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17 ____ . **Saul Proclaimed King.** . ____

Samuel called the people together to YHWH to Mizpah;

18 and he said to the children of Israel, “Thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, ‘I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you:’

19 but you have this day rejected your ELOHIM, who himself saves you out of all your calamities and your distresses; and you have said to him, ‘No! Set a king over us.’ Now therefore present yourselves before YHWH by your tribes, and by your thousands.”

20 So Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by their families; and the family of the Matrites was taken; and Saul the son of Kish was taken: but when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they asked of YHWH further, “Is there yet a man to come here?” YHWH answered, “Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage.”

23 They ran and fetched him there; and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

24 Samuel said to all the people, “You see him whom YHWH has chosen, that there is none like him among all the people?” All the people shouted, and said, “Let the king live!”

25 Then Samuel told the people the regulations of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before YHWH! Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

26 Saul also went to his house to Gibeah; and there went with him the army, whose hearts ELOHIM had touched.

27 But certain worthless fellows said, “How shall this man save us?” They despised him, and brought him no present. But he held his peace.

1 ____ . **Saul Saves Jabesh Gilead.** . ____

Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh Gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, “Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you.”

2 Nahash the Ammonite said to them, “On this condition I will make it with you, that all your right eyes be put out; and I will lay it for a reproach on all Israel.”

3 The elders of Jabesh said to him, “Give us seven day, that we may send messengers to all the borders of Israel; and then, if there is no one to save us, we will come out to you.”

4 Then the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, and spoke these words in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 Behold, Saul came following the oxen out of the field; and Saul said, “What ails the people that they weep?” They told him the words of the men of Jabesh.

6 The Spirit of ELOHIM came mightily on Saul when he heard those words, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 He took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the borders of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, “Whoever doesn’t come forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen.” The dread of YHWH fell on the people, and they came out as one man.

8 He numbered them in Bezek; and the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 They said to the messengers who came, “Thus you shall tell the men of Jabesh Gilead, ‘Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have deliverance.’” The messengers came and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

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10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you shall do with us all that seems good to you."

11 It was so on the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and struck the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it happened, that those who remained were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

12 The people said to Samuel, "Who is he who said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring those men, that we may put them to death!"

13 Saul said, "There shall not a man be put to death this day; for today YHWH has worked deliverance in Israel."

14 Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there."

15 All the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before YHWH in Gilgal; and there they offered sacrifices of peace offerings before YHWH; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

Psalms 56.

1 ____ . To the Chief Musician. Set to The Silent Dove in Distant Lands. A Michtam of David when the Philistines captured him in Gath.. . ____

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Silent Dove in Distant Lands." A poem by David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath. Be merciful to me, ELOHIM, for man wants to swallow me up. All day long, he attacks and oppresses me.

2 My enemies want to swallow me up all day long, for they are many who fight proudly against me.

3 When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.

4 In ELOHIM, I praise his word. In ELOHIM, I put my trust. I will not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they twist my words. All their thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They conspire and lurk, watching my steps, they are eager to take my life.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, ELOHIM!

8 You number my wanderings. You put my tears into your bottle. Aren't they in your book?

9 Then my enemies shall turn back in the day that I call. I know this, that ELOHIM is for me.

10 In ELOHIM, I will praise his word. In YHWH, I will praise his word.

11 I have put my trust in ELOHIM! I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

12 Your vows are on me, ELOHIM! I will give thank offerings to you.

13 For you have delivered my soul from death, and prevented my feet from falling, that I may walk before ELOHIM in the light of the living.

Proverbs 13.

1 A wise son listens to his father's instruction, but a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke.

2 By the fruit of his lips, a man enjoys good things; but the unfaithful crave violence.

3 He who guards his mouth guards his soul. One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing, but the desire of the diligent shall be fully satisfied.

5 A righteous man hates lies, but a wicked man brings shame and disgrace.

6 Righteousness guards the way of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

7 There are some who pretend to be rich, yet have nothing. There are some who pretend

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to be poor, yet have great wealth.

8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches, but the poor hear no threats.

9 The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.

10 Pride only breeds quarrels, but with ones who take advice is wisdom.

11 Wealth gained dishonestly dwindles away, but he who gathers by hand makes it grow.

12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when longing is fulfilled, it is a tree of life.

13 Whoever despises instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command will be rewarded.

14 The teaching of the wise is a spring of life, to turn from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding wins favor; but the way of the unfaithful is hard.

16 Every prudent man acts from knowledge, but a fool exposes folly.

17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy gains healing.

18 Poverty and shame come to him who refuses discipline, but he who heeds correction shall be honored.

19 Longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.

20 One who walks with wise men grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

21 Misfortune pursues sinners, but prosperity rewards the righteous.

22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored for the righteous.

23 An abundance of food is in poor people's fields, but injustice sweeps it away.

24 One who spares the rod hates his son, but one who loves him is careful to discipline him.

25 The righteous one eats to the satisfying of his soul, but the belly of the wicked goes hungry.

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