

5 May Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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Day 126. 5-May Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Judges 4.

1 . Deborah. .

The children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, when Ehud was dead.

2 YHWH sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

3 The children of Israel cried to YHWH: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

5 She lived under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 She sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh Naphtali, and said to him, "Hasn't YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, commanded, 'Go and draw to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?"

7 I will draw to you, to the river Kishon, Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into your hand."

8 Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go."

9 She said, "I will surely go with you: nevertheless, the journey that you take shall not be for your honor; for YHWH will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh; and there went up ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite had separated himself from the Kenites, even from the children of Hobab the brother-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far as the oak in Zaananim, which is by Kedesh.

12 They told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to Mount Tabor.

13 Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles, to the river Kishon.

14 Deborah said to Barak, "Go; for this is the day in which YHWH has delivered Sisera into your hand. Hasn't YHWH gone out before you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 YHWH confused Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his army, with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from his chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the army, to Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; there was not a man left.

17 However Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn in, my master, turn in to me; don't be afraid." He came in to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug.

19 He said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty." She opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20 He said to her, "Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man comes and inquires of you, and says, 'Is there any man here?' that you shall say, 'No.'"

21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him, and struck the pin into his temples, and it pierced through into the ground; for he was in a deep sleep; so he swooned and died.

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22 Behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, “Come, and I will show you the man whom you seek.” He came to her; and behold, Sisera lay dead, and the tent peg was in his temples.

23 So ELOHIM subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

24 The hand of the children of Israel prevailed more and more against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

Judges 5.

1. The Song of Deborah.

Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying,

2 “Because the leaders took the lead in Israel, because the people offered themselves willingly, be blessed, YHWH!

3 “Hear, you kings! Give ear, you princes! I, even I, will sing to YHWH! I will sing praise to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

4 “YHWH, when you went forth out of Seir, when you marched out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, the sky also dropped. Yes, the clouds dropped water.

5 The mountains quaked at the presence of YHWH, even Sinai, at the presence of YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

6 “In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied. The travelers walked through byways.

7 The rulers ceased in Israel. They ceased until I, Deborah, arose; Until I arose a mother in Israel.

8 They chose new gods. Then war was in the gates. Was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, who offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless YHWH!

10 “Speak, you who ride on white donkeys, you who sit on rich carpets, and you who walk by the way.

11 Far from the noise of archers, in the places of drawing water, there they will rehearse the righteous acts of YHWH, the righteous acts of his rule in Israel. “Then the people of YHWH went down to the gates.

12 ‘Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, utter a song! Arise, Barak, and lead away your captives, you son of Abinoam.’

13 “Then a remnant of the nobles and the people came down. YHWH came down for me against the mighty.

14 Those whose root is in Amalek came out of Ephraim, after you, Benjamin, among your peoples. Governors come down out of Machir. Those who handle the marshal’s staff came out of Zebulun.

15 The princes of Issachar were with Deborah. As was Issachar, so was Barak. They rushed into the valley at his feet. By the watercourses of Reuben, there were great resolves of heart.

16 Why did you sit among the sheepfolds, To hear the whistling for the flocks? At the watercourses of Reuben There were great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead lived beyond the Jordan. Why did Dan remain in ships? Asher sat still at the haven of the sea, and lived by his creeks.

18 Zebulun was a people that jeopardized their lives to the deaths; Naphtali also, on the high places of the field.

19 “The kings came and fought, then the kings of Canaan fought at Taanach by the waters of Megiddo. They took no plunder of silver.

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- 20 From the sky the stars fought. From their courses, they fought against Sisera.
- 21 The river Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. My soul, march on with strength.
- 22 Then the horse hoofs stamped because of the prancings, the prancings of their strong ones.
- 23 ‘Curse Meroz,’ said the angel of YHWH! ‘Curse bitterly its inhabitants, because they didn’t come to help YHWH, to help YHWH against the mighty.’
- 24 “Jael shall be blessed above women, the wife of Heber the Kenite; blessed shall she be above women in the tent.
- 25 He asked for water. She gave him milk. She brought him butter in a noble dish.
- 26 She put her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to the workmen’s hammer. With the hammer she struck Sisera. She struck through his head. Yes, she pierced and struck through his temples.
- 27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay. At her feet he bowed, he fell. Where he bowed, there he fell down dead.
- 28 “Through the window she looked out, and cried: Sisera’s mother looked through the lattice. ‘Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why do the wheels of his chariots wait?’
- 29 Her wise ladies answered her, Yes, she returned answer to herself,
- 30 ‘Have they not found, have they not divided the spoil? A lady, two ladies to every man; to Sisera a spoil of dyed garments, a spoil of dyed garments embroidered, of dyed garments embroidered on both sides, on the necks of the spoil?’
- 31 “So let all your enemies perish, YHWH, but let those who love him be as the sun when it rises forth in its strength.” Then the land had rest forty years.

Job 35.

1. Elihu Condemns Self-Righteousness.

- Moreover Elihu answered,
- 2 “Do you think this to be your right, or do you say, ‘My righteousness is more than EL’s,’
- 3 That you ask, ‘What advantage will it be to you? What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?’
- 4 I will answer you, and your companions with you.
- 5 Look to the heavens, and see. See the skies, which are higher than you.
- 6 If you have sinned, what effect do you have against him? If your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to him?
- 7 If you are righteous, what do you give him? Or what does he receive from your hand?
- 8 Your wickedness may hurt a man as you are, and your righteousness may profit a son of man.
- 9 “By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry out. They cry for help by reason of the arm of the mighty.
- 10 But none says, ‘Where is ELOHIM my Maker, who gives songs in the night,
- 11 who teaches us more than the animals of the earth, and makes us wiser than the birds of the sky?’
- 12 There they cry, but none gives answer, because of the pride of evil men.
- 13 Surely EL will not hear an empty cry, neither will the Almighty regard it.
- 14 How much less when you say you don’t see him. The cause is before him, and you wait for him!
- 15 But now, because he has not visited in his anger, neither does he greatly regard arrogance.

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16 Therefore Job opens his mouth with empty talk, and he multiplies words without knowledge.”

Psalms 126.

1 . A Song of Ascents.. .

A Song of Ascents. When YHWH brought back those who returned to Zion, we were like those who dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, “YHWH has done great things for them.”

3 YHWH has done great things for us, and we are glad.

4 Restore our fortunes again, YHWH, like the streams in the Negev.

5 Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.

6 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed for sowing, will certainly come again with joy, carrying his sheaves.

Proverbs 22.

1 A good name is more desirable than great riches, and loving favor is better than silver and gold.

2 The rich and the poor have this in common: YHWH is the maker of them all.

3 A prudent man sees danger, and hides himself; but the simple pass on, and suffer for it.

4 The result of humility and the fear of YHWH is wealth, honor, and life.

5 Thorns and snares are in the path of the wicked: whoever guards his soul stays from them.

6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

7 The rich rule over the poor. The borrower is servant to the lender.

8 He who sows wickedness reaps trouble, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.

9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed; for he shares his food with the poor.

10 Drive out the mocker, and strife will go out; yes, quarrels and insults will stop.

11 He who loves purity of heart and speaks gracefully is the king’s friend.

12 The eyes of YHWH watch over knowledge; but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.

13 The sluggard says, “There is a lion outside! I will be killed in the streets!”

14 The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit: he who is under YHWH’s wrath will fall into it.

15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child: the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

16 Whoever oppresses the poor for his own increase and whoever gives to the rich, both come to poverty.

17 . Sayings of the Wise. .

Turn your ear, and listen to the words of the wise. Apply your heart to my teaching.

18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.

19 That your trust may be in YHWH, I teach you today, even you.

20 Haven’t I written to you thirty excellent things of counsel and knowledge,

21 To teach you truth, reliable words, to give sound answers to the ones who sent you?

22 Don’t exploit the poor, because he is poor; and don’t crush the needy in court;

23 for YHWH will plead their case, and plunder the life of those who plunder them.

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- 24 Don't befriend a hot-tempered man, and don't associate with one who harbors anger:
25 lest you learn his ways, and ensnare your soul.
26 Don't you be one of those who strike hands, of those who are collateral for debts.
27 If you don't have means to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?
28 Don't move the ancient boundary stone, which your fathers have set up.
29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve kings. He won't serve obscure men.

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