

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

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### Day 115. 24-April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Joshua 7.

##### **1 . Defeat at Ai. .**

But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted things; for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. Therefore YHWH's anger burned against the children of Israel.

2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the land." The men went up and spied out Ai.

3 They returned to Joshua, and said to him, "Don't let all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai. Don't make all the people to toil there, for there are only a few of them."

4 So about three thousand men of the people went up there, and they fled before the men of Ai.

5 The men of Ai struck about thirty-six men of them, and they chased them from before the gate even to Shebarim, and struck them at the descent. The hearts of the people melted, and became like water.

6 Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of YHWH until the evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads.

7 Joshua said, "Alas, ADONAI YHWH, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? I wish that we had been content and lived beyond the Jordan!"

8 Oh, ADONAI, what shall I say, after that Israel has turned their backs before their enemies!

9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. What will you do for your great name?"

##### **10 . The Sin of Achan. .**

YHWH said to Joshua, "Get up! Why are you fallen on your face like that?"

11 Israel has sinned. Yes, they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them. Yes, they have even taken of the devoted things, and have also stolen, and also deceived. They have even put it among their own stuff.

12 Therefore the children of Israel can't stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will not be with you any more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you.

13 "Get up! Sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, for YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, says, "There is a devoted thing in the midst of you, Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted thing from among you."'

14 "In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. It shall be that the tribe which YHWH selects shall come near by families. The family which YHWH selects shall come near by households. The household which YHWH selects shall come near man by man.

15 It shall be, that he who is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of YHWH, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel."

16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning and brought Israel near by their tribes. The tribe of Judah was selected.

17 He brought near the family of Judah; and he selected the family of the Zerahites. He

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brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was selected.

18 He brought near his household man by man, and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was selected.

19 Joshua said to Achan, "My son, please give glory to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, and make confession to him. Tell me now what you have done! Don't hide it from me!"

20 Achan answered Joshua, and said, "I have truly sinned against YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, and this is what I have done.

21 When I saw among the spoil a beautiful Babylonian robe, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, then I coveted them and took them. Behold, they are hidden in the ground in the middle of my tent, with the silver under it."

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent. Behold, it was hidden in his tent, with the silver under it.

23 They took them from the middle of the tent, and brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel. They laid them down before YHWH!

24 Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his cattle, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them up to the valley of Achor.

25 Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? YHWH will trouble you this day." All Israel stoned him with stones, and they burned them with fire and stoned them with stones.

26 They raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. YHWH turned from the fierceness of his anger. Therefore the name of that place was called "The valley of Achor" to this day.

### Joshua 8.

#### 1 . The Fall of Ai. .

YHWH said to Joshua, "Don't be afraid, neither be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. Behold, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, with his people, his city, and his land.

2 You shall do to Ai and her king as you did to Jericho and her king, except its spoil and its livestock, you shall take for a plunder for yourselves. Set an ambush for the city behind it."

3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai. Joshua chose thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valor, and sent them out by night.

4 He commanded them, saying, "Behold, you shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city. Don't go very far from the city, but all of you be ready.

5 I, and all the people who are with me, will approach to the city. It shall happen, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them.

6 They will come out after us, until we have drawn them away from the city; for they will say, "They flee before us, like the first time.' So we will flee before them,

7 and you shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city; for YHWH your ELOHIM will deliver it into your hand.

8 It shall be, when you have seized on the city, that you shall set the city on fire. You shall do this according to the word of YHWH! Behold, I have commanded you."

9 Joshua sent them out; and they went to set up the ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua stayed among the people that night.

10 Joshua rose up early in the morning, mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

11 All the people, even the men of war who were with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the city, and encamped on the north side of Ai. Now there was a valley between him and Ai.

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12 He took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city.

13 So they set the people, even all the army who was on the north of the city, and their ambush on the west of the city; and Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

14 It happened, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hurried and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at the time appointed, before the Arabah; but he didn't know that there was an ambush against him behind the city.

15 Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 All the people who were in the city were called together to pursue after them. They pursued Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

17 There was not a man left in Ai or Beth El who didn't go out after Israel. They left the city open, and pursued Israel.

18 YHWH said to Joshua, "Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand." Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city.

19 The ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, and took it. They hurried and set the city on fire.

20 When the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way. The people who fled to the wilderness turned back on the pursuers.

21 When Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and killed the men of Ai.

22 The others came out of the city against them, so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side. They struck them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

23 They captured the king of Ai alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 It happened, when Israel had made an end of killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness in which they pursued them, and they had all fallen by the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all Israel returned to Ai, and struck it with the edge of the sword.

25 All that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua didn't draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the javelin, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took for prey to themselves, according to the word of YHWH which he commanded Joshua.

28 So Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a heap forever, even a desolation, to this day.

29 He hanged the king of Ai on a tree until the evening, and at the sundown Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree, and threw it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raised a great heap of stones on it that remains to this day.

### **30 . Joshua Renews the Covenant. .**

Then Joshua built an altar to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, in Mount Ebal,

31 as Moses the servant of YHWH commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the scroll of the Torah of Moses, an altar of uncut stones, on which no man had lifted up any iron. They offered burnt offerings on it to YHWH, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 He wrote there on the stones a copy of the Torah of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

33 All Israel, and their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side of the ark

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and on that side before the priests the Levites, who carried the ark of YHWH's covenant, the foreigner as well as the native; half of them in front of Mount Gerizim, and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of YHWH had commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Israel.

34 Afterward he read all the words of the Torah (teaching and instruction), the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the scroll of the Torah.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua didn't read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the foreigners who were among them.

### Job 24.

#### 1 . Job Complains of Violence on the Earth. .

“Why aren't times laid up by the Almighty? Why don't those who know him see his days?

2 There are people who remove the landmarks. They violently take away flocks, and feed them.

3 They drive away the donkey of the fatherless, and they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the way. The poor of the earth all hide themselves.

5 Behold, as wild donkeys in the desert, they go forth to their work, seeking diligently for food. The wilderness yields them bread for their children.

6 They cut their provender in the field. They glean the vineyard of the wicked.

7 They lie all night naked without clothing, and have no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for lack of a shelter.

9 There are those who pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor,

10 So that they go around naked without clothing. Being hungry, they carry the sheaves.

11 They make oil within the walls of these men. They tread wine presses, and suffer thirst.

12 From out of the populous city, men groan. The soul of the wounded cries out, yet ELOHIM doesn't regard the folly.

13 “These are of those who rebel against the light. They don't know its ways, nor stay in its paths.

14 The murderer rises with the light. He kills the poor and needy. In the night he is like a thief.

15 The eye also of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, ‘No eye shall see me.’ He disguises his face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses. They shut themselves up in the daytime. They don't know the light.

17 For the morning is to all of them like thick darkness, for they know the terrors of the thick darkness.

18 “They are foam on the surface of the waters. Their portion is cursed in the earth. They don't turn into the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters, so does Sheol those who have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him. The worm shall feed sweetly on him. He shall be no more remembered. Unrighteousness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He devours the barren who don't bear. He shows no kindness to the widow.

22 Yet ELOHIM preserves the mighty by his power. He rises up who has no assurance of life.

23 ELOHIM gives them security, and they rest in it. His eyes are on their ways.

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24 They are exalted; yet a little while, and they are gone. Yes, they are brought low, they are taken out of the way as all others, and are cut off as the tops of the ears of grain.

25 If it isn't so now, who will prove me a liar, and make my speech worth nothing?"

### **Psalms 114.**

#### **1 . The Power of ELOHIM in His Deliverance of Israel. .**

When Israel went forth out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of foreign language;

2 Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled. The Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like lambs.

5 What was it, you sea, that you fled? You Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams; you little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, you earth, at the presence of ADONAI, at the presence of the ELOHIM of Jacob,

8 who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of waters.

### **Proverbs 11.**

1 A false balance is an abomination to YHWH, but accurate weights are his delight.

2 When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom.

3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.

4 Riches don't profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but the unfaithful will be trapped by evil desires.

7 When a wicked man dies, hope perishes, and expectation of power comes to nothing.

8 A righteous person is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked takes his place.

9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but the righteous will be delivered through knowledge.

10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices. When the wicked perish, there is shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 One who despises his neighbor is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding holds his peace.

13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a secret.

14 Where there is no wise guidance, the nation falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is victory.

15 He who is collateral for a stranger will suffer for it, but he who refuses pledges of collateral is secure.

16 A gracious woman obtains honor, but violent men obtain riches.

17 The merciful man does good to his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

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- 18 Wicked people earn deceitful wages, but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.
- 19 He who is truly righteous gets life. He who pursues evil gets death.
- 20 Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination to YHWH, but those whose ways are blameless are his delight.
- 21 Most certainly, the evil man will not be unpunished, but the seed of the righteous will be delivered.
- 22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout, is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.
- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good. The expectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is one who scatters, and increases yet more. There is one who withholds more than is appropriate, but gains poverty.
- 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat. He who waters shall be watered also himself.
- 26 People curse someone who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.
- 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come to him.
- 28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.
- 29 He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind. The foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. He who is wise wins souls.
- 31 Behold, the righteous shall be repaid in the earth; how much more the wicked and the sinner!

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