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2 Samuel 1.

1 . The Report of Saul's Death. .

2 The Second Book of Samuel!

It happened after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had stayed two days in Ziklag;

- 2 it happened on the third day, that behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes torn, and earth on his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and showed respect.
- 3 David said to him, "Where do you come from?" He said to him, "I have escaped out of the camp of Israel."
- 4 David said to him, "How did it go? Please tell me." He answered, "The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also have fallen and are dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."
- 5 David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?"
- 6 The young man who told him said, "As I happened by chance on Mount Gilboa, behold, Saul was leaning on his spear; and behold, the chariots and the horsemen followed hard after him.
- 7 When he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. I answered, 'Here I am.'
- 8 He said to me, 'Who are you?' I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.'
- 9 He said to me, 'Please stand beside me, and kill me; for anguish has taken hold of me, because my life is yet whole in me.'
- 10 So I stood beside him, and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he had fallen. I took the crown that was on his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my master."
- 11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and tore them; and likewise all the men who were with him.
- 12 They mourned, and wept, and fasted until evening, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of YHWH, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.
- 13 David said to the young man who told him, "Where are you from?" He answered, "I am the son of a foreigner, an Amalekite."
- 14 David said to him, "How were you not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy YHWH's anointed?"
- 15 David called one of the young men, and said, "Go near, and fall on him." He struck him, so that he died.
- 16 David said to him, "Your blood be on your head; for your mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have slain YHWH's anointed."

. The Song of the Bow. .

David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son

- 18 (and he commanded them to teach the children of Judah the song of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jashar):
- 19 "Your glory, Israel, is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!
- 20 Don't tell it in Gath. Don't publish it in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.
- 21 You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew nor rain on you, neither fields of offerings; For there the shield of the mighty was vilely cast away, The shield of Saul was

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not anointed with oil.

- 22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, Jonathan's bow didn't turn back. Saul's sword didn't return empty.
- 23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives. In their death, they were not divided. They were swifter than eagles. They were stronger than lions.
- 24 You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet delicately, who put ornaments of gold on your clothing.
- 25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan is slain on your high places.
- 26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan. You have been very pleasant to me. Your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
- 27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!"

Psalms 72.

1 . A Psalm of Solomon...

By Solomon. ELOHIM, give the king your justice; your righteousness to the royal son.

- 2 He will judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
- 3 The mountains shall bring prosperity to the people. The hills bring the fruit of righteousness.
- 4 He will judge the poor of the people. He will save the children of the needy, and will break the oppressor in pieces.
- 5 They shall fear you while the sun endures; and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 He will come down like rain on the mown grass, as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days, the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.
- 8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him. His enemies shall lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the islands will bring tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
- 11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before him. All nations shall serve him.
- 12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries; the poor, who has no helper.
- 13 He will have pity on the poor and needy. He will save the souls of the needy.
- 14 He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence. Their blood will be precious in his sight.
- 15 They shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba. Men shall pray for him continually. They shall bless him all day long.
- 16 Abundance of grain shall be throughout the land. Its fruit sways like Lebanon. Let it flourish, thriving like the grass of the field.
- 17 His name endures forever. His name continues as long as the sun. Men shall be blessed by him. All nations will call him blessed.
- 18 Praise be to YHWH ELOHIM, the ELOHIM of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.
- 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever! Let the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and amen.
- 20 This ends the prayers by David, the son of Jesse. BOOK III

Proverbs 29.

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- 1 He who is often rebuked and stiffens his neck will be destroyed suddenly, with no remedy.
- 2 When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan.
- 3 Whoever loves wisdom brings joy to his father; but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.
- 4 The king by justice makes the land stable, but he who takes bribes tears it down.
- 5 A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.
- 6 An evil man is snared by his sin, but the righteous can sing and be glad.
- 7 The righteous care about justice for the poor. The wicked aren't concerned about knowledge.
- 8 Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger.
- 9 If a wise man goes to court with a foolish man, the fool rages or scoffs, and there is no peace.
- 10 The bloodthirsty hate a man of integrity; and they seek the life of the upright.
- 11 A fool vents all of his anger, but a wise man brings himself under control.
- 12 If a ruler listens to lies, all of his officials are wicked.
- 13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: YHWH gives sight to the eyes of both.
- 14 The king who fairly judges the poor, his throne shall be established forever.
- 15 The rod of correction gives wisdom, but a child left to himself causes shame to his mother.
- 16 When the wicked increase, sin increases; but the righteous will see their downfall.
- 17 Correct your son, and he will give you peace; yes, he will bring delight to your soul.
- 18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but one who keeps the Torah is blessed.
- 19 A servant can't be corrected by words. Though he understands, yet he will not respond.
- 20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him
- 21 He who pampers his servant from youth will have him become a son in the end.
- 22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a wrathful man abounds in sin.
- 23 A man's pride brings him low, but one of lowly spirit gains honor.
- 24 Whoever is an accomplice of a thief is an enemy of his own soul. He takes an oath, but dares not testify.
- 25 The fear of man proves to be a snare, but whoever puts his trust in YHWH is kept safe.
- 26 Many seek the ruler's favor, but a man's justice comes from YHWH!
- 27 A dishonest man detests the righteous, and the upright in their ways detest the wicked.

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