

### 3 May Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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#### Day 124. 3-May Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

##### Judges 1.

##### 1. The Continuing Conquest of Canaan.

##### Judges!

It happened after the death of Joshua, the children of Israel asked of YHWH, saying, "Who should go up for us first against the Canaanites, to fight against them?"

2 YHWH said, "Judah shall go up. Behold, I have delivered the land into his hand."

3 Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with you into your lot." So Simeon went with him.

4 Judah went up; and YHWH delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they struck of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5 They found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek; and they fought against him, and they struck the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-Bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, scavenged under my table: as I have done, so ELOHIM has requited me." They brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

8 The children of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

9 Afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the hill country, and in the South, and in the lowland.

10 Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron (now the name of Hebron before was Kiriath Arba); and they struck Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 From there he went against the inhabitants of Debir. (Now the name of Debir before was Kiriath Sepher.)

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

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

14 It happened, when she came, that she got him to ask her father for a field: and she alighted from off her donkey; and Caleb said to her, "What would you like?"

15 She said to him, "Give me a blessing; for that you have set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water." Then Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

16 The children of the Kenite, Moses' brother-in-law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south of Arad; and they went and lived with the people.

17 Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they struck the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. The name of the city was called Hormah.

18 Also Judah took Gaza with its border, and Ashkelon with its border, and Ekron with its border.

19 YHWH was with Judah; and drove out the inhabitants of the hill country; for he could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

20 They gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had spoken: and he drove out there the three sons of Anak.

21 The children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

22 The house of Joseph, they also went up against Bethel; and YHWH was with them.

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23 The house of Joseph sent to spy out Bethel. (Now the name of the city before was Luz.)

24 The watchers saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said to him, "Please show us the entrance into the city, and we will deal kindly with you."

25 He showed them the entrance into the city; and they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man go and all his family.

26 The man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called its name Luz, which is its name to this day.

#### **27 . Incomplete Conquest of the Land. .**

Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shean and its towns, nor Taanach and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

28 It happened, when Israel had grown strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 Ephraim didn't drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer; but the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.

30 Zebulun didn't drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites lived among them, and became subject to forced labor.

31 Asher didn't drive out the inhabitants of Acco, nor the inhabitants of Sidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob;

32 but the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33 Naphtali didn't drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but he lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and of Beth Anath became subject to forced labor.

34 The Amorites forced the children of Dan into the hill country; for they would not allow them to come down to the valley;

35 but the Amorites would dwell in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became subject to forced labor.

36 The border of the Amorites was from the ascent of Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

### Job 33.

#### **1 . Elihu Contradicts Job. .**

"However, Job, please hear my speech, and listen to all my words.

2 See now, I have opened my mouth. My tongue has spoken in my mouth.

3 My words shall utter the uprightness of my heart. That which my lips know they shall speak sincerely.

4 The Spirit of EL has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

5 If you can, answer me. Set your words in order before me, and stand forth.

6 Behold, I am toward EL even as you are. I am also formed out of the clay.

7 Behold, my terror shall not make you afraid, neither shall my pressure be heavy on you.

8 "Surely you have spoken in my hearing, I have heard the voice of your words, saying,

9 'I am clean, without disobedience. I am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me.

10 Behold, he finds occasions against me. He counts me for his enemy.

11 He puts my feet in the stocks. He marks all my paths.'

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- 12 “Behold, I will answer you. In this you are not just, for ELOHIM is greater than man.  
13 Why do you strive against him, because he doesn’t give account of any of his matters?  
14 For EL speaks once, yes twice, though man pays no attention.  
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, in slumbering on the bed;  
16 Then he opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction,  
17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.  
18 He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.  
19 He is chastened also with pain on his bed, with continual strife in his bones;  
20 So that his life abhors bread, and his soul dainty food.  
21 His flesh is so consumed away, that it can’t be seen. His bones that were not seen stick out.  
22 Yes, his soul draws near to the pit, and his life to the destroyers.  
23 “If there is beside him an angel, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show to man what is right for him;  
24 then ELOHIM is gracious to him, and says, ‘Deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom.’  
25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child’s. He returns to the days of his youth.  
26 He prays to ELOHIM, and he is favorable to him, so that he sees his face with joy. He restores to man his righteousness.  
27 He sings before men, and says, ‘I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it didn’t profit me.  
28 He has redeemed my soul from going into the pit. My life shall see the light.’  
29 “Behold, EL works all these things, twice, yes three times, with a man,  
30 to bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be enlightened with the light of the living.  
31 Mark well, Job, and listen to me. Hold your peace, and I will speak.  
32 If you have anything to say, answer me. Speak, for I desire to justify you.  
33 If not, listen to me. Hold your peace, and I will teach you wisdom.”

#### **Psalms 124.**

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

- A Song of Ascents. By David. If it had not been YHWH who was on our side, let Israel now say,  
2 if it had not been YHWH who was on our side, when men rose up against us;  
3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us;  
4 then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul;  
5 then the proud waters would have gone over our soul.  
6 Blessed be YHWH, who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.  
7 Our soul has escaped like a bird out of the fowler’s snare. The snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
8 Our help is in the name of YHWH, who made heaven and earth.

#### **Proverbs 20.**

- 1 Wine is a mocker, and beer is a brawler. Whoever is led astray by them is not wise.  
2 The terror of a king is like the roaring of a lion. He who provokes him to anger forfeits his own life.  
3 It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife; but every fool will be quarreling.

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- 4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the winter; therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.
- 5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.
- 6 Many men claim to be men of unfailing love, but who can find a faithful man?
- 7 A righteous man walks in integrity. Blessed are his children after him.
- 8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes.
- 9 Who can say, "I have made my heart pure. I am clean and without sin?"
- 10 Differing weights and differing measures, both of them alike are an abomination to YHWH!
- 11 Even a child makes himself known by his doings, whether his work is pure, and whether it is right.
- 12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, YHWH has made even both of them.
- 13 Don't love sleep, lest you come to poverty. Open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread.
- 14 "It's no good, it's no good," says the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasts.
- 15 There is gold and abundance of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a rare jewel.
- 16 Take the garment of one who puts up collateral for a stranger; and hold him in pledge for a wayward woman.
- 17 Fraudulent food is sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth is filled with gravel.
- 18 Plans are established by advice; by wise guidance you wage war!
- 19 He who goes about as a tale-bearer reveals secrets; therefore don't keep company with him who opens wide his lips.
- 20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in blackness of darkness.
- 21 An inheritance quickly gained at the beginning, won't be blessed in the end.
- 22 Don't say, "I will pay back evil." Wait for YHWH, and he will save you.
- 23 YHWH detests differing weights, and dishonest scales are not pleasing.
- 24 A man's steps are from YHWH; how then can man understand his way?
- 25 It is a snare to a man to make a rash dedication, then later to consider his vows.
- 26 A wise king winnows out the wicked, and drives the threshing wheel over them.
- 27 The spirit of man is YHWH's lamp, searching all his innermost parts.
- 28 Love and faithfulness keep the king safe. His throne is sustained by love.
- 29 The glory of young men is their strength. The splendor of old men is their gray hair.
- 30 Wounding blows cleanse away evil, and beatings purge the innermost parts.

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