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2 Samuel 6.

1 . The Ark Brought to Jerusalem. .

David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 David arose, and went with all the people who were with him, from Baale Judah, to bring up from there the ark of ELOHIM, which is called by the Name, even the name of YHWH of Hosts who sits above the cherubim.

3 They set the ark of ELOHIM on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in the hill: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.

4 They brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was in the hill, with the ark of ELOHIM: and Ahio went before the ark.

5 David and all the house of Israel played before YHWH with all kinds of instruments made of fir wood, and with harps, and with stringed instruments, and with tambourines, and with castanets, and with cymbals.

6 When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached for the ark of ELOHIM, and took hold of it; for the cattle stumbled.

7 The anger of YHWH was kindled against Uzzah; and ELOHIM struck him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of ELOHIM!

8 David was displeased, because YHWH had broken forth on Uzzah; and he called that place Perez Uzzah, to this day.

9 David was afraid of YHWH that day; and he said, "How shall the ark of YHWH come to me?"

10 So David would not move the ark of YHWH to be with him in the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

11 The ark of YHWH remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months: and YHWH blessed Obed-Edom, and all his house.

12 It was told king David, saying, "YHWH has blessed the house of Obed-Edom, and all that pertains to him, because of the ark of ELOHIM!" David went and brought up the ark of ELOHIM from the house of Obed-Edom into the city of David with joy.

13 It was so, that, when those who bore the ark of YHWH had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened calf.

14 David danced before YHWH with all his might; and David was clothed in a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of YHWH with shouting, and with the sound of the shofar.

16 It was so, as the ark of YHWH came into the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before YHWH; and she despised him in her heart.

17 They brought in the ark of YHWH, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before YHWH!

18 When David had made an end of offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of YHWH of Hosts.

19 He gave to all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, both to men and women, to everyone a portion of bread, dates, and raisins. So all the people departed everyone to his house.

20 Then David returned to bless his household. Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious the king of Israel was today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly

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uncovers himself!”

21 David said to Michal, “It was before YHWH, who chose me above your father, and above all his house, to appoint me prince over the people of YHWH, over Israel. Therefore will I celebrate before YHWH!

22 I will be yet more vile than this, and will be base in my own sight. But of the handmaids of whom you have spoken, they shall honor me.”

23 Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

Daniel 3.

1 . The Image of Gold. .

Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits, and its breadth six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then the herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, peoples, nations, and languages,

5 that whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up;

6 and whoever doesn't fall down and worship shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 . Daniel's Friends Disobey the King. .

Therefore at that time certain Kasdim came near, and brought accusation against the Jews.

9 They answered Nebuchadnezzar the king, O king, live for ever.

10 You, O king, have made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image;

11 and whoever doesn't fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not respected you. They don't serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar answered them, Is it on purpose, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you don't serve my god, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if you are ready whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music to fall down and worship the image which I have made, well: but if you don't worship, you shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery

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furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

17 If it be so, our ELOHIM whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

19 . Saved in Fiery Trial. .

Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his appearance was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

20 He commanded certain mighty men who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their pants, their tunics, and their mantles, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

23 These three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste: he spoke and said to his counselors, Didn't we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered the king, True, O king.

25 He answered, Look, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are unharmed; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son of the gods.

26 . Nebuchadnezzar Praises ELOHIM. .

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace: he spoke and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most High ELOHIM, come forth, and come here. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came forth out of the midst of the fire.

27 The satraps, the deputies, and the governors, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power on their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, neither were their pants changed, nor had the smell of fire passed on them.

28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, Blessed be the ELOHIM of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel, and delivered his servants who trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own ELOHIM!

29 Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speak anything evil against the ELOHIM of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill; because there is no other god who is able to deliver after this sort.

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Psalms 137.

1 . Longing for Zion in a Foreign Land. .

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- By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down. Yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
- 2 On the willows in its midst, we hung up our harps.
 - 3 For there, those who led us captive asked us for songs. Those who tormented us demanded songs of joy: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
 - 4 How can we sing YHWH's song in a foreign land?
 - 5 If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.
 - 6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I don't remember you; if I don't prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy.
 - 7 Remember, YHWH, against the children of Edom, the day of Jerusalem; who said, "Raze it! Raze it even to its foundation!"
 - 8 Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, he will be happy who rewards you, as you have served us.
 - 9 Happy shall he be, who takes and dashes your little ones against the rock.

Proverbs 2.

1 . The Value of Wisdom. .

- My son, if you will receive my words, and store up my commandments within you;
- 2 So as to turn your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;
 - 3 Yes, if you call out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding;
 - 4 If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures:
 - 5 then you will understand the fear of YHWH, and find the knowledge of ELOHIM!
 - 6 For YHWH gives wisdom. Out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.
 - 7 He lays up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk in integrity;
 - 8 that he may guard the paths of justice, and preserve the way of his holy ones.
 - 9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path.
 - 10 For wisdom will enter into your heart. Knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.
 - 11 Discretion will watch over you. Understanding will keep you,
 - 12 to deliver you from the way of evil, from the men who speak perverse things;
 - 13 who forsake the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;
 - 14 who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of evil;
 - 15 who are crooked in their ways, and wayward in their paths:
 - 16 To deliver you from the strange woman, even from the foreigner who flatters with her words;
 - 17 who forsakes the friend of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her ELOHIM:
 - 18 for her house leads down to death, her paths to the dead.
 - 19 None who go to her return again, neither do they attain to the paths of life:
 - 20 that you may walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.
 - 21 For the upright will dwell in the land. The perfect will remain in it.
 - 22 But the wicked will be cut off from the land. The treacherous will be rooted out of it.

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