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12 . The Wicked Sons of Eli. .

Now the sons of Eli were base men; they didn't know YHWH!

13 The custom of the priests with the people was that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was boiling, with a fork of three teeth in his hand;

14 and he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest took therewith. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.

15 Yes, before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man who sacrificed, "Give meat to roast for the priest; for he will not accept boiled meat from you, but raw."

16 If the man said to him, "Let the fat be burned first, and then take as much as your soul desires;" then he would say, "No, but you shall give it to me now; and if not, I will take it by force."

17 The sin of the young men was very great before YHWH; for the men despised the offering of YHWH!

18 . Samuel's Childhood Ministry. .

But Samuel ministered before YHWH, being a child, clothed with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little robe, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, "YHWH give you seed of this woman for the petition which was asked of YHWH!" They went to their own home.

21 YHWH visited Hannah, and she conceived, and bore three sons and two daughters. The child Samuel grew before YHWH!

22 . Prophecy Against Eli's Household. .

Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons did to all Israel, and how that they lay with the women who served at the door of the Tent of Meeting.

23 He said to them, "Why do you do such things? for I hear of your evil dealings from all this people.

24 No, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: you make YHWH's people disobey.

25 If one man sin against another, ELOHIM shall judge him; but if a man sin against YHWH, who shall entreat for him?" Notwithstanding, they didn't listen to the voice of their father, because YHWH intended to kill them.

26 The child Samuel grew on, and increased in favor both with YHWH, and also with men.

27 A man of ELOHIM came to Eli, and said to him, "Thus says YHWH, 'Did I reveal myself to the house of your father, when they were in Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh's house?'"

28 Did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? Did I give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire?"

29 Why do you kick at my sacrifice and at my offering, which I have commanded in my habitation, and honor your sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel my people?"

30 "Therefore YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, says, 'I said indeed that your house, and the house of your father, should walk before me forever.' But now YHWH says, 'Be it far

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from me; for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off your arm, and the arm of your father's house, that there shall not be an old man in your house.

32 You shall see the affliction of my habitation, in all the wealth which I shall give Israel; and there shall not be an old man in your house forever.

33 The man of yours, whom I shall not cut off from my altar, shall consume your eyes, and grieve your heart; and all the increase of your house shall die in the flower of their age.

34 "This shall be the sign to you, that shall come on your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall both die.

35 I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in my heart and in my mind. I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before my anointed forever.

36 It shall happen, that everyone who is left in your house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread, and shall say, "Please put me into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread.""

Psalms 50.

1 . A Psalm of Asaph..

A Psalm by Asaph. The Mighty One, ELOHIM, YHWH, speaks, and calls the earth from sunrise to sunset.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, ELOHIM shines forth.

3 Our ELOHIM comes, and does not keep silent. A fire devours before him. It is very stormy around him.

4 He calls to the heavens above, to the earth, that he may judge his people:

5 "Gather my holy ones together to me, those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

6 The heavens shall declare his righteousness, for ELOHIM himself is judge. Selah.

7 "Hear, my people, and I will speak; Israel, and I will testify against you. I am ELOHIM, your ELOHIM!

8 I don't rebuke you for your sacrifices. Your burnt offerings are continually before me.

9 I have no need for a bull from your stall, nor male goats from your pens.

10 For every animal of the forest is mine, and the livestock on a thousand hills.

11 I know all the birds of the mountains. The wild animals of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to ELOHIM the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Pay your vows to the Most High.

15 Call on me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

16 But to the wicked ELOHIM says, "What right do you have to declare my statutes, that you have taken my covenant on your lips,

17 since you hate instruction, and throw my words behind you?

18 When you saw a thief, you consented with him, and have participated with adulterers.

19 "You give your mouth to evil. Your tongue frames deceit.

20 You sit and speak against your brother. You slander your own mother's son.

21 You have done these things, and I kept silent. You thought that I was just like you. I will rebuke you, and accuse you in front of your eyes.

22 "Now consider this, you who forget ELOHIM, lest I tear you into pieces, and there be none to deliver.

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23 Whoever offers the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifies me, and prepares his way so that I will show ELOHIM's salvation to him."

Proverbs 7.

1 My son, keep my words. Lay up my commandments within you.
2 Keep my commandments and live! Guard my teaching as the apple of your eye.
3 Bind them on your fingers. Write them on the tablet of your heart.
4 Tell wisdom, "You are my sister." Call understanding your relative,
5 that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.

6 . The Crafty Harlot. .

For at the window of my house, I looked out through my lattice.
7 I saw among the simple ones. I discerned among the youths a young man void of understanding,
8 passing through the street near her corner, he went the way to her house,
9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.
10 Behold, there a woman met him with the attire of a prostitute, and with crafty intent.
11 She is loud and defiant. Her feet don't stay in her house.
12 Now she is in the streets, now in the squares, and lurking at every corner.
13 So she caught him, and kissed him. With an impudent face she said to him:
14 "Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me. This day I have paid my vows.
15 Therefore I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I have found you.
16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, with striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.
17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let's take our fill of loving until the morning. Let's solace ourselves with loving.
19 For my husband isn't at home. He has gone on a long journey.
20 He has taken a bag of money with him. He will come home at the full moon."
21 With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him.
22 He followed her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, as a fool stepping into a noose.
23 Until an arrow strikes through his liver, as a bird hurries to the snare, and doesn't know that it will cost his life.
24 Now therefore, sons, listen to me. Pay attention to the words of my mouth.
25 Don't let your heart turn to her ways. Don't go astray in her paths,
26 for she has thrown down many wounded. Yes, all her slain are a mighty army.
27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the rooms of death.

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