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1 ____. Samuel's First Prophecy. .__

The child Samuel ministered to YHWH before Eli. The word of YHWH was precious in those days; there was no frequent vision.

- 2 It happened at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place (now his eyes had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see),
- 3 and the lamp of ELOHIM hadn't yet gone out, and Samuel had laid down in the temple of YHWH, where the ark of ELOHIM was;
- 4 that YHWH called Samuel; and he said, "Here I am."
- 5 He ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am; for you called me." He said, "I didn't call; lie down again." He went and lay down.
- 6 YHWH called yet again, "Samuel!" Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; for you called me." He answered, "I didn't call, my son; lie down again."
- 7 Now Samuel didn't yet know YHWH, neither was the word of YHWH yet revealed to him.
- 8 YHWH called Samuel again the third time. He arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; for you called me." Eli perceived that YHWH had called the child.
- 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he calls you, that you shall say, 'Speak, YHWH; for your servant hears." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
- 10 YHWH came, and stood, and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak; for your servant hears."
- 11 YHWH said to Samuel, "Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of everyone who hears it shall tingle.
- 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from the beginning even to the end.
- 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house forever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse on themselves, and he didn't restrain them.
- 14 Therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be removed with sacrifice nor offering forever."
- 15 Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of YHWH! Samuel feared to show Eli the vision.
- 16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, "Samuel, my son!" He said, "Here I am."
- 17 He said, "What is the thing that he has spoken to you? Please don't hide it from me. ELOHIM do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that he spoke to you."
- 18 Samuel told him every bit, and hid nothing from him. He said, "It is YHWH! Let him do what seems good to him."
- 19 Samuel grew, and YHWH was with him, and let none of his words fall to the ground.
- 20 All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of YHWH!
- 21 YHWH appeared again in Shiloh; for YHWH revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of YHWH!

Psalms 51.

1 ____. To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba...

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For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, ELOHIM, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions. My sin is constantly before me.
- 4 Against you, and you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight; that you may be proved right when you speak, and justified when you judge.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity. In sin my mother conceived me.
- 6 Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts. You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
- 7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness, That the bones which you have broken may rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all of my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O ELOHIM! Renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Don't throw me from your presence, and don't take your holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Uphold me with a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways. Sinners shall be converted to you.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O ELOHIM, the ELOHIM of my salvation. My tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- 15 ADONAI, open my lips. My mouth shall declare your praise.
- 16 For you don't delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it. You have no pleasure in burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of ELOHIM are a broken spirit. A broken and contrite heart, O ELOHIM, you will not despise.
- 18 Do well in your good pleasure to Zion. Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, in burnt offerings and in whole burnt offerings. Then they will offer bulls on your altar.

Proverbs 8.

1 ____. The Excellence of Wisdom. .___

Doesn't wisdom cry out? Doesn't understanding raise her voice?

- 2 On the top of high places by the way, where the paths meet, she stands.
- 3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entry doors, she cries aloud:
- 4 "To you men, I call! I send my voice to the sons of mankind.
- 5 You simple, understand prudence. You fools, be of an understanding heart.
- 6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things. The opening of my lips is for right things.
- 7 For my mouth speaks truth. Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness. There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
- 9 They are all plain to him who understands, right to those who find knowledge.
- 10 Receive my instruction rather than silver; knowledge rather than choice gold.
- 11 For wisdom is better than rubies. All the things that may be desired can't be compared to it.
- 12 "I, wisdom, have made prudence my dwelling. Find out knowledge and discretion.
- 13 The fear of YHWH is to hate evil. I hate pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth.
- 14 Counsel and sound knowledge are mine. I have understanding and power.
- 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
- 16 By me princes rule; nobles, and all the righteous rulers of the earth.
- 17 I love those who love me. Those who seek me diligently will find me.

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- 18 With me are riches, honor, enduring wealth, and prosperity.
- 19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; my yield than choice silver.
- 20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice;
- 21 That I may give wealth to those who love me. I fill their treasuries.
- 22 "YHWH possessed me in the beginning of his work, before his deeds of old.
- 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth existed.
- 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- 25 Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was brought forth;
- 26 while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world.
- 27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he set a circle on the surface of the deep,
- 28 when he established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong,
- 29 when he gave to the sea its boundary, that the waters should not violate his commandment, when he marked out the foundations of the earth;
- 30 then I was the craftsman by his side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing before him,
- 31 Rejoicing in his whole world. My delight was with the sons of men.
- 32 "Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, for blessed are those who keep my ways.
- 33 Hear instruction, and be wise. Don't refuse it.
- 34 Blessed is the man who hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my door posts.
- 35 For whoever finds me, finds life, and will obtain favor from YHWH!
- 36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death."

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