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1 Jonathan's Loyalty to David.

David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my iniquity? What is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?"

2 He said to him, "Far from it; you shall not die. Behold, my father does nothing either great or small, but that he discloses it to me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so."

3 David swore moreover, and said, "Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes; and he says, 'Don't let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved;' but truly as YHWH lives, and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death."

4 Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever your soul desires, I will even do it for you."

5 David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to dine with the king; but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field to the third day at evening.

6 If your father miss me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city; for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family.'

7 If he says, 'It is well;' your servant shall have peace: but if he be angry, then know that evil is determined by him.

8 Therefore deal kindly with your servant; for you have brought your servant into a covenant of YHWH with you: but if there be in me iniquity, kill me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father?"

9 Jonathan said, "Far be it from you; for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come on you, then wouldn't I tell you that?"

10 Then David said to Jonathan, "Who shall tell me if perchance your father answers you roughly?"

11 Jonathan said to David, "Come, and let us go out into the field." They both went out into the field.

12 Jonathan said to David, "By YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, when I have sounded my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if there be good toward David, shall I not then send to you, and disclose it to you?"

13 YHWH do so to Jonathan, and more also, should it please my father to do you evil, if I don't disclose it to you, and send you away, that you may go in peace: and YHWH be with you, as he has been with my father.

14 You shall not only while yet I live show me the loving kindness of YHWH, that I not die;

15 but also you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever; no, not when YHWH has cut off the enemies of David everyone from the surface of the earth."

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "YHWH will require it at the hand of David's enemies."

17 Jonathan caused David to swear again, for the love that he had to him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to him, "Tomorrow is the new moon: and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty.

19 When you have stayed three days, you shall go down quickly, and come to the place where you hid yourself when this started, and shall remain by the stone Ezel.

20 I will shoot three arrows on its side, as though I shot at a mark.

21 Behold, I will send the boy, saying, 'Go, find the arrows!' If I tell the boy, 'Behold, the arrows are on this side of you. Take them;' then come; for there is peace to you and no

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hurt, as YHWH lives.

22 But if I say this to the boy, 'Behold, the arrows are beyond you;' then go your way; for YHWH has sent you away.

23 Concerning the matter which you and I have spoken of, behold, YHWH is between you and me forever."

24 So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon had come, the king sat him down to eat food.

25 The king sat on his seat, as at other times, even on the seat by the wall; and Jonathan stood up, and Abner sat by Saul's side: but David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless Saul didn't say anything that day: for he thought, "Something has happened to him. He is not clean. Surely he is not clean."

27 It happened on the next day after the new moon, the second day, that David's place was empty. Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why doesn't the son of Jesse come to eat, neither yesterday, nor today?"

28 Jonathan answered Saul, "David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem.

29 He said, 'Please let me go, for our family has a sacrifice in the city. My brother has commanded me to be there. Now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me go away and see my brothers.' Therefore he has not come to the king's table."

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse rebellious woman, don't I know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?"

31 For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Therefore now send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die!"

32 Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?"

33 Saul cast his spear at him to strike him. By this Jonathan knew that his father was determined to put David to death.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month; for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 It happened in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little boy with him.

36 He said to his boy, "Run, find now the arrows which I shoot." As the boy ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

37 When the boy had come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the boy, and said, "Isn't the arrow beyond you?"

38 Jonathan cried after the boy, "Go fast! Hurry! Don't delay!" Jonathan's boy gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the boy didn't know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 Jonathan gave his weapons to his boy, and said to him, "Go, carry them to the city."

41 As soon as the boy was gone, David arose out of the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times. They kissed one another, and wept one with another, and David wept the most.

42 Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we have both sworn in the name of YHWH, saying, 'YHWH shall be between me and you, and between my seed and your seed, forever.'" He arose and departed; and Jonathan went into the city.

Psalms 65.

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

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. A song. Praise waits for you, ELOHIM, in Zion. To you shall vows be performed.

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- 2 You who hear prayer, to you all men will come.
- 3 Sins overwhelmed me, but you atoned for our transgressions.
- 4 Blessed is one whom you choose, and cause to come near, that he may live in your courts. We will be filled with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
- 5 By awesome deeds of righteousness, you answer us, ELOHIM of our salvation. You who are the hope of all the ends of the earth, of those who are far away on the sea;
- 6 Who by his power forms the mountains, having armed yourself with strength;
- 7 who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.
- 8 They also who dwell in faraway places are afraid at your wonders. You call the morning's dawn and the evening with songs of joy.
- 9 You visit the earth, and water it. You greatly enrich it. The river of ELOHIM is full of water. You provide them grain, for so you have ordained it.
- 10 You drench its furrows. You level its ridges. You soften it with showers. You bless it with a crop.
- 11 You crown the year with your bounty. Your carts overflow with abundance.
- 12 The wilderness grasslands overflow. The hills are clothed with gladness.
- 13 The pastures are covered with flocks. The valleys also are clothed with grain. They shout for joy! They also sing.

Proverbs 22.

- 1 A good name is more desirable than great riches, and loving favor is better than silver and gold.
- 2 The rich and the poor have this in common: YHWH is the maker of them all.
- 3 A prudent man sees danger, and hides himself; but the simple pass on, and suffer for it.
- 4 The result of humility and the fear of YHWH is wealth, honor, and life.
- 5 Thorns and snares are in the path of the wicked: whoever guards his soul stays from them.
- 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.
- 7 The rich rule over the poor. The borrower is servant to the lender.
- 8 He who sows wickedness reaps trouble, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.
- 9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed; for he shares his food with the poor.
- 10 Drive out the mocker, and strife will go out; yes, quarrels and insults will stop.
- 11 He who loves purity of heart and speaks gracefully is the king's friend.
- 12 The eyes of YHWH watch over knowledge; but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.
- 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside! I will be killed in the streets!"
- 14 The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit: he who is under YHWH's wrath will fall into it.
- 15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child: the rod of discipline drives it far from him.
- 16 Whoever oppresses the poor for his own increase and whoever gives to the rich, both come to poverty.

17 ____ . Sayings of the Wise. . ____

- Turn your ear, and listen to the words of the wise. Apply your heart to my teaching.
- 18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.
 - 19 That your trust may be in YHWH, I teach you today, even you.
 - 20 Haven't I written to you thirty excellent things of counsel and knowledge,

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- 21 To teach you truth, reliable words, to give sound answers to the ones who sent you?
22 Don't exploit the poor, because he is poor; and don't crush the needy in court;
23 for YHWH will plead their case, and plunder the life of those who plunder them.
24 Don't befriend a hot-tempered man, and don't associate with one who harbors anger:
25 lest you learn his ways, and ensnare your soul.
26 Don't you be one of those who strike hands, of those who are collateral for debts.
27 If you don't have means to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?
28 Don't move the ancient boundary stone, which your fathers have set up.
29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve kings. He won't serve obscure men.

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