

28 April Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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Joshua 15.

1 . The Land of Judah. .

The lot for the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families was to the border of Edom, even to the wilderness of Zin southward, at the uttermost part of the south.

2 Their south border was from the uttermost part of the Salt Sea, from the bay that looks southward;

3 and it went out southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and went up by the south of Kadesh Barnea, and passed along by Hezron, went up to Addar, and turned about to Karka;

4 and it passed along to Azmon, went out at the brook of Egypt; and the border ended at the sea. This shall be your south border.

5 The east border was the Salt Sea, even to the end of the Jordan. The border of the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan.

6 The border went up to Beth Hoglah, and passed along by the north of Beth Arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

7 The border went up to Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is over against the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south side of the river. The border passed along to the waters of En Shemesh, and ended at En Rogel.

8 The border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom to the side of the Jebusite southward (the same is Jerusalem); and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the farthest part of the valley of Rephaim northward.

9 The border extended from the top of the mountain to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of Mount Ephron; and the border extended to Baalah (the same is Kiriath Jearim);

10 and the border turned about from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed along to the side of Mount Jearim on the north (the same is Chesalon), and went down to Beth Shemesh, and passed along by Timnah;

11 and the border went out to the side of Ekron northward; and the border extended to Shikkeron, and passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

12 The west border was to the shore of the great sea. This is the border of the children of Judah according to their families.

13 . Caleb Occupies Hebron and Debir. .

To Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a portion among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of YHWH to Joshua, even Kiriath Arba, named after the father of Anak (the same is Hebron).

14 Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak: Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

15 He went up against the inhabitants of Debir: now the name of Debir before was Kiriath Sepher.

16 Caleb said, "He who strikes Kiriath Sepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as wife."

17 Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife.

18 It happened, when she came, that she had him ask her father for a field. She got off of her donkey, and Caleb said, "What do you want?"

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19 She said, "Give me a blessing. Because you have set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water." He gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

20 The Cities of Judah.

This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

21 The farthest cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the border of Edom in the South were Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur,

22 Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah,

23 Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan,

24 Ziph, Telem, Bealoth,

25 Hazor Hadattah, Kerioth Hezron (the same is Hazor),

26 Amam, Shema, Moladah,

27 Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet,

28 Hazar Shual, Beersheba, Biziothiah,

29 Baalah, Iim, Ezem,

30 Eltolad, Chesil, Hormah,

31 Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah,

32 Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon. All the cities are twenty-nine, with their villages.

33 In the lowland, Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah,

34 Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam,

35 Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah,

36 Shaaraim, Adithaim and Gederah (or Gederothaim); fourteen cities with their villages.

37 Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal Gad,

38 Dilean, Mizpeh, Joktheel,

39 Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon,

40 Cabbon, Lahmam, Chitlish,

41 Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages.

42 Libnah, Ether, Ashan,

43 Iphtah, Ashnah, Nezib,

44 Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages.

45 Ekron, with its towns and its villages;

46 from Ekron even to the sea, all that were by the side of Ashdod, with their villages.

47 Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; to the brook of Egypt, and the great sea with its coastline.

48 In the hill country, Shamir, Jattir, Socoh,

49 Dannah, Kiriath Sannah (which is Debir),

50 Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim,

51 Goshen, Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.

52 Arab, Dumah, Eshan,

53 Janim, Beth Tappuah, Aphekah,

54 Humtah, Kiriath Arba (the same is Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages.

55 Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Jutah,

56 Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah,

57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages.

58 Halhul, Beth Zur, Gedor,

59 Maarath, Beth Anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages.

60 Kiriath Baal (the same is Kiriath Jearim), and Rabbah; two cities with their villages.

61 In the wilderness, Beth Arabah, Middin, Secacah,

62 Nibshan, the City of Salt, and En Gedi; six cities with their villages.

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63 As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah couldn't drive them out; but the Jebusites live with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

Joshua 16.

1 . Ephraim and West Manasseh. .

The lot came out for the children of Joseph from the Jordan at Jericho, at the waters of Jericho on the east, even the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country to Bethel.

2 It went out from Bethel to Luz, and passed along to the border of the Archites to Ataroth;

3 and it went down westward to the border of the Japhletites, to the border of Beth Horon the lower, even to Gezer; and ended at the sea.

4 The children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

5 . The Land of Ephraim. .

This was the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families. The border of their inheritance eastward was Ataroth Addar, to Beth Horon the upper.

6 The border went out westward at Michmethath on the north. The border turned about eastward to Taanath Shiloh, and passed along it on the east of Janoah.

7 It went down from Janoah to Ataroth, to Naarah, reached to Jericho, and went out at the Jordan.

8 From Tappuah the border went along westward to the brook of Kanah; and ended at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim according to their families;

9 together with the cities which were set apart for the children of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

10 They didn't drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell in the midst of Ephraim to this day, and have become servants to do forced labor.

Joshua 17.

1 . The Other Half-Tribe of Manasseh (West). .

This was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph. As for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

2 So this was for the rest of the children of Manasseh according to their families: for the children of Abiezer, for the children of Helek, for the children of Asriel, for the children of Shechem, for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida: these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families.

3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

4 They came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, "YHWH commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers." Therefore according to the commandment of YHWH he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father.

5 Ten parts fell to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the Jordan;

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- 6 because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons. The land of Gilead belonged to the rest of the sons of Manasseh.
- 7 The border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, which is before Shechem. The border went along to the right hand, to the inhabitants of En Tappuah.
- 8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh; but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim.
- 9 The border went down to the brook of Kanah, southward of the brook. These cities belonged to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh. The border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and ended at the sea.
- 10 Southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea was his border. They reached to Asher on the north, and to Issachar on the east.
- 11 Manasseh had three heights in Issachar, in Asher Beth Shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns.
- 12 Yet the children of Manasseh couldn't drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.
- 13 It happened, when the children of Israel had grown strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, and didn't utterly drive them out.

14 . More Land for Ephraim and Manasseh. .

The children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given me just one lot and one part for an inheritance, since I am a great people, because YHWH has blessed me so far?"

- 15 Joshua said to them, "If you are a great people, go up to the forest, and clear land for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim; since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you."
- 16 The children of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us. All the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth Shean and its towns, and those who are in the valley of Jezreel."
- 17 Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, "You are a great people, and have great power. You shall not have one lot only;
- 18 but the hill country shall be yours. Although it is a forest, you shall cut it down, and it's farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong."

Job 28.

1 . Job's Discourse on Wisdom. .

"Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place for gold which they refine.

2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and copper is smelted out of the ore.

3 Man sets an end to darkness, and searches out, to the furthest bound, the stones of obscurity and of thick darkness.

4 He breaks open a shaft away from where people live. They are forgotten by the foot. They hang far from men, they swing back and forth.

5 As for the earth, out of it comes bread; Underneath it is turned up as it were by fire.

6 Sapphires come from its rocks. It has dust of gold.

7 That path no bird of prey knows, neither has the falcon's eye seen it.

8 The proud animals have not trodden it, nor has the fierce lion passed by there.

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9 He puts forth his hand on the flinty rock, and he overturns the mountains by the roots.
10 He cuts out channels among the rocks. His eye sees every precious thing.
11 He binds the streams that they don't trickle. The thing that is hidden he brings forth to light.
12 "But where shall wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding?
13 Man doesn't know its price; Neither is it found in the land of the living.
14 The deep says, 'It isn't in me.' The sea says, 'It isn't with me.'
15 It can't be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for its price.
16 It can't be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
17 Gold and glass can't equal it, neither shall it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal. Yes, the price of wisdom is above rubies.
19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
20 Where then does wisdom come from? Where is the place of understanding?
21 Seeing it is hidden from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the birds of the sky.
22 Destruction and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'
23 "ELOHIM understands its way, and he knows its place.
24 For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees under the whole sky.
25 He establishes the force of the wind. Yes, he measures out the waters by measure.
26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder;
27 then he saw it, and declared it. He established it, yes, and searched it out.
28 To man he said, 'Behold, the fear of ADONAI, that is wisdom. To depart from evil is understanding.'"

Psalms 118.

1 . Praise to ELOHIM for His Everlasting Mercy. .

Give thanks to YHWH, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.
2 Let Israel now say that his loving kindness endures forever.
3 Let the house of Aaron now say that his loving kindness endures forever.
4 Now let those who fear YHWH say that his loving kindness endures forever.
5 Out of my distress, I called on YAH! YAH answered me with freedom.
6 YHWH is on my side. I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?
7 YHWH is on my side among those who help me. Therefore I will look in triumph at those who hate me.
8 It is better to take refuge in YHWH, than to put confidence in man.
9 It is better to take refuge in YHWH, than to put confidence in princes.
10 All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of YHWH, I cut them off.
11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me. In the name of YHWH I indeed cut them off.
12 They surrounded me like bees. They are quenched like the burning thorns. In the name of YHWH I cut them off.
13 You pushed me back hard, to make me fall, but YHWH helped me.
14 YHWH is my strength and song. He has become my salvation [yeshu`ah].
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation [yeshu`ah] is in the tents of the righteous. "The right hand of YHWH does valiantly.
16 The right hand of YHWH is exalted! The right hand of YHWH does valiantly!"
17 I will not die, but live, and declare YAH's works.
18 YHWH has punished me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness. I will enter into them. I will give thanks to YAH!

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- 20 This is the gate of YHWH; the righteous will enter into it.
21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me, and have become my salvation [yeshu`ah].
22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.
23 This is YHWH's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that YHWH has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!
25 Save us now, we beg you, YHWH! YHWH, we beg you, send prosperity now.
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of YHWH! We have blessed you out of the house of YHWH!
27 YHWH is ELOHIM, and he has given us light. Bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my ELOHIM, and I will give thanks to you. You are my ELOHIM, I will exalt you.
29 Oh give thanks to YHWH, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.

Proverbs 15.

- 1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of fools gush out folly.
3 YHWH's eyes are everywhere, keeping watch on the evil and the good.
4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but deceit in it crushes the spirit.
5 A fool despises his father's correction, but he who heeds reproof shows prudence.
6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure, but the income of the wicked brings trouble.
7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so with the heart of fools.
8 The sacrifice made by the wicked is an abomination to YHWH, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.
9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to YHWH, but he loves him who follows after righteousness.
10 There is stern discipline for one who forsakes the way: whoever hates reproof shall die.
11 Sheol and Abaddon are before YHWH how much more than the hearts of the children of men!
12 A scoffer doesn't love to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.
13 A glad heart makes a cheerful face; but an aching heart breaks the spirit.
14 The heart of one who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.
15 All the days of the afflicted are wretched, but one who has a cheerful heart enjoys a continual feast.
16 Better is little, with the fear of YHWH, than great treasure with trouble.
17 Better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, than a fattened calf with hatred.
18 A wrathful man stirs up contention, but one who is slow to anger appeases strife.
19 The way of the sluggard is like a thorn patch, but the path of the upright is a highway.
20 A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.
21 Folly is joy to one who is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding keeps his way straight.
22 Where there is no counsel, plans fail; but in a multitude of counselors they are established.
23 Joy comes to a man with the reply of his mouth. How good is a word at the right time!
24 The path of life leads upward for the wise, to keep him from going downward to

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Sheol.

25 YHWH will uproot the house of the proud, but he will keep the widow's borders intact.

26 YHWH detests the thoughts of the wicked, but the thoughts of the pure are pleasing.

27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live.

28 The heart of the righteous weighs answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes out evil.

29 YHWH is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart. Good news gives health to the bones.

31 The ear that listens to reproof lives, and will be at home among the wise.

32 He who refuses correction despises his own soul, but he who listens to reproof gets understanding.

33 The fear of YHWH teaches wisdom. Before honor is humility. .

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