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1 Samuel 6.

1 . The Ark Returned to Israel. .

The ark of YHWH was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

2 The Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, "What shall we do with the ark of YHWH? Show us with which we shall send it to its place."

3 They said, "If you send away the ark of the ELOHIM of Israel, don't send it empty; but by all means return him a trespass offering; then you shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you."

4 Then they said, "What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him?" They said, "Five golden tumors, and five golden mice, for the number of the masters of the Philistines; for one plague was on you all, and on your masters."

5 Therefore you shall make images of your tumors, and images of your mice that mar the land; and you shall give glory to the ELOHIM of Israel: perhaps he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6 Why then do you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When he had worked wonderfully among them, didn't they let the people go, and they departed?

7 "Now therefore take and prepare yourselves a new cart, and two milk cows, on which there has come no yoke; and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home from them;

8 and take the ark of YHWH, and lay it on the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which you return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by its side; and send it away, that it may go.

9 Behold; if it goes up by the way of its own border to Beth Shemesh, then he has done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that struck us; it was a chance that happened to us."

10 The men did so, and took two milk cows, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home;

11 and they put the ark of YHWH on the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their tumors.

12 The cows took the straight way by the way to Beth Shemesh; they went along the highway, lowing as they went, and didn't turn aside to the right hand or to the left; and the masters of the Philistines went after them to the border of Beth Shemesh.

13 They of Beth Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.

14 The cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they split the wood of the cart, and offered up the cows for a burnt offering to YHWH!

15 The Levites took down the ark of YHWH, and the coffer that was with it, in which the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day to YHWH!

16 When the five masters of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 These are the golden tumors which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering to YHWH: for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

18 and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five masters, both of fortified cities and of country villages, even to the great stone, whereon they set down the ark of YHWH! That stone remains to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh.

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19 He struck of the men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of YHWH, he struck of the people fifty thousand seventy men; and the people mourned, because YHWH had struck the people with a great slaughter.

20 ——. **The Ark at Kirjath Jearim.** . ——

The men of Beth Shemesh said, “Who is able to stand before YHWH, this holy ELOHIM? To whom shall he go up from us?”

21 They sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath Jearim, saying, “The Philistines have brought back the ark of YHWH; come down, and bring it up to yourselves.”

1 Samuel 7.

1 The men of Kiriath Jearim came, and fetched up the ark of YHWH, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of YHWH!

2 ——. **Samuel Judges Israel.** . ——

It happened, from the day that the ark stayed in Kiriath Jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after YHWH!

3 Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, “If you do return to YHWH with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct your hearts to YHWH, and serve him only; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.”

4 Then the children of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and served YHWH only.

5 Samuel said, “Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you to YHWH!”

6 They gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before YHWH, and fasted on that day, and said there, “We have sinned against YHWH!” Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah.

7 When the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together at Mizpah, the masters of the Philistines went up against Israel. When the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 The children of Israel said to Samuel, “Don’t cease to cry to YHWH our ELOHIM for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.”

9 Samuel took a suckling lamb, and offered it for a whole burnt offering to YHWH: and Samuel cried to YHWH for Israel; and YHWH answered him.

10 As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel; but YHWH thundered with a great thunder on that day on the Philistines, and confused them; and they were struck down before Israel.

11 The men of Israel went out of Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and struck them, until they came under Beth Kar.

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, “YHWH helped us until now.”

13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more within the border of Israel. The hand of YHWH was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 The cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath; and Israel recovered its border out of the hand of the Philistines. There was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15 Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 He went from year to year in circuit to Bethel and Gilgal, and Mizpah; and he judged

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Israel in all those places.

17 His return was to Ramah, for there was his house; and there he judged Israel: and he built there an altar to YHWH!

Psalms 53.

1 _____. "To the Chief Musician. Set to Mahalath. A Contemplation of David..

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Mahalath." A contemplation by David. The fool has said in his heart, "There is no ELOHIM!" They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity. There is no one who does good.

2 ELOHIM looks down from heaven on the children of men, to see if there are any who understood, who seek after ELOHIM!

3 Every one of them has gone back. They have become filthy together. There is no one who does good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and don't call on ELOHIM?

5 There they were in great fear, where no fear was, for ELOHIM has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you. You have put them to shame, because ELOHIM has rejected them.

6 Oh that the salvation [yeshuat] of Israel would come out of Zion! When ELOHIM brings back his people from captivity, then Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Proverbs 10.

1 _____. Wise Sayings of Solomon. .

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.

3 YHWH will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked.

4 He becomes poor who works with a lazy hand, but the hand of the diligent brings wealth.

5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during the harvest is a son who causes shame.

6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot.

8 The wise in heart accept commandments, but a chattering fool will fall.

9 He who walks blamelessly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.

10 One winking with the eye causes sorrow, but a chattering fool will fall.

11 The mouth of the righteous is a spring of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all wrongs.

13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has discernment, but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin.

15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty.

16 The labor of the righteous leads to life. The increase of the wicked leads to sin.

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17 He is in the way of life who heeds correction, but he who forsakes reproof leads others astray.

18 He who hides hatred has lying lips. He who utters a slander is a fool.

19 In the multitude of words there is no lack of disobedience, but he who restrains his lips does wisely.

20 The tongue of the righteous is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is of little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but the foolish die for lack of understanding.

22 YHWH's blessing brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.

23 It is a fool's pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a man of understanding's pleasure.

24 What the wicked fear, will overtake them, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.

25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more; but the righteous stand firm forever.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.

27 The fear of YHWH prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish.

29 The way of YHWH is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.

31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked is perverse.

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