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Day 113. 22-April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Joshua 3.,4.,5:1.

1 . Israel Crosses the Jordan. .

Joshua rose up early in the morning; and they moved from Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel. They lodged there before they passed over.

2 It happened after three days, that the officers went through the midst of the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of YHWH your ELOHIM, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then you shall move from your place, and follow it.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Don't come near to it, that you may know the way by which you must go; for you have not passed this way before."

5 Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow YHWH will do wonders among you."

6 Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people." They took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 YHWH said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'"

9 Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of YHWH your ELOHIM!"

10 Joshua said, "Hereby you shall know that the living ELOHIM is among you, and that he will without fail drive the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Hivite, and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Jebusite out from before you.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of ADONAI of all the earth passes over before you into the Jordan.

12 Now therefore take twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, for every tribe a man.

13 It shall come to pass, when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of YHWH, ADONAI of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, even the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand in one heap."

14 It happened, when the people moved from their tents to pass over the Jordan, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant being before the people,

15 and when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark had dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the time of harvest),

16 that the waters which came down from above stood, and rose up in one heap, a great way off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those that went down toward the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people passed over right against Jericho.

17 The priests who bore the ark of the covenant of YHWH stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan; and all Israel passed over on dry ground, until all the nation had passed completely over the Jordan.

1 . The Memorial Stones. .

It happened, when all the nation had completely passed over the Jordan, that YHWH spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 "Take twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

3 and command them, saying, "Take from out of the middle of the Jordan, out of the

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place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and carry them over with you, and lay them down in the lodging place, where you will lodge tonight.”

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

5 Joshua said to them, “Pass over before the ark of YHWH your ELOHIM into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you pick up a stone and put it on your shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel;

6 that this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask in time to come, saying, ‘What do you mean by these stones?’

7 then you shall tell them, ‘Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of YHWH! When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.’”

8 The children of Israel did as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, as YHWH spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; and they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

10 For the priests who bore the ark stood in the middle of the Jordan, until everything was finished that YHWH commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and passed over.

11 It happened, when all the people had completely passed over, that the ark of YHWH passed over, with the priests, in the presence of the people.

12 The children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spoke to them.

13 About forty thousand men, ready and armed for war passed over before YHWH to battle, to the plains of Jericho.

14 On that day, YHWH magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 YHWH spoke to Joshua, saying,

16 “Command the priests who bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan.”

17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, “Come up out of the Jordan!”

18 It happened, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of YHWH had come up out of the middle of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up to the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and went over all its banks, as before.

19 The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, on the east border of Jericho.

20 Joshua set up those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, in Gilgal.

21 He spoke to the children of Israel, saying, “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What do these stones mean?’

22 Then you shall let your children know, saying, ‘Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For YHWH your ELOHIM dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until you had passed over, as YHWH your ELOHIM did to the Sea of Suf, which he dried up from before us, until we had passed over;

24 that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of YHWH, that it is mighty; that you may fear YHWH your ELOHIM forever.”

1 . The Second Generation Circumcised. .

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It happened, when all the kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard how that YHWH had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we had passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

Job 22.

1 . Eliphaz Accuses Job of Wickedness. .

Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered,

2 “Can a man be profitable to EL? Surely he who is wise is profitable to himself.

3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that you are righteous? Or does it benefit him, that you make your ways perfect?

4 Is it for your piety that he reproves you, that he enters with you into judgment?

5 Isn't your wickedness great? Neither is there any end to your iniquities.

6 For you have taken pledges from your brother for nothing, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

7 You haven't given water to the weary to drink, and you have withheld bread from the hungry.

8 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth. The honorable man, he lived in it.

9 You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

10 Therefore snares are around you. Sudden fear troubles you,

11 or darkness, so that you can not see, and floods of waters cover you.

12 “Isn't ELOHIM in the heights of heaven? See the height of the stars, how high they are!

13 You say, ‘What does EL know? Can he judge through the thick darkness?’

14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, so that he doesn't see. He walks on the vault of the sky.’

15 Will you keep the old way, which wicked men have trodden,

16 who were snatched away before their time, whose foundation was poured out as a stream,

17 who said to EL, ‘Depart from us;’ and, ‘What can the Almighty do for us?’

18 Yet he filled their houses with good things, but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

19 The righteous see it, and are glad. The innocent ridicule them,

20 saying, ‘Surely those who rose up against us are cut off. The fire has consumed their remnant.’

21 “Acquaint yourself with him, now, and be at peace. Thereby good shall come to you.

22 Please receive instruction from his mouth, and lay up his words in your heart.

23 If you return to the Almighty, you shall be built up, if you put away unrighteousness far from your tents.

24 Lay your treasure in the dust, the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks.

25 The Almighty will be your treasure, and precious silver to you.

26 For then you will delight yourself in the Almighty, and shall lift up your face to ELOHIM!

27 You shall make your prayer to him, and he will hear you. You shall pay your vows.

28 You shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established to you. Light shall shine on your ways.

29 When they cast down, you shall say, ‘be lifted up.’ He will save the humble person.

30 He will even deliver him who is not innocent. Yes, he shall be delivered through the cleanness of your hands.”

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Psalms 112.

1 . The Blessed State of the Righteous. .

Praise YAH! Blessed is the man who fears YHWH, who delights greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed will be mighty in the land. The generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in his house. His righteousness endures forever.

4 Light dawns in the darkness for the upright, gracious, merciful, and righteous.

5 It is well with the man who deals graciously and lends. He will maintain his cause in judgment.

6 For he will never be shaken. The righteous will be remembered forever.

7 He will not be afraid of evil news. His heart is steadfast, trusting in YHWH!

8 His heart is established. He will not be afraid in the end when he sees his adversaries.

9 He has dispersed, he has given to the poor. His righteousness endures forever. His horn will be exalted with honor.

10 The wicked will see it, and be grieved. He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away. The desire of the wicked will perish.

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 YHWH 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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