

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

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### Day 127. 6-May Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Judges 6.

##### **1 . Midianites Oppress Israel. .**

The children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH: and YHWH delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.

2 The hand of Midian prevailed against Israel; and because of Midian the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and the caves, and the strongholds.

3 So it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east; they came up against them;

4 and they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, until you come to Gaza, and left no sustenance in Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor donkey.

5 For they came up with their livestock and their tents; they came in as locusts for multitude; both they and their camels were without number: and they came into the land to destroy it.

6 Israel was brought very low because of Midian; and the children of Israel cried to YHWH!

7 It happened, when the children of Israel cried to YHWH because of Midian,

8 that YHWH sent a prophet to the children of Israel: and he said to them, "Thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, 'I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land;

10 and I said to you, "I am YHWH your ELOHIM; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But you have not listened to my voice."

##### **11 . Gideon. .**

The angel of YHWH came, and sat under the oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained to Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

12 The angel of YHWH appeared to him, and said to him, "YHWH is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

13 Gideon said to him, "Oh, my master, if YHWH is with us, why then has all this happened to us? Where are all his wondrous works which our fathers told us of, saying, 'Didn't YHWH bring us up from Egypt?' But now YHWH has cast us off, and delivered us into the hand of Midian."

14 YHWH looked at him, and said, "Go in this your might, and save Israel from the hand of Midian. Haven't I sent you?"

15 He said to him, "O ADONAI, how shall I save Israel? Behold, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

16 YHWH said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man."

17 He said to him, "If now I have found favor in your sight, then show me a sign that it is you who talk with me.

18 Please don't go away, until I come to you, and bring out my present, and lay it before you." He said, "I will wait until you come back."

19 Gideon went in, and prepared a young goat, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of meal. He put the meat in a basket and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out to him under the oak, and presented it.

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20 The angel of ELOHIM said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." He did so.

21 Then the angel of YHWH stretched out the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes; and fire went up out of the rock, and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of YHWH departed out of his sight.

22 Gideon saw that he was the angel of YHWH; and Gideon said, "Alas, ADONAI YHWH! Because I have seen the angel of YHWH face to face!"

23 YHWH said to him, "Peace be to you! Don't be afraid. You shall not die."

24 Then Gideon built an altar there to YHWH, and called it "YHWH is Peace." To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 It happened the same night, that YHWH said to him, "Take your father's bull, even the second bull seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is by it;

26 and build an altar to YHWH your ELOHIM on the top of this stronghold, in an orderly way, and take the second bull, and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down."

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as YHWH had spoken to him: and it happened, because he feared his father's household and the men of the city, so that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

### **28 . Gideon Destroys the Altar of Baal. .**

When the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah was cut down that was by it, and the second bull was offered on the altar that was built.

29 They said one to another, "Who has done this thing?" When they inquired and asked, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing."

30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has broken down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the Asherah that was by it."

31 Joash said to all who stood against him, "Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? He who will contend for him, let him be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because someone has broken down his altar."

32 Therefore on that day he named him Jerub-Baal, saying, "Let Baal contend against him, because he has broken down his altar."

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east assembled themselves together; and they passed over, and encamped in the valley of Jezreel.

34 But the Spirit of YHWH came on Gideon; and he blew a shofar; and Abiezer was gathered together after him.

35 He sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; and they also were gathered together after him: and he sent messengers to Asher, and to Zebulun, and to Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

### **36 . The Sign of the Fleece. .**

Gideon said to ELOHIM, "If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have spoken,

37 behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there be dew on the fleece only, and it be dry on all the ground, then shall I know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have spoken."

38 It was so; for he rose up early on the next day, and pressed the fleece together, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

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39 Gideon said to ELOHIM, “Don’t let your anger be kindled against me, and I will speak but this once. Please let me make a trial just this once with the fleece. Let it now be dry only on the fleece, and on all the ground let there be dew.”

40 ELOHIM did so that night: for it was dry on the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

### Job 36.

#### 1 . Elihu Proclaims ELOHIM's Goodness. .

Elihu also continued, and said,

2 “Bear with me a little, and I will show you; for I still have something to say on ELOHIM’s behalf.

3 I will get my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly my words are not false. One who is perfect in knowledge is with you.

5 “Behold, EL is mighty, and doesn’t despise anyone. He is mighty in strength of understanding.

6 He doesn’t preserve the life of the wicked, but gives to the afflicted their right.

7 He doesn’t withdraw his eyes from the righteous, but with kings on the throne, he sets them forever, and they are exalted.

8 If they are bound in fetters, and are taken in the cords of afflictions,

9 then he shows them their work, and their transgressions, that they have behaved themselves proudly.

10 He also opens their ears to instruction, and commands that they return from iniquity.

11 If they listen and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they don’t listen, they shall perish by the sword; they shall die without knowledge.

13 “But those who are godless in heart lay up anger. They don’t cry for help when he binds them.

14 They die in youth. Their life perishes among the unclean.

15 He delivers the afflicted by their affliction, and opens their ear in oppression.

16 Yes, he would have allured you out of distress, into a broad place, where there is no restriction. That which is set on your table would be full of fatness.

17 “But you are full of the judgment of the wicked. Judgment and justice take hold of you.

18 Don’t let riches entice you to wrath, neither let the great size of a bribe turn you aside.

19 Would your wealth sustain you in distress, or all the might of your strength?

20 Don’t desire the night, when people are cut off in their place.

21 Take heed, don’t regard iniquity; for you have chosen this rather than affliction.

22 Behold, EL is exalted in his power. Who is a teacher like him?

23 Who has prescribed his way for him? Or who can say, ‘You have committed unrighteousness?’

#### 24 . Elihu Proclaims ELOHIM's Majesty. .

“Remember that you magnify his work, whereof men have sung.

25 All men have looked thereon. Man sees it afar off.

26 Behold, EL is great, and we don’t know him. The number of his years is unsearchable.

27 For he draws up the drops of water, which distill in rain from his vapor,

28 Which the skies pour down and which drop on man abundantly.

29 Yes, can any understand the spreading of the clouds, and the thunderings of his

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30 Behold, he spreads his light around him. He covers the bottom of the sea.

31 For by these he judges the people. He gives food in abundance.

32 He covers his hands with the lightning, and commands it to strike the mark.

33 Its noise tells about him, and the livestock also concerning the storm that comes up.

### Psalms 127.

#### 1. A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon..

A Song of Ascents. By Solomon. Unless YHWH builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Unless YHWH watches over the city, the watchman guards it in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to stay up late, eating the bread of toil; for he gives sleep to his loved ones.

3 Behold, children are a heritage of YHWH! The fruit of the womb is his reward.

4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of youth.

5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. They won't be disappointed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

### Proverbs 23.

1 When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before you;

2 put a knife to your throat, if you are a man given to appetite.

3 Don't be desirous of his dainties, since they are deceitful food.

4 Don't weary yourself to be rich. In your wisdom, show restraint.

5 Why do you set your eyes on that which is not? For it certainly sprouts wings like an eagle and flies in the sky.

6 Don't eat the food of him who has a stingy eye, and don't crave his delicacies:

7 for as he thinks about the cost, so he is. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you.

8 The morsel which you have eaten you shall vomit up, and lose your good words.

9 Don't speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.

10 Don't move the ancient boundary stone. Don't encroach on the fields of the fatherless:

11 for their Defender is strong. He will plead their case against you.

12 Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Don't withhold correction from a child. If you punish him with the rod, he will not die.

14 Punish him with the rod, and save his soul from Sheol.

15 My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad, even mine:

16 yes, my heart will rejoice, when your lips speak what is right.

17 Don't let your heart envy sinners; but rather fear YHWH all the day long.

18 Indeed surely there is a future hope, and your hope will not be cut off.

19 Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path!

20 Don't be among ones drinking too much wine, or those who gorge themselves on meat:

21 for the drunkard and the glutton shall become poor; and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and don't despise your mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and don't sell it. Get wisdom, discipline, and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous has great joy. Whoever fathers a wise child delights in

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him.

25 Let your father and your mother be glad! Let her who bore you rejoice!

26 My son, give me your heart; and let your eyes keep in my ways.

27 For a prostitute is a deep pit; and a wayward wife is a narrow well.

28 Yes, she lies in wait like a robber, and increases the unfaithful among men.

29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?

30 Those who stay long at the wine; those who go to seek out mixed wine.

31 Don't look at the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly.

32 In the end, it bites like a snake, and poisons like a viper.

33 Your eyes will see strange things, and your mind will imagine confusing things.

34 Yes, you will be as he who lies down in the midst of the sea, or as he who lies on top of the rigging:

35 "They hit me, and I was not hurt! They beat me, and I don't feel it! When will I wake up? I can do it again. I can find another.

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