

## 23 April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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### Day 114. 23-April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Joshua 5:2-to-end.,6:1-27.

- 2 At that time, YHWH said to Joshua, “Make flint knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.”
- 3 Joshua made himself flint knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.
- 4 This is the reason Joshua circumcised: all the people who came out of Egypt, who were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.
- 5 For all the people who came out were circumcised; but all the people who were born in the wilderness by the way as they came out of Egypt had not been circumcised.
- 6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, even the men of war who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they didn’t listen to the voice of YHWH! YHWH swore to them that he wouldn’t let them see the land which YHWH swore to their fathers that he would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.
- 7 Their children, whom he raised up in their place, were circumcised by Joshua; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them on the way.
- 8 It happened, when they were done circumcising all the nation, that they stayed in their places in the camp until they were healed.
- 9 YHWH said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you.” Therefore the name of that place was called Gilgal, to this day.
- 10 The children of Israel encamped in Gilgal. They kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho.
- 11 They ate unleavened cakes and parched grain of the produce of the land on the next day after the Passover, in the same day.
- 12 The manna ceased on the next day, after they had eaten of the produce of the land. The children of Israel didn’t have manna any more; but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

#### **13 . The Commander of the Army of YHWH. .**

It happened, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man stood in front of him with his sword drawn in his hand. Joshua went to him, and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?”

14 He said, “No; but I have come now as commander of YHWH’s army.” Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and worshipped, and said to him, “What does my master say to his servant?”

15 The prince of YHWH’s army said to Joshua, “Take your shoes off of your feet; for the place on which you stand is holy.” Joshua did so.

#### **1 . The Destruction of Jericho. .**

Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the children of Israel. No one went out, and no one came in.

2 YHWH said to Joshua, “Behold, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the mighty men of valor.

3 All your men of war shall march around the city, going around the city once. You shall do this six days.

4 Seven priests shall bear seven shofars of rams’ horns before the ark. On the seventh day, you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the shofars.

5 It shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear

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the sound of the shofar, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him.”

6 Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven shofars of rams’ horns before the ark of YHWH!”

7 They said to the people, “Advance! March around the city, and let the armed men pass on before YHWH’s ark.”

8 It was so, that when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests bearing the seven shofars of rams’ horns before YHWH advanced, and blew the shofars; and the ark of the covenant of YHWH followed them.

9 The armed men went before the priests who blew the shofars, and the ark went after them. The shofars sounded as they went.

10 Joshua commanded the people, saying, “You shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.”

11 So he caused the ark of YHWH to go around the city, going about it once. Then they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of YHWH!

13 The seven priests bearing the seven shofars of rams’ horns before the ark of YHWH went on continually, and blew the shofars: and the armed men went before them. The rear guard came after the ark of YHWH! The shofars sounded as they went.

14 The second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. They did this six days.

15 It happened on the seventh day, that they rose early at the dawning of the day, and marched around the city in the same way seven times. Only on this day they marched around the city seven times.

16 It happened at the seventh time, when the priests blew the shofars, Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for YHWH has given you the city!

17 The city shall be devoted, even it and all that is in it, to YHWH! Only Rahab the prostitute shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 But as for you, only keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest when you have devoted it, you take of the devoted thing; so would you make the camp of Israel accursed, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are holy to YHWH! They shall come into YHWH’s treasury.”

20 So the people shouted, and the priests blew the shofars. It happened, when the people heard the sound of the shofar, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

21 They utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, and sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

22 Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house, and bring out from there the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her.”

23 The young men who were spies went in, and brought out Rahab with her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. They also brought out all her relatives, and they set them outside of the camp of Israel.

24 They burnt the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only they put the silver, the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron into the treasury of YHWH’s house.

25 But Rahab the prostitute, her father’s household, and all that she had, Joshua saved alive. She lived in the midst of Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers, whom

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Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 Joshua commanded them with an oath at that time, saying, “Cursed is the man before YHWH, who rises up and builds this city Jericho. With the loss of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son shall he set up its gates.”

27 So YHWH was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land.

### Job 23.

#### 1. Job Proclaims ELOHIM's Righteous Judgments.

Then Job answered,

2 “Even today my complaint is rebellious. His hand is heavy in spite of my groaning.

3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! That I might come even to his seat!

4 I would set my cause in order before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would tell me.

6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No, but he would listen to me.

7 There the upright might reason with him, so I should be delivered forever from my judge.

8 “If I go east, he is not there; if west, I can’t find him;

9 He works to the north, but I can’t see him. He turns south, but I can’t catch a glimpse of him.

10 But he knows the way that I take. When he has tried me, I shall come forth like gold.

11 My foot has held fast to his steps. I have kept his way, and not turned aside.

12 I haven’t gone back from the commandment of his lips. I have treasured up the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

13 But he stands alone, and who can oppose him? What his soul desires, even that he does.

14 For he performs that which is appointed for me. Many such things are with him.

15 Therefore I am terrified at his presence. When I consider, I am afraid of him.

16 For EL has made my heart faint. The Almighty has terrified me.

17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither did he cover the thick darkness from my face.

### Psalms 113.

#### 1. The Majesty and Condescension of ELOHIM.

Praise YAH! Praise, you servants of YHWH, praise the name of YHWH!

2 Blessed be the name of YHWH, from this time forth and forevermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, YHWH’s name is to be praised.

4 YHWH is high above all nations, his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like YHWH, our ELOHIM, who has his seat on high,

6 Who stoops down to see in heaven and in the earth?

7 He raises up the poor out of the dust. Lifts up the needy from the ash heap;

8 that he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

9 He settles the barren woman in her home, as a joyful mother of children. Praise YAH!

### Proverbs 10.

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### **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 YHWH 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 YHWH'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 YHWH 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.

29 The way of YHWH 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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