep your father's commandment, and don't forsake your mother's teaching.

21 Bind them continually on your heart. Tie them around your neck.

22 When you walk, it will lead you. When you sleep, it will watch over you. When you awake, it will talk with you.

23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the Torah is light. Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

24 to keep you from the immoral woman, from the flattery of the wayward wife's tongue.

25 Don't lust after her beauty in your heart, neither let her captivate you with her eyelids.

26 For a prostitute reduces you to a piece of bread. The adulteress hunts for your precious life.

27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap, and his clothes not be burned?

28 Or can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be scorched?

29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife. Whoever touches her will not be unpunished.

30 Men don't despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry:

31 but if he is found, he shall restore seven times. He shall give all the wealth of his house.

32 He who commits adultery with a woman is void of understanding. He who does it destroys his own soul.

33 He will get wounds and dishonor. His reproach will not be wiped away.

34 For jealousy arouses the fury of the husband. He won't spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He won't regard any ransom, neither will he rest content, though you give many gifts.

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2 Chronicles 33.

1 . Manasseh Reigns in Judah. .

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

2 He did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, after the abominations of the nations whom YAHWEH cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he reared up altars for the Baals, and made Asheroth, and worshiped all the army of the sky, and served them.

4 He built altars in the house of YAHWEH, of which YAHWEH said, "My name shall be in Jerusalem forever."

5 He built altars for all the army of the sky in the two courts of the house of YAHWEH!

6 He also made his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom; and he practiced sorcery, and used enchantments, and practiced sorcery, and dealt with those who had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he worked much evil in the sight of YAHWEH, to provoke him to anger.

7 He set the engraved image of the idol, which he had made, in the house of ELOHIM, of which ELOHIM said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever:

8 neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the Torah (teaching and instruction) and the statutes and the ordinances given by Moses."

9 Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that they did more evil than the nations whom YAHWEH destroyed before the children of Israel did.

10 . Manasseh Restored After Repentance. .

YAHWEH spoke to Manasseh, and to his people; but they gave no heed.

11 Therefore YAHWEH brought on them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12 When he was in distress, he begged YAHWEH his ELOHIM, and humbled himself greatly before the ELOHIM of his fathers.

13 He prayed to him; and he was entreated by him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that YAHWEH was ELOHIM!

14 Now after this he built an outer wall to the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance at the fish gate; and he encircled Ophel with it, and raised it up to a very great height: and he put valiant captains in all the fortified cities of Judah.

15 He took away the foreign gods, and the idol out of the house of YAHWEH, and all the altars that he had built in the mountain of the house of YAHWEH, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.

16 He built up the altar of YAHWEH, and offered thereon sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving, and commanded Judah to serve YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

17 Nevertheless the people sacrificed still in the high places, but only to YAHWEH their ELOHIM!

18 . Death of Manasseh. .

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Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his ELOHIM, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, behold, they are written among the acts of the kings of Israel.

19 His prayer also, and how ELOHIM was entreated of him, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places in which he built high places, and set up the Asherim and the engraved images, before he humbled himself: behold, they are written in the history of Hozai.

20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his place.

21 **. Amon's Reign and Death. .**

Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 He did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, as did Manasseh his father; and Amon sacrificed to all the engraved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them.

23 He didn't humble himself before YAHWEH, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon trespassed more and more.

24 His servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house.

25 But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

Psalms 89:1-18.

1 **. A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite.. .**

A contemplation by Ethan, the Ezrahite. I will sing of the loving kindness of YAHWEH forever. With my mouth, I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

2 I indeed declare, "Love stands firm forever. You established the heavens. Your faithfulness is in them."

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David, my servant,

4 'I will establish your seed forever, and build up your throne to all generations.'" Selah.

5 The heavens will praise your wonders, YAHWEH; your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

6 For who in the skies can be compared to YAHWEH? Who among the sons of the heavenly beings is like YAHWEH,

7 a very awesome ELOHIM in the council of the holy ones, to be feared above all those who are around him?

8 YAHWEH, ELOHIM of Hosts, who is a mighty one, like you? YAH, your faithfulness is around you.

9 You rule the pride of the sea. When its waves rise up, you calm them.

10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, like one of the slain. You have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 The heavens are yours. The earth also is yours; the world and its fullness. You have founded them.

12 The north and the south, you have created them. Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.

13 You have a mighty arm. Your hand is strong, and your right hand is exalted.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Loving kindness and truth go before your face.

15 Blessed are the people who learn to acclaim you. They walk in the light of your

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presence, YAHWEH!

16 In your name they rejoice all day. In your righteousness, they are exalted.

17 For you are the glory of their strength. In your favor, our horn will be exalted.

18 For our shield belongs to YAHWEH; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Proverbs 7.

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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2 Chronicles 34.

1 **. Josiah Reigns in Judah. .**

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.

2 He did that which was right in the eyes of YAHWEH, and walked in the ways of David his father, and didn't turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the ELOHIM of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the engraved images, and the molten images.

4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence; and the incense altars that were on high above them he cut down; and the Asherim, and the engraved images, and the molten images, he broke in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.

5 He burnt the bones of the priests on their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem.

6 He did this in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim and Simeon, even to Naphtali, around in their ruins.

7 He broke down the altars, and beat the Asherim and the engraved images into powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout all Eretz-Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.

8 **. Hilkiyah Finds the Book of the Torah. .**

Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of YAHWEH his ELOHIM!

9 They came to Hilkiyah the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the house of ELOHIM, which the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 They delivered it into the hand of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of YAHWEH; and the workmen who labored in the house of YAHWEH gave it to mend and repair the house;

11 even to the carpenters and to the builders gave they it, to buy cut stone, and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12 The men did the work faithfully: and their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and others of the Levites, all who were skillful with instruments of music.

13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and set forward all who did the work in every kind of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters.

14 When they brought out the money that was brought into the house of YAHWEH, Hilkiyah the priest found the scroll of the Torah of YAHWEH given by Moses.

15 Hilkiyah answered Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the scroll of the Torah in the house of YAHWEH!" Hilkiyah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16 Shaphan carried the book to the king, and moreover brought back word to the king, saying, "All that was committed to your servants, they are doing.

17 They have emptied out the money that was found in the house of YAHWEH, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen."

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18 Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has delivered me a book." Shaphan read therein before the king.

19 It happened, when the king had heard the words of the Torah (teaching and instruction), that he tore his clothes.

20 The king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,

21 "Go inquire of YAHWEH for me, and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of YAHWEH that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of YAHWEH, to do according to all that is written in this book."

22 So Hilkiah, and they whom the king had commanded, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter;) and they spoke to her to that effect.

23 She said to them, "Thus says YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel: "Tell the man who sent you to me,

24 "Thus says YAHWEH, 'Behold, I will bring evil on this place, and on its inhabitants, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah.

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore is my wrath poured out on this place, and it shall not be quenched.'"

26 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of YAHWEH, thus you shall tell him, "Thus says YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel: "As touching the words which you have heard,

27 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before ELOHIM, when you heard his words against this place, and against its inhabitants, and have humbled yourself before me, and have torn your clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard you," says YAHWEH!

28 "Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the evil that I will bring on this place, and on its inhabitants.'"

They brought back word to the king.

29 . **Josiah Restores True Worship.** .

Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 The king went up to the house of YAHWEH, and all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, both great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of YAHWEH!

31 The king stood in his place, and made a covenant before YAHWEH, to walk after YAHWEH, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.

32 He caused all who were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand. The inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of ELOHIM, the ELOHIM of their fathers.

33 Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all who were found in Israel to serve, even to serve YAHWEH their ELOHIM! All his days they didn't depart from following YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of their fathers.

Psalms 89:19-37.

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- 19 Then you spoke in vision to your holy ones, and said, "I have bestowed strength on the warrior. I have exalted a young man from the people.
20 I have found David, my servant. I have anointed him with my holy oil,
21 with whom my hand shall be established. My arm will also strengthen him.
22 No enemy will tax him. No wicked man will oppress him.
23 I will beat down his adversaries before him, and strike those who hate him.
24 But my faithfulness and my loving kindness will be with him. In my name, his horn will be exalted.
25 I will set his hand also on the sea, and his right hand on the rivers.
26 He will call to me, 'You are my Father, my ELOHIM, and the rock of my salvation!'
27 I will also appoint him my firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
28 I will keep my loving kindness for him forevermore. My covenant will stand firm with him.
29 I will also make his seed endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake my Torah, and don't walk in my ordinances;
31 if they break my statutes, and don't keep my commandments;
32 then I will punish their sin with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.
33 But I will not completely take my loving kindness from him, nor allow my faithfulness to fail.
34 I will not break my covenant, nor alter what my lips have uttered.
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness, I will not lie to David.
36 His seed will endure forever, his throne like the sun before me.
37 It will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky." Selah.

Proverbs 8.

1 . The Excellence of Wisdom. .

- Doesn't wisdom cry out? Doesn't understanding raise her voice?
2 On the top of high places by the way, where the paths meet, she stands.
3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entry doors, she cries aloud:
4 "To you men, I call! I send my voice to the sons of mankind.
5 You simple, understand prudence. You fools, be of an understanding heart.
6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things. The opening of my lips is for right things.
7 For my mouth speaks truth. Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness. There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
9 They are all plain to him who understands, right to those who find knowledge.
10 Receive my instruction rather than silver; knowledge rather than choice gold.
11 For wisdom is better than rubies. All the things that may be desired can't be compared to it.
12 "I, wisdom, have made prudence my dwelling. Find out knowledge and discretion.
13 The fear of YAHWEH is to hate evil. I hate pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth.
14 Counsel and sound knowledge are mine. I have understanding and power.
15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
16 By me princes rule; nobles, and all the righteous rulers of the earth.
17 I love those who love me. Those who seek me diligently will find me.
18 With me are riches, honor, enduring wealth, and prosperity.
19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; my yield than choice silver.
20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice;
21 That I may give wealth to those who love me. I fill their treasuries.

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- 22 “YAHWEH possessed me in the beginning of his work, before his deeds of old.
23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth existed.
24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs
abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was brought forth;
26 while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust
of the world.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he set a circle on the surface of
the deep,
28 when he established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong,
29 when he gave to the sea its boundary, that the waters should not violate his
commandment, when he marked out the foundations of the earth;
30 then I was the craftsman by his side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing
before him,
31 Rejoicing in his whole world. My delight was with the sons of men.
32 “Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, for blessed are those who keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction, and be wise. Don’t refuse it.
34 Blessed is the man who hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my door
posts.
35 For whoever finds me, finds life, and will obtain favor from YAHWEH!
36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death.”

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2 Chronicles 35.

1 . Josiah Keeps the Passover. .

Josiah kept a Passover to YAHWEH in Jerusalem: and they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

2 He set the priests in their offices, and encouraged them to the service of the house of YAHWEH!

3 He said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to YAHWEH, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built. There shall no more be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve YAHWEH your ELOHIM, and his people Israel.

4 Prepare yourselves after your fathers' houses by your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.

5 Stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brothers the children of the people, and let there be for each a portion of a fathers' house of the Levites.

6 Kill the Passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to the word of YAHWEH by Moses."

7 Josiah gave to the children of the people, of the flock, lambs and young goats, all of them for the Passover offerings, to all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bulls: these were of the king's substance.

8 His princes gave for a freewill offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, the rulers of the house of ELOHIM, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand and six hundred small livestock, and three hundred head of cattle.

9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for the Passover offerings five thousand small livestock, and five hundred head of cattle.

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites by their divisions, according to the king's commandment.

11 They killed the Passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood which they received of their hand, and the Levites flayed them.

12 They removed the burnt offerings, that they might give them according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the children of the people, to offer to YAHWEH, as it is written in the book of Moses. So they did with the cattle.

13 They roasted the Passover with fire according to the ordinance: and the holy offerings boiled they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the children of the people.

14 Afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests, because the priests the sons of Aaron were busy with offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night: therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

15 The singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters were at every gate: they didn't need to depart from their service; for their brothers the Levites prepared for them.

16 So all the service of YAHWEH was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of YAHWEH, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

17 The children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the feast of

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unleavened bread seven days.

18 There was no Passover like that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did any of the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this Passover kept.

20 **. Josiah Dies in Battle. .**

After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.

21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? I come not against you this day, but against the house with which I have war. ELOHIM has commanded me to make haste. Beware that it is ELOHIM who is with me, that he not destroy you."

22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and didn't listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of ELOHIM, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

23 The archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, because I am seriously wounded!"

24 So his servants took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations to this day; and they made them an ordinance in Israel: and behold, they are written in the lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his good deeds, according to that which is written in the Torah of YAHWEH,

27 and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

Psalms 89:38-52.

38 But you have rejected and spurned. You have been angry with your anointed.

39 You have renounced the covenant of your servant. You have defiled his crown in the dust.

40 You have broken down all his hedges. You have brought his strongholds to ruin.

41 All who pass by the way rob him. He has become a reproach to his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries. You have made all of his enemies rejoice.

43 Yes, you turn back the edge of his sword, and haven't supported him in battle.

44 You have ended his splendor, and thrown his throne down to the ground.

45 You have shortened the days of his youth. You have covered him with shame. Selah.

46 How long, YAHWEH? Will you hide yourself forever? Will your wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is! For what vanity have you created all the children of men!

48 What man is he who shall live and not see death, who shall deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah.

49 ADONAI, where are your former loving kindnesses, which you swore to David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, ADONAI, the reproach of your servants, how I bear in my heart the taunts of all the mighty peoples,

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51 With which your enemies have mocked, YAHWEH, with which they have mocked the footsteps of your anointed one.

52 Blessed be YAHWEH forevermore. Amen, and Amen. BOOK IV

Proverbs 9.

1 . The Way of Wisdom. .

Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out her seven pillars.

2 She has prepared her meat. She has mixed her wine. She has also set her table.

3 She has sent out her maidens. She cries from the highest places of the city:

4 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” As for him who is void of understanding, she says to him,

5 “Come, eat some of my bread, Drink some of the wine which I have mixed!

6 Leave your simple ways, and live. Walk in the way of understanding.”

7 He who corrects a mocker invites insult. He who reproves a wicked man invites abuse.

8 Don’t reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you. Reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

9 Instruct a wise man, and he will be still wiser. Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

10 The fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of wisdom. The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

11 For by me your days will be multiplied. The years of your life will be increased.

12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself. If you mock, you alone will bear it.

13 . The Way of Folly. .

The foolish woman is loud, Undisciplined, and knows nothing.

14 She sits at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

15 To call to those who pass by, who go straight on their ways,

16 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here.” as for him who is void of understanding, she says to him,

17 “Stolen water is sweet. Food eaten in secret is pleasant.”

18 But he doesn’t know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

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2 Chronicles 36.

1 . The Reign and Captivity of Jehoahaz. .

Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem.

2 Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

3 The king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and fined the land one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

4 The king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. Neco took Joahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 . The Reign and Captivity of Jehoiakim. .

Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH his ELOHIM!

6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.

7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of YAHWEH to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

9 . The Reign and Captivity of Jehoiachin. .

Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH!

10 At the return of the year king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of YAHWEH, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 . Zedekiah Reigns in Judah. .

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem:

12 and he did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH his ELOHIM; he didn't humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of YAHWEH!

13 He also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by ELOHIM: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart against turning to YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

14 Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of YAHWEH which he had made holy in Jerusalem.

15 . The Fall of Jerusalem. .

YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending, because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

16 but they mocked the messengers of ELOHIM, and despised his words, and scoffed at

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his prophets, until the wrath of YAHWEH arose against his people, until there was no remedy.

17 Therefore he brought on them the king of the Kasdim, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or gray-headed: he gave them all into his hand.

18 All the vessels of the house of ELOHIM, great and small, and the treasures of the house of YAHWEH, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon.

19 They burnt the house of ELOHIM, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels of it.

20 He carried those who had escaped from the sword away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

21 to fulfill the word of YAHWEH by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. As long as it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

22 . The Proclamation of Cyrus. .

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of YAHWEH by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, YAHWEH stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

23 “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of heaven, has given all the kingdoms of the earth to me; and he has commanded me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, YAHWEH his ELOHIM be with him, and let him go up.’”

Psalms 90.

1 . A Prayer of Moses the man of ELOHIM.. .

A Prayer by Moses, the man of ELOHIM! ADONAI, you have been our dwelling place for all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, before you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, you are EL!

3 You turn man to destruction, saying, “Return, you children of men.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are just like yesterday when it is past, like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep them away as they sleep. In the morning they sprout like new grass.

6 In the morning it sprouts and springs up. By evening, it is withered and dry.

7 For we are consumed in your anger. We are troubled in your wrath.

8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

9 For all our days have passed away in your wrath. We bring our years to an end as a sigh.

10 The days of our years are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty years; yet their pride is but labor and sorrow, for it passes quickly, and we fly away.

11 Who knows the power of your anger, your wrath according to the fear that is due to you?

12 So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

13 Relent, YAHWEH! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your loving kindness, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have

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seen evil.

16 Let your work appear to your servants; your glory to their children.

17 Let the favor of ADONAI our ELOHIM be on us; establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands.

Proverbs 10.

1 . Wise Sayings of Solomon. .

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.

3 YAHWEH will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked.

4 He becomes poor who works with a lazy hand, but the hand of the diligent brings wealth.

5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during the harvest is a son who causes shame.

6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot.

8 The wise in heart accept commandments, but a chattering fool will fall.

9 He who walks blamelessly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.

10 One winking with the eye causes sorrow, but a chattering fool will fall.

11 The mouth of the righteous is a spring of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all wrongs.

13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has discernment, but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin.

15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty.

16 The labor of the righteous leads to life. The increase of the wicked leads to sin.

17 He is in the way of life who heeds correction, but he who forsakes reproof leads others astray.

18 He who hides hatred has lying lips. He who utters a slander is a fool.

19 In the multitude of words there is no lack of disobedience, but he who restrains his lips does wisely.

20 The tongue of the righteous is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is of little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but the foolish die for lack of understanding.

22 YAHWEH's blessing brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.

23 It is a fool's pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a man of understanding's pleasure.

24 What the wicked fear, will overtake them, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.

25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more; but the righteous stand firm forever.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.

27 The fear of YAHWEH prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish.

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29 The way of YAHWEH is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.

31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked is perverse.

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