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2 Samuel 23.

1 . David's Last Words. .

Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse says, the man who was raised on high says, the anointed of the ELOHIM of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel:

2 “The Spirit of YHWH spoke by me. His word was on my tongue.

3 The ELOHIM of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me, ‘One who rules over men righteously, who rules in the fear of ELOHIM,

4 shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, a morning without clouds, when the tender grass springs out of the earth, through clear shining after rain.’

5 Most certainly my house is not so with EL, yet he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure, for it is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he doesn’t make it grow.

6 But all of the ungodly shall be as thorns to be thrust away, because they can’t be taken with the hand,

7 But the man who touches them must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear. They shall be utterly burned with fire in their place.”

8 . David's Mighty Men. .

These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb Basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite, against eight hundred slain at one time.

9 After him was Eleazar the son of Dodai the son of an Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines who were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away.

10 He arose, and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand froze to the sword; and YHWH worked a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to take spoil.

11 After him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite. The Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where there was a plot of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Philistines.

12 But he stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and killed the Philistines; and YHWH worked a great victory.

13 Three of the thirty chief men went down, and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines was encamped in the valley of Rephaim.

14 David was then in the stronghold; and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

15 David longed, and said, “Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!”

16 The three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but he would not drink of it, but poured it out to YHWH!

17 He said, “Be it far from me, YHWH, that I should do this! Isn’t it the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?” Therefore he would not drink it. The three mighty men did these things.

18 Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruah, was chief of the three. He lifted up his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name among the three.

19 Wasn’t he most honorable of the three? therefore he was made their captain: however he didn’t attain to the three.

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- 20 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, he killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab: he went down also and killed a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow.
- 21 He killed an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.
- 22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did these things, and had a name among the three mighty men.
- 23 He was more honorable than the thirty, but he didn't attain to the three. David set him over his guard.
- 24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,
- 25 Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite,
- 26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,
- 27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,
- 28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,
- 29 Heleb the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,
- 30 Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash.
- 31 Abialbon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,
- 32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,
- 33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite,
- 34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,
- 35 Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,
- 36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,
- 37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armor bearers to Joab the son of Zeruiah,
- 38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
- 39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.

Hosea 3.

1 . Israel Will Return to ELOHIM. .

YHWH said to me, "Go again, love a woman loved by another, and an adulteress, even as YHWH loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods, and love cakes of raisins."

2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and a homer and a half of barley.

3 I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days. You shall not play the prostitute, and you shall not be with any other man. I will also be so toward you."

4 For the children of Israel shall live many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without sacred stone, and without ephod or idols.

5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return, and seek YHWH their ELOHIM, and David their king, and shall come with trembling to YHWH and to his blessings in the last days.

Psalms 150.

1 . Let All Things Praise YHWH. .

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- Praise YAH! Praise EL in his sanctuary! Praise him in his heavens for his acts of power!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts! Praise him according to his excellent greatness!
 - 3 Praise him with the sounding of the shofar! Praise him with harp and lyre!
 - 4 Praise him with tambourine and dancing! Praise him with stringed instruments and flute!
 - 5 Praise him with loud cymbals! Praise him with resounding cymbals!
 - 6 Let everything that has breath praise YAH! Praise YAH!

Proverbs 15.

- 1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- 2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of fools gush out folly.
- 3 YHWH's eyes are everywhere, keeping watch on the evil and the good.
- 4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but deceit in it crushes the spirit.
- 5 A fool despises his father's correction, but he who heeds reproof shows prudence.
- 6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure, but the income of the wicked brings trouble.
- 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so with the heart of fools.
- 8 The sacrifice made by the wicked is an abomination to YHWH, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to YHWH, but he loves him who follows after righteousness.
- 10 There is stern discipline for one who forsakes the way: whoever hates reproof shall die.
- 11 Sheol and Abaddon are before YHWH how much more than the hearts of the children of men!
- 12 A scoffer doesn't love to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.
- 13 A glad heart makes a cheerful face; but an aching heart breaks the spirit.
- 14 The heart of one who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted are wretched, but one who has a cheerful heart enjoys a continual feast.
- 16 Better is little, with the fear of YHWH, than great treasure with trouble.
- 17 Better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, than a fattened calf with hatred.
- 18 A wrathful man stirs up contention, but one who is slow to anger appeases strife.
- 19 The way of the sluggard is like a thorn patch, but the path of the upright is a highway.
- 20 A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.
- 21 Folly is joy to one who is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding keeps his way straight.
- 22 Where there is no counsel, plans fail; but in a multitude of counselors they are established.
- 23 Joy comes to a man with the reply of his mouth. How good is a word at the right time!
- 24 The path of life leads upward for the wise, to keep him from going downward to Sheol.
- 25 YHWH will uproot the house of the proud, but he will keep the widow's borders intact.
- 26 YHWH detests the thoughts of the wicked, but the thoughts of the pure are pleasing.
- 27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live.
- 28 The heart of the righteous weighs answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes out

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29 YHWH is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart. Good news gives health to the bones.

31 The ear that listens to reproof lives, and will be at home among the wise.

32 He who refuses correction despises his own soul, but he who listens to reproof gets understanding.

33 The fear of YHWH teaches wisdom. Before honor is humility.

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