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1 Samuel 23.

1 . David Saves the City of Keilah. .

David was told, “Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and are robbing the threshing floors.”

2 Therefore David inquired of YHWH, saying, “Shall I go and strike these Philistines?” YHWH said to David, “Go strike the Philistines, and save Keilah.”

3 David’s men said to him, “Behold, we are afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?”

4 Then David inquired of YHWH yet again. YHWH answered him, and said, “Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into your hand.”

5 David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their livestock, and killed them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 It happened, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

7 It was told Saul that David had come to Keilah. Saul said, “ELOHIM has delivered him into my hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that has gates and bars.”

8 Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

9 David knew that Saul was devising mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, “Bring the ephod here.”

10 Then David said, “O YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, I beg you, tell your servant.” YHWH said, “He will come down.”

12 Then David said, “Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?” YHWH said, “They will deliver you up.”

13 Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went wherever they could go. It was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he gave up going there.

14 . David in Wilderness Strongholds. .

David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. Saul sought him every day, but ELOHIM didn’t deliver him into his hand.

15 David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph in the wood.

16 Jonathan, Saul’s son, arose, and went to David into the woods, and strengthened his hand in ELOHIM!

17 He said to him, “Don’t be afraid; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you; and you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you; and that also Saul my father knows.”

18 They both made a covenant before YHWH: and David stayed in the woods, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 Then the Ziphites came up to Saul to Gibeah, saying, “Doesn’t David hide himself with us in the strongholds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of the desert?”

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- 20 Now therefore, O king, come down, according to all the desire of your soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him up into the king's hand."
- 21 Saul said, "You are blessed by YHWH; for you have had compassion on me.
- 22 Please go make yet more sure, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who has seen him there; for it is told me that he deals very subtly.
- 23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hides himself, and come again to me with certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall happen, if he is in the land, that I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah."
- 24 They arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah on the south of the desert.
- 25 Saul and his men went to seek him. When David was told, he went down to the rock, and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. When Saul heard that, he pursued David in the wilderness of Maon.
- 26 Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men surrounded David and his men to take them.
- 27 But a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and come; for the Philistines have made a raid on the land!"
- 28 So Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Sela Hammahlekoth.
- 29 David went up from there, and lived in the strongholds of En Gedi.

1 Samuel 24.

1 . David Spares Saul. .

It happened, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of En Gedi."

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the rocks of the wild goats.

3 He came to the sheep pens by the way, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were abiding in the innermost parts of the cave.

4 The men of David said to him, "Behold, the day of which YHWH said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe secretly.

5 It happened afterward, that David's heart struck him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

6 He said to his men, "YHWH forbid that I should do this thing to my master, YHWH's anointed, to put forth my hand against him, since he is YHWH's anointed."

7 So David checked his men with these words, and didn't allow them to rise against Saul. Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, "My master the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth, and showed respect.

9 David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to men's words, saying, 'Behold, David seeks your hurt?'"

10 Behold, this day your eyes have seen how that YHWH had delivered you today into my hand in the cave. Some urged me to kill you; but I spared you; and I said, I will not put forth my hand against my master; for he is YHWH's anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, behold, yes, see the skirt of your robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of your robe, and didn't kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor disobedience in my hand, and I have not sinned against you, though you hunt for my

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life to take it.

12 May YHWH judge between me and you, and may YHWH avenge me of you; but my hand shall not be on you.

13 As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness;' but my hand shall not be on you.

14 Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea?

15 May YHWH therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and you, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hand."

16 It came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

17 He said to David, "You are more righteous than I; for you have done good to me, whereas I have done evil to you.

18 You have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, because when YHWH had delivered me up into your hand, you didn't kill me.

19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away unharmed? Therefore may YHWH reward you good for that which you have done to me this day.

20 Now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

21 Swear now therefore to me by YHWH, that you will not cut off my seed after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house."

22 David swore to Saul. Saul went home; but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

Psalms 67.

1 . To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song..

For the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm. A song. May ELOHIM be merciful to us, bless us, and cause his face to shine on us. Selah.

2 That your way may be known on earth, and your salvation [yeshuat] among all nations,

3 let the peoples praise you, ELOHIM! Let all the peoples praise you.

4 Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you will judge the peoples with equity, and govern the nations on earth. Selah.

5 Let the peoples praise you, ELOHIM! Let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has yielded its increase. ELOHIM, even our own ELOHIM, will bless us.

7 ELOHIM will bless us. All the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Proverbs 24.

1 Don't be envious of evil men; neither desire to be with them:

2 for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about mischief.

3 Through wisdom a house is built; by understanding it is established;

4 by knowledge the rooms are filled with all rare and beautiful treasure.

5 A wise man has great power; and a knowledgeable man increases strength;

6 for by wise guidance you wage your war; and victory is in many advisors.

7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: he doesn't open his mouth in the gate.

8 One who plots to do evil will be called a schemer.

9 The schemes of folly are sin. The mocker is detested by men.

10 If you falter in the time of trouble, your strength is small.

11 Rescue those who are being led away to death! Indeed, hold back those who are

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staggering to the slaughter!

12 If you say, "Behold, we didn't know this;" doesn't he who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, doesn't he know it? Shall he not render to every man according to his work?

13 My son, eat honey, for it is good; the droppings of the honeycomb, which are sweet to your taste:

14 so you shall know wisdom to be to your soul; if you have found it, then there will be a reward, your hope will not be cut off.

15 Don't lay in wait, wicked man, against the habitation of the righteous. Don't destroy his resting place:

16 for a righteous man falls seven times, and rises up again; but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.

17 Don't rejoice when your enemy falls. Don't let your heart be glad when he is overthrown;

18 lest YHWH see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 Don't fret yourself because of evildoers; neither be envious of the wicked:

20 for there will be no reward to the evil man; and the lamp of the wicked shall be snuffed out.

21 My son, fear YHWH and the king. Don't join those who are rebellious:

22 for their calamity will rise suddenly; the destruction from them both who knows?

23 . Further Sayings of the Wise. .

These also are sayings of the wise. To show partiality in judgment is not good.

24 He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous;" peoples shall curse him, and nations shall abhor him

25 but it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and a rich blessing will come on them.

26 An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

27 Prepare your work outside, and get your fields ready. Afterwards, build your house.

28 Don't be a witness against your neighbor without cause. Don't deceive with your lips.

29 Don't say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."

30 I went by the field of the sluggard, by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 Behold, it was all grown over with thorns. Its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down.

32 Then I saw, and considered well. I saw, and received instruction:

33 a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep;

34 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your want as an armed man.

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