

21 April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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Joshua 1.

1 . ELOHIM's Commission to Joshua. . Book of Joshua!

Now it happened after the death of Moses the servant of YHWH, that YHWH spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying,

2 "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you, and all this people, to the land which I give to them, even to the children of Israel.

3 I have given you every place that the sole of your foot will tread on, as I told Moses.

4 From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border.

5 No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you nor forsake you.

6 "Be strong and courageous; for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the Torah (teaching and instruction), which Moses my servant commanded you. Don't turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

8 This scroll of the Torah shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.

9 Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid, neither be dismayed: for YHWH your ELOHIM is with you wherever you go."

10 . The Order to Cross the Jordan. .

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 "Pass through the midst of the camp, and command the people, saying, 'Prepare food; for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which YHWH your ELOHIM gives you to possess it.'"

12 Joshua spoke to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, saying,

13 "Remember the word which Moses the servant of YHWH commanded you, saying, 'YHWH your ELOHIM gives you rest, and will give you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock, shall live in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan; but you shall pass over before your brothers armed, all the mighty men of valor, and shall help them

15 until YHWH has given your brothers rest, as he has given you, and they have also possessed the land which YHWH your ELOHIM gives them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession, and possess it, which Moses the servant of YHWH gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise.'"

16 They answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

17 Just as we listened to Moses in all things, so will we listen to you. Only may YHWH your ELOHIM be with you, as he was with Moses.

18 Whoever rebels against your commandment, and doesn't listen to your words in all that you command him, he shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous."

Joshua 2.

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1. Rahab Hides the Spies.

Joshua the son of Nun secretly sent two men out of Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, including Jericho." They went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and slept there.

2 The king of Jericho was told, "Behold, men of the children of Israel came in here tonight to spy out the land."

3 The king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered into your house; for they have come to spy out all the land."

4 The woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I didn't know where they came from."

5 It happened about the time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went, I don't know. Pursue them quickly; for you will overtake them."

6 But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.

7 The men pursued them the way to the Jordan to the fords: and as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate.

8 Before they had laid down, she came up to them on the roof;

9 and she said to the men, "I know that YHWH has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you."

10 For we have heard how YHWH dried up the water of the Sea of Suf before you, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and to Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

11 As soon as we had heard it, our hearts melted, neither did there remain any more spirit in any man, because of you: for YHWH your ELOHIM, he is ELOHIM in heaven above, and on earth beneath.

12 Now therefore, please swear to me by YHWH, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a true token;

13 and that you will save alive my father, my mother, my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will deliver our lives from death."

14 The men said to her, "Our life for yours, if you don't talk about this business of ours; and it shall be, when YHWH gives us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you."

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window; for her house was on the side of the wall, and she lived on the wall.

16 She said to them, "Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers find you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward, you may go your way."

17 The men said to her, "We will be guiltless of this your oath which you have made us to swear."

18 Behold, when we come into the land, you shall bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which you used to let us down. You shall gather to yourself into the house your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household.

19 It shall be that whoever goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood will be on his head, and we will be guiltless. Whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand is on him.

20 But if you talk about this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless of your oath which you have made us to swear."

21 She said, "According to your words, so be it." She sent them away, and they departed. She tied the scarlet line in the window.

22 They went, and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had returned. The pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but didn't find them.

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23 Then the two men returned, descended from the mountain, passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun; and they told him all that had happened to them.

24 They said to Joshua, “Truly YHWH has delivered into our hands all the land. Moreover, all the inhabitants of the land melt away before us.”

Job 21.

1. Job's Discourse on the Wicked.

Then Job answered,

2 “Listen diligently to my speech. Let this be your consolation.

3 Allow me, and I also will speak; After I have spoken, mock on.

4 As for me, is my complaint to man? Why shouldn't I be impatient?

5 Look at me, and be astonished. Lay your hand on your mouth.

6 When I remember, I am troubled. Horror takes hold of my flesh.

7 “Why do the wicked live, become old, yes, and grow mighty in power?

8 Their child is established with them in their sight, their offspring before their eyes.

9 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of ELOHIM upon them.

10 Their bulls breed without fail. Their cows calve, and don't miscarry.

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock. Their children dance.

12 They sing to the tambourine and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the pipe.

13 They spend their days in prosperity. In an instant they go down to Sheol.

14 They tell EL, ‘Depart from us, for we don't want to know about your ways.

15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? What profit should we have, if we pray to him?’

16 Behold, their prosperity is not in their hand. The counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 “How often is it that the lamp of the wicked is put out, that their calamity comes on them, that ELOHIM distributes sorrows in his anger?

18 How often is it that they are as stubble before the wind, as chaff that the storm carries away?

19 You say, ‘ELOHIM lays up his iniquity for his children.’ Let him recompense it to himself, that he may know it.

20 Let his own eyes see his destruction. Let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what does he care for his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off?

22 “Shall any teach EL knowledge, since he judges those who are high?

23 One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

24 His pails are full of milk. The marrow of his bones is moistened.

25 Another dies in bitterness of soul, and never tastes of good.

26 They lie down alike in the dust. The worm covers them.

27 “Behold, I know your thoughts, the devices with which you would wrong me.

28 For you say, ‘Where is the house of the prince? Where is the tent in which the wicked lived?’

29 Haven't you asked wayfaring men? Don't you know their evidences,

30 that the evil man is reserved to the day of calamity, That they are led forth to the day of wrath?

31 Who shall declare his way to his face? Who shall repay him what he has done?

32 Yet he will be borne to the grave. Men shall keep watch over the tomb.

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him. All men shall draw after him, as there were innumerable before him.

34 So how can you comfort me with nonsense, because in your answers there remains only falsehood?”

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Psalms 111.

1 . Praise to ELOHIM for His Faithfulness and Justice. .

Praise YAH! I will give thanks to YHWH with my whole heart, in the council of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 YHWH's works are great, pondered by all those who delight in them.

3 His work is honor and majesty. His righteousness endures forever.

4 He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered. YHWH is gracious and merciful.

5 He has given food to those who fear him. He always remembers his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice. All his precepts are sure.

8 They are established forever and ever. They are done in truth and uprightness.

9 He has sent redemption to his people. He has ordained his covenant forever. His name is holy and awesome!

10 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom. All those who do his work have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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 YHWH 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.

22 "YHWH 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.

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- 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 YHWH!
36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death.”

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