

## 27 Jun Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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#### 2 Samuel 20.

##### 1 . The Rebellion of Sheba. .

There happened to be there a base fellow, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew the shofar, and said, "We have no portion in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to his tents, Israel!"

2 So all the men of Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah joined with their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in custody, and provided them with sustenance, but didn't go in to them. So they were shut up to the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 Then the king said to Amasa, "Call me the men of Judah together within three days, and be here present."

5 So Amasa went to call the men of Judah together; but he stayed longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 David said to Abishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom did. Take your master's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get himself fortified cities, and escape out of our sight."

7 There went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men; and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. Joab was clothed in his apparel of war that he had put on, and on it was a sash with a sword fastened on his waist in its sheath; and as he went forth it fell out.

9 Joab said to Amasa, "Is it well with you, my brother?" Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand. So he struck him with it in the body, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and didn't strike him again; and he died. Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.

11 There stood by him one of Joab's young men, and said, "He who favors Joab, and he who is for David, let him follow Joab!"

12 Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the midst of the highway. When the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a garment over him, when he saw that everyone who came by him stood still.

13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 He went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel, and to Beth Maacah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him.

15 They came and besieged him in Abel of Beth Maacah, and they cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart; and all the people who were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.

16 Then a wise woman cried out of the city, "Hear, hear! Please say to Joab, 'Come near here, that I may speak with you.'"

17 He came near to her; and the woman said, "Are you Joab?" He answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Hear the words of your handmaid." He answered, "I do hear."

18 Then she spoke, saying, "They were used to say in old times, 'They shall surely ask counsel at Abel;' and so they settled it.

19 I am among those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the inheritance of YHWH?"

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20 Joab answered, “Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

21 The matter is not so. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has lifted up his hand against the king, even against David. Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city.” The woman said to Joab, “Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall.”

22 Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. They cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it out to Joab. He blew the shofar, and they were dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

### 23 . David's Government Officers. .

Now Joab was over all the army of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites;

24 and Adoram was over the men subject to forced labor; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;

25 and Sheva was scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests;

26 and also Ira the Jairite was chief minister to David.

## 2 Samuel 21.

### 1 . David Avenges the Gibeonites. .

There was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David sought the face of YHWH! YHWH said, “It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he put to death the Gibeonites.”

2 The king called the Gibeonites, and said to them (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn to them: and Saul sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah);

3 and David said to the Gibeonites, “What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of YHWH?”

4 The Gibeonites said to him, “It is no matter of silver or gold between us and Saul, or his house; neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel.” He said, “Whatever you say, that will I do for you.”

5 They said to the king, “The man who consumed us, and who devised against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel,

6 let seven men of his sons be delivered to us, and we will hang them up to YHWH in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of YHWH!” The king said, “I will give them.”

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of YHWH’s oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite.

9 He delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the mountain before YHWH, and all seven of them fell together. They were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, at the beginning of barley harvest.

10 Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water was poured on them from the sky. She allowed neither the birds of the sky to rest on them by day, nor the animals of the field by night.

11 It was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

12 David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh Gilead, who had stolen them from the street of Beth Shan, where the

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Philistines had hanged them, in the day that the Philistines killed Saul in Gilboa;  
13 and he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son:  
and they gathered the bones of those who were hanged.

14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in  
Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded.  
After that ELOHIM was entreated for the land.

### 15 . Philistine Giants Destroyed. .

The Philistines had war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with  
him, and fought against the Philistines. David grew faint;

16 and Ishbibenob, who was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three  
hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being armed with a new sword, thought to have  
slain David.

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine, and killed him.  
Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "You shall go no more out with us to battle,  
that you don't quench the lamp of Israel."

18 It came to pass after this, that there was again war with the Philistines at Gob: then  
Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Saph, who was of the sons of the giant.

19 There was again war with the Philistines at Gob; and Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim  
the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite's brother, the staff of whose spear was like a  
weaver's beam.

20 There was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had on  
every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also  
was born to the giant.

21 When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, killed him.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by  
the hand of his servants.

## Hosea 1.,2:1.

### 1 .Hosea!

The word of YHWH that came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham,  
Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king  
of Israel.

### .. The Family of Hosea. .

2 When YHWH spoke at first by Hosea, YHWH said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a  
wife of prostitution and children of unfaithfulness; for the land commits great adultery,  
forsaking YHWH!"

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she conceived, and bore him  
a son.

4 YHWH said to him, "Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the  
blood of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel  
to cease.

5 It will happen in that day that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

6 She conceived again, and bore a daughter. Then he said to him, "Call her name Lo-  
Ruhamah; for I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, that I should in any way  
pardon them.

7 But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and will save them by YHWH their

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ELOHIM, and will not save them by bow, sword, battle, horses, or horsemen.”

8 Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived, and bore a son.

9 He said, “Call his name Lo-Ammi; for you are not my people, and I will not be yours.

### 10 . The Restoration of Israel. .

Yet the number of the children of Israel will be as the sand of the sea, which can't be measured nor numbered; and it will come to pass that, in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘sons of the living ELOHIM!’

11 The children of Judah and the children of Israel will be gathered together, and they will appoint themselves one head, and will go up from the land; for great will be the day of Jezreel.

1 “Say to your brothers, ‘My people!’ and to your sisters, ‘My loved one!’

## Psalms 148.

### 1 . Praise to YHWH from Creation. .

Praise YAH! Praise YHWH from the heavens! Praise him in the heights!

2 Praise him, all his angels! Praise him, all his army!

3 Praise him, sun and moon! Praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you heavens of heavens, You waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of YHWH, For he commanded, and they were created.

6 He has also established them forever and ever. He has made a decree which will not pass away.

7 Praise YHWH from the earth, you great sea creatures, and all depths!

8 Lightning and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling his word;

9 mountains and all hills; fruit trees and all cedars;

10 wild animals and all livestock; small creatures and flying birds;

11 kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth;

12 both young men and maidens; old men and children:

13 let them praise the name of YHWH, for his name alone is exalted. His glory is above the earth and the heavens.

14 He has lifted up the horn of his people, the praise of all his holy ones; even of the children of Israel, a people near to him. Praise YAH!

## Proverbs 13.

1 A wise son listens to his father's instruction, but a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke.

2 By the fruit of his lips, a man enjoys good things; but the unfaithful crave violence.

3 He who guards his mouth guards his soul. One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing, but the desire of the diligent shall be fully satisfied.

5 A righteous man hates lies, but a wicked man brings shame and disgrace.

6 Righteousness guards the way of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

7 There are some who pretend to be rich, yet have nothing. There are some who pretend to be poor, yet have great wealth.

8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches, but the poor hear no threats.

9 The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.

10 Pride only breeds quarrels, but with ones who take advice is wisdom.

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- 11 Wealth gained dishonestly dwindles away, but he who gathers by hand makes it grow.  
12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when longing is fulfilled, it is a tree of life.  
13 Whoever despises instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command will be rewarded.  
14 The teaching of the wise is a spring of life, to turn from the snares of death.  
15 Good understanding wins favor; but the way of the unfaithful is hard.  
16 Every prudent man acts from knowledge, but a fool exposes folly.  
17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy gains healing.  
18 Poverty and shame come to him who refuses discipline, but he who heeds correction shall be honored.  
19 Longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.  
20 One who walks with wise men grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.  
21 Misfortune pursues sinners, but prosperity rewards the righteous.  
22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored for the righteous.  
23 An abundance of food is in poor people's fields, but injustice sweeps it away.  
24 One who spares the rod hates his son, but one who loves him is careful to discipline him.  
25 The righteous one eats to the satisfying of his soul, but the belly of the wicked goes hungry.

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