

## **2 May Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).**

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#### **Joshua 23.**

##### **1. Joshua's Farewell Address. .**

It happened after many days, when YHWH had given rest to Israel from their enemies all around, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years,

2 that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said to them, "I am old and well advanced in years.

3 You have seen all that YHWH your ELOHIM has done to all these nations because of you; for it is YHWH your ELOHIM who has fought for you.

4 Behold, I have allotted to you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even to the great sea toward the going down of the sun.

5 YHWH your ELOHIM will thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of your sight. You shall possess their land, as YHWH your ELOHIM spoke to you.

6 "Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the scroll of the Torah of Moses, that you not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left;

7 that you not come among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow down yourselves to them;

8 but hold fast to YHWH your ELOHIM, as you have done to this day.

9 "For YHWH has driven great and strong nations out from before you. But as for you, no man has stood before you to this day.

10 One man of you shall chase a thousand; for it is YHWH your ELOHIM who fights for you, as he spoke to you.

11 Take good heed therefore to yourselves, that you love YHWH your ELOHIM!

12 "But if you do at all go back, and hold fast to the remnant of these nations, even these who remain among you, and make marriages with them, and go in to them, and they to you;

13 know for a certainty that YHWH your ELOHIM will no longer drive these nations from out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and a trap to you, a scourge in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which YHWH your ELOHIM has given you.

14 "Behold, today I am going the way of all the earth. You know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which YHWH your ELOHIM spoke concerning you. All have happened to you. Not one thing has failed of it.

15 It shall happen that as all the good things have come on you of which YHWH your ELOHIM spoke to you, so YHWH will bring on you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land which YHWH your ELOHIM has given you,

16 when you disobey the covenant of YHWH your ELOHIM, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down yourselves to them. Then the anger of YHWH will be kindled against you, and you will perish quickly from off the good land which he has given to you."

#### **Joshua 24.**

##### **1. The Covenant at Shechem. .**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before ELOHIM!

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**2** Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, ‘Your fathers lived of old time beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and they served other gods.

**3** I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

**4** I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave to Esau Mount Seir, to possess it. Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

**5** “I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did in its midst: and afterward I brought you out.

**6** I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you came to the sea. The Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and with horsemen to the Sea of Suf.

**7** When they cried out to YHWH, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea on them, and covered them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt: and you lived in the wilderness many days.

**8** “I brought you into the land of the Amorites, that lived beyond the Jordan: and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand. You possessed their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

**9** Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. He sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you;

**10** but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you still. So I delivered you out of his hand.

**11** “You went over the Jordan, and came to Jericho. The men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I delivered them into your hand.

**12** I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; not with your sword, nor with your bow.

**13** I gave you a land whereon you had not labored, and cities which you didn’t build, and you live in them. You eat of vineyards and olive groves which you didn’t plant.’

**14** “Now therefore fear YHWH, and serve him in sincerity and in truth. Put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, in Egypt; and serve YHWH!

**15** If it seems evil to you to serve YHWH, choose this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve YHWH!”

**16** The people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake YHWH, to serve other gods;

**17** for it is YHWH our ELOHIM who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way in which we went, and among all the peoples through the midst of whom we passed.

**18** YHWH drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve YHWH; for he is our ELOHIM!”

**19** Joshua said to the people, “You can’t serve YHWH; for he is a holy ELOHIM! He is a jealous ELOHIM! He will not forgive your disobedience nor your sins.

**20** If you forsake YHWH, and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after he has done you good.”

**21** The people said to Joshua, “No; but we will serve YHWH!”

**22** Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen YHWH yourselves, to serve him.” They said, “We are witnesses.”

**23** “Now therefore put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel.”

**24** The people said to Joshua, “We will serve YHWH our ELOHIM, and we will listen to

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his voice.”

25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 Joshua wrote these words in the scroll of the Torah of ELOHIM; and he took a great stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of YHWH!

27 Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of YHWH which he spoke to us. It shall be therefore a witness against you, lest you deny your ELOHIM!”

28 So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

### **29 . Death of Joshua and Eleazar. .**

It happened after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of YHWH, died, being one hundred and ten years old.

30 They buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash.

31 Israel served YHWH all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, and had known all the work of YHWH, that he had worked for Israel.

32 They buried the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, in Shechem, in the parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money. They became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33 Eleazar the son of Aaron died. They buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

## **Job 32.**

### **1 . Elihu Contradicts Job's Friends. .**

So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

2 Then the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel, the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was kindled against Job. His wrath was kindled because he justified himself rather than ELOHIM!

3 Also his wrath was kindled against his three friends, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job, because they were elder than he.

5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was kindled.

6 Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered, “I am young, and you are very old; Therefore I held back, and didn’t dare show you my opinion.

7 I said, ‘Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.’

8 But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.

9 It is not the great who are wise, nor the aged who understand justice.

10 Therefore I said, ‘Listen to me; I also will show my opinion.’

11 “Behold, I waited for your words, and I listened for your reasoning, while you searched out what to say.

12 Yes, I gave you my full attention, but there was no one who convinced Job, or who answered his words, among you.

13 Beware lest you say, ‘We have found wisdom, EL may refute him, not man;’

14 for he has not directed his words against me; neither will I answer him with your speeches.

15 “They are amazed. They answer no more. They don’t have a word to say.

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- 16 Shall I wait, because they don't speak, because they stand still, and answer no more?  
17 I also will answer my part, and I also will show my opinion.  
18 For I am full of words. The spirit within me constrains me.  
19 Behold, my breast is as wine which has no vent; like new wineskins it is ready to burst.  
20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed. I will open my lips and answer.  
21 Please don't let me respect any man's person, neither will I give flattering titles to any man.  
22 For I don't know how to give flattering titles; or else my Maker would soon take me away.

### **Psalms 123.**

#### **1 . A Song of Ascents.. .**

- A Song of Ascents. To you I do lift up my eyes, you who sit in the heavens.  
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes look to YHWH, our ELOHIM, until he has mercy on us.  
3 Have mercy on us, YHWH, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt.  
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scoffing of those who are at ease, with the contempt of the proud.

### **Proverbs 19.**

- 1 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his lips and is a fool.  
2 It isn't good to have zeal without knowledge; nor being hasty with one's feet and missing the way.  
3 The foolishness of man subverts his way; his heart rages against YHWH!  
4 Wealth adds many friends, but the poor is separated from his friend.  
5 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who pours out lies shall not go free.  
6 Many will entreat the favor of a ruler, and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.  
7 All the relatives of the poor shun him: how much more do his friends avoid him! He pursues them with pleas, but they are gone.  
8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul. He who keeps understanding shall find good.  
9 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who utters lies shall perish.  
10 Delicate living is not appropriate for a fool, much less for a servant to have rule over princes.  
11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger. It is his glory to overlook an offense.  
12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass.  
13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father. A wife's quarrels are a continual dripping.  
14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from YHWH!  
15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep. The idle soul shall suffer hunger.  
16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is contemptuous in his ways shall die.  
17 He who has pity on the poor lends to YHWH; he will reward him.  
18 Discipline your son, for there is hope; don't be a willing party to his death.  
19 A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty, for if you rescue him, you must do it again.

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- 20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end.
- 21 There are many plans in a man's heart, but YHWH's counsel will prevail.
- 22 That which makes a man to be desired is his kindness. A poor man is better than a liar.
- 23 The fear of YHWH leads to life, then contentment; he rests and will not be touched by trouble.
- 24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Flog a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; rebuke one who has understanding, and he will gain knowledge.
- 26 He who robs his father and drives away his mother, is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.
- 27 If you stop listening to instruction, my son, you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down iniquity.
- 29 Penalties are prepared for scoffers, and beatings for the backs of fools.

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