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1 Samuel 13.

1 Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice.

Saul reigned a year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,

2 Saul chose for himself three thousand men of Israel, of which two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the Mount of Bethel, and one thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

3 Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba: and the Philistines heard of it. Saul blew the shofar throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!"

4 All Israel heard that Saul had struck the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel was had in abomination with the Philistines. The people were gathered together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 The Philistines assembled themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude: and they came up, and encamped in Michmash, eastward of Beth Aven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait (for the people were distressed), then the people hid themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in coverts, and in pits.

7 Now some of the Hebrews had gone over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead; but as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 He stayed seven days, according to the time set by Samuel: but Samuel didn't come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

9 Saul said, "Bring here the burnt offering to me, and the peace offerings." He offered the burnt offering.

10 It came to pass that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

11 Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you didn't come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines assembled themselves together at Michmash;

12 therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down on me to Gilgal, and I haven't entreated the favor of YHWH!' I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt offering."

13 Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of YHWH your ELOHIM, which he commanded you; for now YHWH would have established your kingdom on Israel forever.

14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. YHWH has sought for himself a man after his own heart, and YHWH has appointed him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept that which YHWH commanded you."

15 Samuel arose, and went from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men.

16 No Weapons for the Army.

Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people who were present with them, stayed in Geba of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

17 The spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned to the way that leads to Ophrah, to the land of Shual;

18 and another company turned the way to Beth Horon; and another company turned the way of the border that looks down on the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found throughout all Eretz-Israel; for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears;"

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20 but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his plowshare, mattock, axe, and sickle;

21 yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the plowshares, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to set the goads.

22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

23 The garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

Psalms 58.

1 _____. To the Chief Musician. Set to Do Not Destroy. A Michtam of David..

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David. Do you indeed speak righteousness, silent ones? Do you judge blamelessly, you sons of men?

2 No, in your heart you plot injustice. You measure out the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked go astray from the womb. They are wayward as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison is like the poison of a snake; like a deaf cobra that stops its ear,

5 which doesn't listen to the voice of charmers, no matter how skillful the charmer may be.

6 Break their teeth, ELOHIM, in their mouth. Break out the great teeth of the young lions, YHWH!

7 Let them vanish as water that flows away. When they draw the bow, let their arrows be made blunt.

8 Let them be like a snail which melts and passes away, like the stillborn child, who has not seen the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the heat of the thorns, he will sweep away the green and the burning alike.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance. He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked;

11 so that men shall say, "Most certainly there is a reward for the righteous. Most certainly there is an ELOHIM who judges the earth."

Proverbs 15.

1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of fools gush out folly.

3 YHWH's eyes are everywhere, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but deceit in it crushes the spirit.

5 A fool despises his father's correction, but he who heeds reproof shows prudence.

6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure, but the income of the wicked brings trouble.

7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so with the heart of fools.

8 The sacrifice made by the wicked is an abomination to YHWH, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to YHWH, but he loves him who follows after righteousness.

10 There is stern discipline for one who forsakes the way: whoever hates reproof shall

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die.

- 11 Sheol and Abaddon are before YHWH how much more than the hearts of the children of men!
- 12 A scoffer doesn't love to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.
- 13 A glad heart makes a cheerful face; but an aching heart breaks the spirit.
- 14 The heart of one who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted are wretched, but one who has a cheerful heart enjoys a continual feast.
- 16 Better is little, with the fear of YHWH, than great treasure with trouble.
- 17 Better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, than a fattened calf with hatred.
- 18 A wrathful man stirs up contention, but one who is slow to anger appeases strife.
- 19 The way of the sluggard is like a thorn patch, but the path of the upright is a highway.
- 20 A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.
- 21 Folly is joy to one who is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding keeps his way straight.
- 22 Where there is no counsel, plans fail; but in a multitude of counselors they are established.
- 23 Joy comes to a man with the reply of his mouth. How good is a word at the right time!
- 24 The path of life leads upward for the wise, to keep him from going downward to Sheol.
- 25 YHWH will uproot the house of the proud, but he will keep the widow's borders intact.
- 26 YHWH detests the thoughts of the wicked, but the thoughts of the pure are pleasing.
- 27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live.
- 28 The heart of the righteous weighs answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes out evil.
- 29 YHWH is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.
- 30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart. Good news gives health to the bones.
- 31 The ear that listens to reproof lives, and will be at home among the wise.
- 32 He who refuses correction despises his own soul, but he who listens to reproof gets understanding.
- 33 The fear of YHWH teaches wisdom. Before honor is humility.

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