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2 Samuel 24.

1 **. David's Census of Israel and Judah. .**

Again the anger of YHWH was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them, saying, "Go, number Israel and Judah."

2 The king said to Joab the captain of the army, who was with him, "Now go back and forth through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number the people, that I may know the sum of the people."

3 Joab said to the king, "Now may YHWH your ELOHIM add to the people, however many they may be, one hundred times; and may the eyes of my master the king see it. But why does my master the king delight in this thing?"

4 Notwithstanding, the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the army. Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

5 They passed over the Jordan, and encamped in Aroer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the valley of Gad, and to Jazer:

6 then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi; and they came to Dan Jaan, and around to Sidon,

7 and came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south of Judah, at Beersheba.

8 So when they had gone back and forth through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people to the king; and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

10 **. The Judgment on David's Sin. .**

David's heart struck him after that he had numbered the people. David said to YHWH, "I have sinned greatly in that which I have done. But now, YHWH, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly."

11 When David rose up in the morning, the word of YHWH came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

12 "Go and speak to David, 'Thus says YHWH, "I offer you three things. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you.'"

13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said to him, "Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now answer, and consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me."

14 David said to Gad, "I am in distress. Let us fall now into the hand of YHWH; for his mercies are great. Let me not fall into the hand of man."

15 So YHWH sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning even to the appointed time; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

16 When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, YHWH relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, "It is enough. Now stay your hand." The angel of YHWH was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

17 David spoke to YHWH when he saw the angel who struck the people, and said,

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“Behold, I have sinned, and I have done perversely; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me, and against my father’s house.”

18 . The Altar on the Threshing Floor. .

Gad came that day to David, and said to him, “Go up, build an altar to YHWH on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.”

19 David went up according to the saying of Gad, as YHWH commanded.

20 Araunah looked out, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. Then Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

21 Araunah said, “Why has my master the king come to his servant?” David said, “To buy your threshing floor, to build an altar to YHWH, that the plague may be stopped from afflicting the people.”

22 Araunah said to David, “Let my master the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Behold, the cattle for the burnt offering, and the threshing instruments and the yokes of the oxen for the wood:

23 all this, king, does Araunah give to the king.” Araunah said to the king, “May YHWH your ELOHIM accept you.”

24 The king said to Araunah, “No; but I will most certainly buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to YHWH my ELOHIM which cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 David built an altar to YHWH there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So YHWH was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

Hosea 4:1-10.

1 . ELOHIM's Charge Against Israel. .

Hear the word of YHWH, you children of Israel; for YHWH has a charge against the inhabitants of the land: “Indeed there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of ELOHIM in the land.

2 There is cursing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break boundaries, and bloodshed causes bloodshed.

3 Therefore the land will mourn, and everyone who dwells therein will waste away. all living things in her, even the animals of the field and the birds of the sky; yes, the fish of the sea also die.

4 “Yet let no man bring a charge, neither let any man accuse; For your people are like those who bring charges against a priest.

5 You will stumble in the day, and the prophet will also stumble with you in the night; and I will destroy your mother.

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you may be no priest to me. Because you have forgotten your ELOHIM’s Torah (teaching and instruction), I will also forget your children.

7 As they were multiplied, so they sinned against me. I will change their glory into shame.

8 They feed on the sin of my people, and set their heart on their iniquity.

9 It will be, like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and will repay them for their deeds.

10 They will eat, and not have enough. They will play the prostitute, and will not increase; because they have abandoned giving to YHWH!

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Psalms 1.

1 . The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly. . The Psalms!

BOOK I Blessed is the man who doesn't walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers;

2 but his delight is in YHWH's Torah (teaching and instruction). On his Torah he meditates day and night.

3 He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also does not wither. Whatever he does shall prosper.

4 The wicked are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For YHWH knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Proverbs 16.

1 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from YHWH!

2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but YHWH weighs the motives.

3 Commit your deeds to YHWH, and your plans shall succeed.

4 YHWH has made everything for its own end yes, even the wicked for the day of evil.

5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to YHWH: they shall certainly not be unpunished.

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for. By the fear of YHWH men depart from evil.

7 When a man's ways please YHWH, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues with injustice.

9 A man's heart plans his course, but YHWH directs his steps.

10 Inspired judgments are on the lips of the king. He shall not betray his mouth.

11 Honest balances and scales are YHWH's; all the weights in the bag are his work.

12 It is an abomination for kings to do wrong, for the throne is established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings. They value one who speaks the truth.

14 The king's wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man will pacify it.

15 In the light of the king's face is life. His favor is like a cloud of the spring rain.

16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! Yes, to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil. He who keeps his way preserves his soul.

18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, than to divide the plunder with the proud.

20 He who heeds the Word finds prosperity. Whoever trusts in YHWH is blessed.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent. Pleasantness of the lips promotes instruction.

22 Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, but the punishment of fools is their folly.

23 The heart of the wise instructs his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

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

26 The appetite of the laboring man labors for him; for his mouth urges him on.

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- 27 A worthless man devises mischief. His speech is like a scorching fire.
28 A perverse man stirs up strife. A whisperer separates close friends.
29 A man of violence entices his neighbor, and leads him in a way that is not good.
30 One who winks his eyes to plot perversities, one who compresses his lips, is bent on evil.
31 Gray hair is a crown of glory. It is attained by a life of righteousness.
32 One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; one who rules his spirit, than he who takes a city.
33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from YHWH!

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