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1 Saul Persecutes David.

Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David.

2 Jonathan told David, saying, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Now therefore, please take care of yourself in the morning, and live in a secret place, and hide yourself.

3 I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will talk with my father about you; and if I see anything, I will tell you."

4 Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Don't let the king sin against his servant, against David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you;

5 for he put his life in his hand, and struck the Philistine, and YHWH worked a great victory for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?"

6 Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan: and Saul swore, "As YHWH lives, he shall not be put to death."

7 Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as before.

8 There was war again. David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and killed them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him.

9 An evil spirit from YHWH was on Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing with his hand.

10 Saul sought to pin David even to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he stuck the spear into the wall. David fled, and escaped that night.

11 Saul sent messengers to David's house, to watch him, and to kill him in the morning. Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you don't save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed."

12 So Michal let David down through the window. He went, fled, and escaped.

13 Michal took the teraphim, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head, and covered it with the clothes.

14 When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick."

15 Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him."

16 When the messengers came in, behold, the teraphim was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' hair at its head.

17 Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me thus, and let my enemy go, so that he is escaped?" Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?'"

18 Now David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. He and Samuel went and lived in Naioth.

19 It was told Saul, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah."

20 Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of ELOHIM came on the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21 When it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied.

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to the great well that is in Secu: and he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?" One said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah."

23 He went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Spirit of ELOHIM came on him also,

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and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 He also stripped off his clothes, and he also prophesied before Samuel, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Psalms 64.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.. .

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. Hear my voice, ELOHIM, in my complaint. Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, from the noisy crowd of the ones doing evil;

3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and aim their arrows, deadly words,

4 to shoot innocent men from ambushes. They shoot at him suddenly and fearlessly.

5 They encourage themselves in evil plans. They talk about laying snares secretly. They say, "Who will see them?"

6 They plot injustice, saying, "We have made a perfect plan!" Surely man's mind and heart are cunning.

7 But ELOHIM will shoot at them. They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow.

8 Their own tongues shall ruin them. All who see them will shake their heads.

9 All mankind shall be afraid. They shall declare the work of ELOHIM, and shall wisely ponder what he has done.

10 The righteous shall be glad in YHWH, and shall take refuge in him. All the upright in heart shall praise him!

Proverbs 21.

1 The king's heart is in YHWH's hand like the watercourses. He turns it wherever he desires.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but YHWH weighs the hearts.

3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to YHWH than sacrifice.

4 A high look, and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, is sin.

5 The plans of the diligent surely lead to profit; and everyone who is hasty surely rushes to poverty.

6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor for those who seek death.

7 The violence of the wicked will drive them away, because they refuse to do what is right.

8 The way of the guilty is devious, but the conduct of the innocent is upright.

9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a contentious woman.

10 The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.

11 When the mocker is punished, the simple gains wisdom. When the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

12 The Righteous One considers the house of the wicked, and brings the wicked to ruin.

13 Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he will also cry out, but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret pacifies anger; and a bribe in the cloak, strong wrath.

15 It is joy to the righteous to do justice; but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall rest in the assembly of the dead.

17 He who loves pleasure shall be a poor man. He who loves wine and oil shall not be

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18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous; the treacherous for the upright.

19 It is better to dwell in a desert land, than with a contentious and fretful woman.

20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man swallows it up.

21 He who follows after righteousness and kindness finds life, righteousness, and honor.

22 A wise man scales the city of the mighty, and brings down the strength of its confidence.

23 Whoever guards his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles.

24 The proud and haughty man, "scoffer" is his name; he works in the arrogance of pride.

25 The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.

26 There are those who covet greedily all day long; but the righteous give and don't withhold.

27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination: how much more, when he brings it with a wicked mind!

28 A false witness will perish, and a man who listens speaks to eternity.

29 A wicked man hardens his face; but as for the upright, he establishes his ways.

30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against YHWH!

31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle; but victory is with YHWH!

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