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2 Samuel 22.

1 . Praise for ELOHIM's Deliverance. .

David spoke to YHWH the words of this song in the day that YHWH delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2 and he said, "YHWH is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, even mine;

3 ELOHIM, my rock, in him I will take refuge; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge. My savior, you save me from violence.

4 I will call on YHWH, who is worthy to be praised: So shall I be saved from my enemies.

5 For the waves of death surrounded me. The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. 6 The cords of Sheol were around me. The snares of death caught me.

7 In my distress I called on YHWH! Yes, I called to my ELOHIM! He heard my voice out of his temple. My cry came into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled. The foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken, because he was angry.

9 Smoke went up out of his nostrils. Fire out of his mouth devoured. Coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down. Thick darkness was under his feet. 11 He rode on a cherub, and flew. Yes, he was seen on the wings of the wind.

12 He made darkness pavilions around himself: gathering of waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13 At the brightness before him, coals of fire were kindled.

14 YHWH thundered from heaven. The Most High uttered his voice.

15 He sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and confused them.

16 Then the channels of the sea appeared. The foundations of the world were laid bare by the rebuke of YHWH, At the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

¹⁷ He sent from on high and he took me. He drew me out of many waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

19 They came on me in the day of my calamity, but YHWH was my support.

20 He also brought me out into a large place. He delivered me, because he delighted in me.

21 YHWH rewarded me according to my righteousness. He rewarded me according to the cleanness of my hands.

22 For I have kept the ways of YHWH, and have not wickedly departed from my ELOHIM!

23 For all his ordinances were before me. As for his statutes, I did not depart from them.24 I was also perfect toward him. I kept myself from my iniquity.

25 Therefore YHWH has rewarded me according to my righteousness, According to my cleanness in his eyesight.

26 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful. With the perfect man you will show yourself perfect.

27 With the pure you will show yourself pure. With the crooked you will show yourself shrewd.

28 You will save the afflicted people, But your eyes are on the haughty, that you may bring them down.

29 For you are my lamp, YHWH! YHWH will light up my darkness.

30 For by you, I run against a troop. By my ELOHIM, I leap over a wall.

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31 As for EL, his way is perfect. The word of YHWH is tested. He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him.

32 For who is EL, besides YHWH? Who is a rock, besides our ELOHIM?

33 ELOHIM is my strong fortress. He makes my way perfect.

34 He makes his feet like hinds' feet, and sets me on my high places.

35 He teaches my hands to war, so that my arms bend a bow of brass.

36 You have also given me the shield of your salvation. Your gentleness has made me great.

37 You have enlarged my steps under me. My feet have not slipped.

38 I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them. I didn't turn again until they were consumed.

39 I have consumed them, and struck them through, so that they can't arise. Yes, they have fallen under my feet.

40 For you have armed me with strength for the battle. You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

41 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me.

42 They looked, but there was none to save; even to YHWH, but he didn't answer them. 43 Then I beat them as small as the dust of the earth. I crushed them as the mire of the streets, and spread them abroad.

44 You also have delivered me from the strivings of my people. You have kept me to be the head of the nations. A people whom I have not known will serve me.

45 The foreigners will submit themselves to me. As soon as they hear of me, they will obey me.

46 The foreigners will fade away, and will come trembling out of their close places.

47 YHWH lives! Blessed be my rock! Exalted be ELOHIM, the rock of my salvation,

48 even the EL who executes vengeance for me, who brings down peoples under me,

49 who brings me away from my enemies. Yes, you lift me up above those who rise up against me. You deliver me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks to you, YHWH, among the nations. Will sing praises to your name.

51 He gives great deliverance to his king, and shows loving kindness to his anointed, to David and to his seed, forevermore."

Hosea 2:2-23.

2 . ELOHIM's Unfaithful People. .

Contend with your mother! Contend, for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband; and let her put away her prostitution from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

3 Lest I strip her naked, and make her bare as in the day that she was born, and make her like a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and kill her with thirst.

4 Indeed, on her children I will have no mercy; for they are children of unfaithfulness; 5 For their mother has played the prostitute. She who conceived them has done

shamefully; for she said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.'

6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, that she can't find her way.

7 She will follow after her lovers, but she won't overtake them; and she will seek them, but won't find them. Then she will say, 'I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.'

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8 For she did not know that I gave her the grain, the new wine, and the oil, and multiplied to her silver and gold, which they used for Baal.

9 Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my new wine in its season, and will pluck away my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness.

10 Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and no one will deliver her out of my hand.

11 I will also cause all her celebrations to cease: her feasts, her new moons, her Sabbaths, and all her solemn assemblies.

12 I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, about which she has said, 'These are my wages that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest,' and the animals of the field shall eat them.

13 I will visit on her the days of the Baals, to which she burned incense, when she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgot me," says YHWH!

14 . ELOHIM's Mercy on His People. .

"Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her.

15 I will give her vineyards from there, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope; and she will respond there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

16 It will be in that day," says YHWH, "that you will call me 'my husband,' and no longer call me 'my master.'

17 For I will take away the names of the Baals out of her mouth, and they will no longer be mentioned by name.

18 In that day I will make a covenant for them with the animals of the field, and with the birds of the sky, and with the creeping things of the ground. I will break the bow, the sword, and the battle out of the land, and will make them lie down safely.

19 I will betroth you to me forever. Yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness, in justice, in loving kindness, and in compassion.

20 I will even betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know YHWH!21 It will happen in that day, I will respond," says YHWH, "I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the earth;

22 and the earth will respond to the grain, and the new wine, and the oil; and they will respond to Jezreel.

23 I will sow her to me in the earth; and I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; and I will tell those who were not my people, 'You are my people;' and they will say, 'My ELOHIM!'"

Psalms 149.

1 . Praise to ELOHIM for His Salvation and Judgment. .

Praise YAH! Sing to YHWH a new song, his praise in the assembly of the holy ones. 2 Let Israel rejoice in him who made them. Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance! Let them sing praises to him with tambourine and harp!

4 For YHWH takes pleasure in his people. He crowns the humble with salvation [yeshu`ah].

5 Let the holy ones rejoice in honor. Let them sing for joy on their beds.

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6 May the high praises of EL be in their mouths, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 to execute on them the written judgment. All his holy ones have this honor. Praise YAH!

Proverbs 14.

1 Every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.

2 He who walks in his uprightness fears YHWH, but he who is perverse in his ways despises him.

3 The fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.

4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean, but much increase is by the strength of the ox.

5 A truthful witness will not lie, but a false witness pours out lies.

6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and doesn't find it, but knowledge comes easily to a discerning person.

7 Stay away from a foolish man, for you won't find knowledge on his lips.

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to think about his way, but the folly of fools is deceit.

9 Fools mock at making atonement for sins, but among the upright there is good will.

10 The heart knows its own bitterness and joy; he will not share these with a stranger.

11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown, but the tent of the upright will flourish.

12 There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

13 Even in laughter the heart may be sorrowful, and mirth may end in heaviness.

14 The unfaithful will be repaid for his own ways; likewise a good man will be rewarded for his ways.

15 A simple man believes everything, but the prudent man carefully considers his ways. 16 A wise man fears, and shuns evil, but the fool is hotheaded and reckless.

17 He who is quick to become angry will commit folly, and a crafty man is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow down before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor person is shunned even by his own neighbor, but the rich person has many friends.

21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who has pity on the poor. 22 Don't they go astray who plot evil? But love and faithfulness belong to those who plan good.

23 In all hard work there is profit, but the talk of the lips leads only to poverty.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches, but the folly of fools crowns them with folly.

25 A truthful witness saves souls, but a false witness is deceitful.

26 In the fear of YHWH is a secure fortress, and he will be a refuge for his children.

27 The fear of YHWH is a fountain of life, turning people from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory, but in the lack of people is the destruction of the prince.

29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a quick temper displays folly.

30 The life of the body is a heart at peace, but envy rots the bones.

31 He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, but he who is kind to the needy honors him.

32 The wicked is brought down in his calamity, but in death, the righteous has a refuge. 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, and is even made known in the inward part of fools.

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34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. 35 The king's favor is toward a servant who deals wisely, but his wrath is toward one who causes shame.

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