

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

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#### Judges 21.

##### **1 . Wives Provided for the Benjamites. .**

Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpah, saying, "There shall not any of us give his daughter to Benjamin as wife."

2 The people came to Bethel, and sat there until evening before ELOHIM, and lifted up their voices, and wept severely.

3 They said, "YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, why has this happened in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel?"

4 It happened on the next day that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

5 The children of Israel said, "Who is there among all the tribes of Israel who didn't come up in the assembly to YHWH?" For they had made a great oath concerning him who didn't come up to YHWH to Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death."

6 The children of Israel grieved for Benjamin their brother, and said, "There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

7 How shall we provide wives for those who remain, since we have sworn by YHWH that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?"

8 They said, "What one is there of the tribes of Israel who didn't come up to YHWH to Mizpah?" Behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh Gilead to the assembly.

9 For when the people were numbered, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead there.

10 The congregation sent there twelve thousand men of the most valiant, and commanded them, saying, "Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones.

11 This is the thing that you shall do: you shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman who has lain with a man."

12 They found among the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead four hundred young virgins, who had not known man by lying with him; and they brought them to the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 The whole congregation sent and spoke to the children of Benjamin who were in the rock of Rimmon, and proclaimed peace to them.

14 Benjamin returned at that time; and they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh Gilead: and yet so they weren't enough for them.

15 The people grieved for Benjamin, because that YHWH had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 Then the elders of the congregation said, "How shall we provide wives for those who remain, since the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?"

17 They said, "There must be an inheritance for those who are escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe not be blotted out from Israel.

18 However we may not give them wives of our daughters, for the children of Israel had sworn, saying, 'Cursed is he who gives a wife to Benjamin.'"

19 They said, "Behold, there is a feast of YHWH from year to year in Shiloh, which is on the north of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah."

20 They commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, "Go and lie in wait in the vineyards,

21 and see, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come out of the vineyards, and each man catch his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and

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go to the land of Benjamin.

22 It shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to complain to us, that we will say to them, ‘Grant them graciously to us, because we didn’t take for each man his wife in battle, neither did you give them to them, otherwise you would now be guilty.’”

23 The children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of those who danced, whom they carried off. They went and returned to their inheritance, built the cities, and lived in them.

24 The children of Israel departed there at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance.

25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

### Psalms 46.

#### 1 \_\_\_\_ . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song for Alamoth.. . \_\_\_\_

For the Chief Musician. By the sons of Korah. According to Alamoth. ELOHIM is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we won’t be afraid, though the earth changes, though the mountains are shaken into the heart of the seas;

3 though its waters roar and are troubled, though the mountains tremble with their swelling. Selah.

4 There is a river, the streams of which make the city of ELOHIM glad, the holy place of the tents of the Most High.

5 ELOHIM is in her midst. She shall not be moved. ELOHIM will help her at dawn.

6 The nations raged. The kingdoms were moved. He lifted his voice, and the earth melted.

7 YHWH of Hosts is with us. The ELOHIM of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

8 Come, see YHWH’s works, what desolations he has made in the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth. He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear. He burns the chariots in the fire.

10 “Be still, and know that I am ELOHIM! I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.”

11 YHWH of Hosts is with us. The ELOHIM of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

### Proverbs 3.

#### 1 \_\_\_\_ . Guidance for the Young. . \_\_\_\_

My son, don’t forget my teaching; but let your heart keep my commandments:

2 for length of days, and years of life, and peace, will they add to you.

3 Don’t let kindness and truth forsake you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 So you will find favor, and good understanding in the sight of ELOHIM and man.

5 Trust in YHWH with all your heart, and don’t lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

7 Don’t be wise in your own eyes. Fear YHWH, and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones.

9 Honor YHWH with your substance, with the first fruits of all your increase:

10 so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

11 My son, don’t despise YHWH’s discipline, neither be weary of his reproof:

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- 12 for whom YHWH loves, he reproves; even as a father reproves the son in whom he delights.
- 13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gets understanding.
- 14 For her good profit is better than getting silver, and her return is better than fine gold.
- 15 She is more precious than rubies. None of the things you can desire are to be compared to her.
- 16 Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor.
- 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All her paths are peace.
- 18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her.
- 19 By wisdom YHWH founded the earth. By understanding, he established the heavens.
- 20 By his knowledge, the depths were broken up, and the skies drop down the dew.
- 21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion:
- 22 so they will be life to your soul, and grace for your neck.
- 23 Then you shall walk in your way securely. Your foot won't stumble.
- 24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid. Yes, you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet.
- 25 Don't be afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes:
- 26 for YHWH will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being taken.
- 27 Don't withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it.
- 28 Don't say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it to you," when you have it by you.
- 29 Don't devise evil against your neighbor, since he dwells securely by you.
- 30 Don't strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.
- 31 Don't envy the man of violence. Choose none of his ways.
- 32 For the perverse is an abomination to YHWH, but his friendship is with the upright.
- 33 YHWH's curse is in the house of the wicked, but he blesses the habitation of the righteous.
- 34 Surely he mocks the mockers, but he gives grace to the humble.
- 35 The wise will inherit glory, but shame will be the promotion of fools.

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