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1 Samuel 14.

1 . Jonathan Defeats the Philistines. .

Now it fell on a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side." But he didn't tell his father.

2 Saul stayed in the uttermost part of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people who were with him were about six hundred men;

3 and Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the priest of YHWH in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. The people didn't know that Jonathan was gone.

4 Between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side, and a rocky crag on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The one crag rose up on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba.

6 Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, and let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that YHWH will work for us; for there is no restraint on YHWH to save by many or by few."

7 His armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Turn and, behold, I am with you according to your heart."

8 Then Jonathan said, "Behold, we will pass over to the men, and we will reveal ourselves to them.

9 If they say thus to us, 'Wait until we come to you!' then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up to them.

10 But if they say this, 'Come up to us!' then we will go up; for YHWH has delivered them into our hand. This shall be the sign to us."

11 Both of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, "Behold, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they had hidden themselves!"

12 The men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armor bearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you something!" Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come up after me; for YHWH has delivered them into the hand of Israel."

13 Jonathan climbed up on his hands and on his feet, and his armor bearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armor bearer killed them after him.

14 That first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armor bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land.

15 There was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled; and the earth quaked: so there was an exceeding great trembling.

16 The watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude melted away, and scattered.

17 Then Saul said to the people who were with him, "Count now, and see who is missing from us." When they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor bearer were not there.

18 Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the ark of ELOHIM here." For the ark of ELOHIM was with the children of Israel at that time.

19 It happened, while Saul talked to the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand!"

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20 Saul and all the people who were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle: and behold, every man's sword was against his fellow: a very great confusion.

21 Now the Hebrews who were with the Philistines as before, and who went up with them into the camp, from all around, even they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

23 So YHWH saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over by Beth Aven.

24 **. Saul's Rash Oath. .**

The men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul had adjured the people, saying, "Cursed is the man who eats any food until it is evening, and I am avenged of my enemies." So none of the people tasted food.

25 All the people came into the forest; and there was honey on the ground.

26 When the people had come to the forest, behold, the honey dropped: but no man put his hand to his mouth; for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan didn't hear when his father commanded the people with the oath: therefore he put forth the end of the rod who was in his hand, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

28 Then one of the people answered, and said, "Your father directly commanded the people with an oath, saying, 'Cursed is the man who eats food this day.'" The people were faint.

29 Then Jonathan said, "My father has troubled the land. Please look how my eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 How much more, if perhaps the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found? For now has there been no great slaughter among the Philistines."

31 They struck of the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. The people were very faint;

32 and the people flew on the spoil, and took sheep, and cattle, and calves, and killed them on the ground; and the people ate them with the blood.

33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Behold, the people are sinning against YHWH, in that they eat meat with the blood." He said, "You have dealt treacherously. Roll a large stone to me this day!"

34 Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people, and tell them, 'Bring me here every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and kill them here, and eat; and don't sin against YHWH in eating meat with the blood.'" All the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and killed them there.

35 Saul built an altar to YHWH! This was the first altar that he built to YHWH!

36 Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and take spoil among them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them." They said, "Do whatever seems good to you." Then the priest said, "Let us draw near here to ELOHIM!"

37 Saul asked counsel of ELOHIM, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will you deliver them into the hand of Israel?" But he didn't answer him that day.

38 Saul said, "Draw near here, all you chiefs of the people; and know and see in which this sin has been this day.

39 For, as YHWH lives, who saves Israel, though it is in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die." But there was not a man among all the people who answered him.

40 Then he said to all Israel, "You be on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side." The people said to Saul, "Do what seems good to you."

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41 Therefore Saul said to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, "Show the right." Jonathan and Saul were chosen; but the people escaped.

42 Saul said, "Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son." Jonathan was selected.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done!" Jonathan told him, and said, "I certainly did taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand; and behold, I must die."

44 Saul said, "ELOHIM do so and more also; for you shall surely die, Jonathan."

45 The people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has worked this great salvation in Israel? Far from it! As YHWH lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he has worked with ELOHIM this day!" So the people rescued Jonathan, that he didn't die.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 . Saul's Continuing Wars. .

Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and wherever he turned himself, he defeated them.

48 He did valiantly, and struck the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who despoiled them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchishua; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

50 and the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. The name of the captain of his army was Abner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 There was severe war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he took him to him.

Psalms 59.

1 . To the Chief Musician. Set to Do Not Destroy. A Michtam of David when Saul sent men, and they watched the house in order to kill him.. .

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him. Deliver me from my enemies, my ELOHIM! Set me on high from those who rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity. Save me from the bloodthirsty men.

3 For, behold, they lie in wait for my soul. The mighty gather themselves together against me, not for my disobedience, nor for my sin, YHWH!

4 I have done no wrong, yet they are ready to attack me. Rise up, behold, and help me!

5 You, YHWH ELOHIM of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, rouse yourself to punish the nations. Show no mercy to the wicked traitors. Selah.

6 They return at evening, howling like dogs, and prowl around the city.

7 Behold, they spew with their mouth. Swords are in their lips, "For," they say, "who hears us?"

8 But you, YHWH, laugh at them. You scoff at all the nations.

9 Oh, my Strength, I watch for you, for ELOHIM is my high tower.

10 My ELOHIM will go before me with his loving kindness. ELOHIM will let me look at my enemies in triumph.

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- 11 Don't kill them, or my people may forget. Scatter them by your power, and bring them down, ADONAI our shield.
- 12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, let them be caught in their pride, for the curses and lies which they utter.
- 13 Consume them in wrath. Consume them, and they will be no more. Let them know that ELOHIM rules in Jacob, to the ends of the earth. Selah.
- 14 At evening let them return. Let them howl like a dog, and go around the city.
- 15 They shall wander up and down for food, and wait all night if they aren't satisfied.
- 16 But I will sing of your strength. Yes, I will sing aloud of your loving kindness in the morning. For you have been my high tower, a refuge in the day of my distress.
- 17 To you, my strength, I will sing praises. For ELOHIM is my high tower, the ELOHIM of my mercy.

Proverbs 16.

- 1 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from YHWH!
- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but YHWH weighs the motives.
- 3 Commit your deeds to YHWH, and your plans shall succeed.
- 4 YHWH has made everything for its own end yes, even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to YHWH: they shall certainly not be unpunished.
- 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for. By the fear of YHWH men depart from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways please YHWH, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues with injustice.
- 9 A man's heart plans his course, but YHWH directs his steps.
- 10 Inspired judgments are on the lips of the king. He shall not betray his mouth.
- 11 Honest balances and scales are YHWH's; all the weights in the bag are his work.
- 12 It is an abomination for kings to do wrong, for the throne is established by righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings. They value one who speaks the truth.
- 14 The king's wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man will pacify it.
- 15 In the light of the king's face is life. His favor is like a cloud of the spring rain.
- 16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! Yes, to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
- 17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil. He who keeps his way preserves his soul.
- 18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.
- 19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, than to divide the plunder with the proud.
- 20 He who heeds the Word finds prosperity. Whoever trusts in YHWH is blessed.
- 21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent. Pleasantness of the lips promotes instruction.
- 22 Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, but the punishment of fools is their folly.
- 23 The heart of the wise instructs his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.
- 24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
- 25 There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
- 26 The appetite of the laboring man labors for him; for his mouth urges him on.
- 27 A worthless man devises mischief. His speech is like a scorching fire.
- 28 A perverse man stirs up strife. A whisperer separates close friends.
- 29 A man of violence entices his neighbor, and leads him in a way that is not good.

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30 One who winks his eyes to plot perversities, one who compresses his lips, is bent on evil.

31 Gray hair is a crown of glory. It is attained by a life of righteousness.

32 One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; one who rules his spirit, than he who takes a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from YHWH!

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