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1 . **Abijam Reigns in Judah.** .

Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat began Abijam to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

3 He walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with YHWH his ELOHIM, as the heart of David his father.

4 Nevertheless for David's sake, YHWH his ELOHIM gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem;

5 because David did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, and didn't turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 Now there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 The rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? There was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his place.

9 . **Asa Reigns in Judah.** .

In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Asa to reign over Judah.

10 He reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

11 Asa did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, as did David his father.

12 He put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

13 Also Maacah his mother he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.

14 But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with YHWH all his days.

15 He brought into the house of YHWH the things that his father had dedicated, and the things that himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

16 There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of YHWH, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying,

19 "There is a treaty between me and you, between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me."

20 Ben Hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel Beth Maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 It happened, when Baasha heard of it, that he left off building Ramah, and lived in Tirzah.

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22 Then king Asa made a proclamation to all Judah; none was exempted: and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and king Asa built therewith Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

25 . Nadab Reigns in Israel. .

Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah; and he reigned over Israel two years.

26 He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin.

27 Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon.

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha killed him, and reigned in his place.

29 It happened that, as soon as he was king, he struck all the house of Jeroboam: he didn't leave to Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him; according to the saying of YHWH, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite;

30 for the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and with which he made Israel to sin, because of his provocation with which he provoked YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, to anger.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

32 There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

Joel 2:12-32.

12 . A Call to Repentance. .

"Yet even now," says YHWH, "turn to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning."

13 Tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn to YHWH, your ELOHIM; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and relents from sending calamity.

14 Who knows? He may turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meal offering and a drink offering to YHWH, your ELOHIM!

15 Blow the shofar in Zion! Sanctify a fast. Call a solemn assembly.

16 Gather the people. Sanctify the assembly. Assemble the elders. Gather the children, and those who nurse from breasts. Let the bridegroom go forth from his room, and the bride out of her room.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of YHWH, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare your people, YHWH, and don't give your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their ELOHIM?'"

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18 . The Land Refreshed. .

Then YHWH was jealous for his land, And had pity on his people.

19 YHWH answered his people, “Behold, I will send you grain, new wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied with them; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

20 But I will remove the northern army far away from you, and will drive it into a barren and desolate land, its front into the eastern sea, and its back into the western sea; and its stench will come up, and its bad smell will rise.” Surely he has done great things.

21 Land, don’t be afraid. Be glad and rejoice, for YHWH has done great things.

22 Don’t be afraid, you animals of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness spring up, for the tree bears its fruit. The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.

23 “Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in YHWH, your ELOHIM; for he gives you the former rain in just measure, and he causes the rain to come down for you, the former rain and the latter rain, as before.

24 The threshing floors will be full of wheat, and the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

25 I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the great locust, the grasshopper, and the caterpillar, my great army, which I sent among you.

26 You will have plenty to eat, and be satisfied, and will praise the name of YHWH, your ELOHIM, who has dealt wondrously with you; and my people will never again be disappointed.

27 You will know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am YHWH, your ELOHIM, and there is no one else; and my people will never again be disappointed.

28 . ELOHIM's Spirit Poured Out. .

“It will happen afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; and your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions.

29 And also on the servants and on the handmaids in those days, I will pour out my Spirit.

30 I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood, fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of YHWH comes.

32 It will happen that whoever will call on the name of YHWH shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as YHWH has said, and among the remnant, those whom YHWH calls.

Psalms 15.

1 . A Psalm of David. .

A Psalm by David. YHWH, who shall dwell in your sanctuary? Who shall live on your holy hill?

2 He who walks blamelessly does what is right, and speaks truth in his heart;

3 He who doesn’t slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his friend, nor casts slurs against his fellow man;

4 In whose eyes a vile man is despised, but who honors those who fear YHWH; he who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and doesn’t change;

5 he who doesn’t lend out his money for usury, nor take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be shaken.

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Proverbs 30.

1 . **The Wisdom of Agur. .**

The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the oracle: the man says to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

- 2 “Surely I am the most ignorant man, and don’t have a man’s understanding.
- 3 I have not learned wisdom, neither do I have the knowledge of the Holy One.
- 4 Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son’s name, if you know?
- 5 “Every word of ELOHIM is flawless. He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
- 6 Don’t you add to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar.
- 7 “Two things I have asked of you; don’t deny me before I die:
- 8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me with the food that is needful for me;
- 9 lest I be full, deny you, and say, ‘Who is YHWH?’ or lest I be poor, and steal, and so dishonor the name of my ELOHIM!
- 10 “Don’t slander a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be held guilty.
- 11 There is a generation that curses their father, and doesn’t bless their mother.
- 12 There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes, yet are not washed from their filthiness.
- 13 There is a generation, oh how lofty are their eyes! Their eyelids are lifted up.
- 14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and their jaws like knives, to devour the poor from the earth, and the needy from among men.
- 15 “The leach has two daughters: ‘Give, give.’ “There are three things that are never satisfied; four that don’t say, ‘Enough:’
- 16 Sheol, the barren womb; the earth that is not satisfied with water; and the fire that doesn’t say, ‘Enough.’
- 17 “The eye that mocks at his father, and scorns obedience to his mother: the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, the young eagles shall eat it.
- 18 “There are three things which are too amazing for me, four which I don’t understand:
- 19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent on a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maiden.
- 20 “So is the way of an adulterous woman: she eats and wipes her mouth, and says, ‘I have done nothing wrong.’
- 21 “For three things the earth tremble, and under four, it can’t bear up:
- 22 For a servant when he is king; a fool when he is filled with food;
- 23 for an unloved woman when she is married; and a handmaid who is heir to her mistress.
- 24 “There are four things which are little on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise:
- 25 the ants are not a strong people, yet they provide their food in the summer.
- 26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks.
- 27 The locusts have no king, yet they advance in ranks.
- 28 You can catch a lizard with your hands, yet it is in kings’ palaces.
- 29 “There are three things which are stately in their march, four which are stately in going:
- 30 The lion, which is mightiest among animals, and doesn’t turn away for any;
- 31 the greyhound, the male goat also; and the king against whom there is no rising up.
- 32 “If you have done foolishly in lifting up yourself, or if you have thought evil, put your hand over your mouth.

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33 For as the churning of milk brings forth butter, and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood; so the forcing of wrath brings forth strife.”

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