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1 Kings 17.

1 **. Elijah Proclaims a Drought. .**

Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the foreigners of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word."

2 The word of YHWH came to him, saying,

3 "Go away from here, turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan.

4 It shall be, that you shall drink of the brook. I have commanded the ravens to feed you there."

5 So he went and did according to the word of YHWH; for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan.

6 The ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 It happened after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

8 **. Elijah and the Widow. .**

The word of YHWH came to him, saying,

9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain you."

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks: and he called to her, and said, "Please get me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink."

11 As she was going to get it, he called to her, and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

12 She said, "As YHWH your ELOHIM lives, I don't have a cake, but a handful of meal in the jar, and a little oil in the jar. Behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and bake it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go and do as you have said; but make me of it a little cake first, and bring it out to me, and afterward make some for you and for your son.

14 For thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, "The jar of meal shall not empty, neither shall the jar of oil fail, until the day that YHWH sends rain on the earth."

15 She went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, ate many days.

16 The jar of meal didn't empty, neither did the jar of oil fail, according to the word of YHWH, which he spoke by Elijah.

17 **. Elijah Revives the Widow's Son. .**

It happened after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so severe, that there was no breath left in him.

18 She said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, you man of ELOHIM? You have come to me to bring my sin to memory, and to kill my son!"

19 He said to her, "Give me your son." He took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the room where he stayed, and laid him on his own bed.

20 He cried to YHWH, and said, "YHWH my ELOHIM, have you also brought evil on the

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widow with whom I stay, by killing her son?”

21 He stretched himself on the child three times, and cried to YHWH, and said, “YHWH my ELOHIM, please let this child’s soul come into him again.”

22 YHWH listened to the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the room into the house, and delivered him to his mother; and Elijah said, “Behold, your son lives.”

24 The woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of ELOHIM, and that the word of YHWH in your mouth is truth.”

Amos 1.

1 Amos!

The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2 He said: “YHWH will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds will mourn, and the top of Carmel will wither.”

3 . Judgment on the Nations. .

Thus says YHWH: “For three transgressions of Damascus, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron;

4 but I will send a fire into the house of Hazeael, and it will devour the palaces of Ben Hadad.

5 I will break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the valley of Aven, and him who holds the scepter from the house of Eden; and the people of Syria shall go into captivity to Kir,” says YHWH!

6 Thus says YHWH: “For three transgressions of Gaza, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they carried away captive the whole community, to deliver them up to Edom;

7 but I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, and it will devour its palaces.

8 I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon; and I will turn my hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines will perish,” says ADONAI YHWH!

9 Thus says YHWH: “For three transgressions of Tyre, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they delivered up the whole community to Edom, and didn’t remember the brotherly covenant;

10 but I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and it will devour its palaces.”

11 Thus says YHWH: “For three transgressions of Edom, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity, and his anger raged continually, and he kept his wrath forever;

12 but I will send a fire on Teman, and it will devour the palaces of Bozrah.”

13 Thus says YHWH: “For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they have ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead, that they may enlarge their border.

14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it will devour its palaces, with shouting in the day of battle, with a storm in the day of the whirlwind;

15 and their king will go into captivity, he and his princes together,” says YHWH!

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Psalms 17.

1 . A Prayer of David..

A Prayer by David. Hear, YHWH, my righteous plea; Give ear to my prayer, that doesn't go out of deceitful lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from your presence. Let your eyes look on equity.

3 You have proved my heart. You have visited me in the night. You have tried me, and found nothing. I have resolved that my mouth shall not disobey.

4 As for the works of men, by the word of your lips, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.

5 My steps have held fast to your paths. My feet have not slipped.

6 I have called on you, for you will answer me, ELOHIM! Turn your ear to me. Hear my speech.

7 Show your marvelous loving kindness, you who save those who take refuge by your right hand from their enemies.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 from the wicked who oppress me, my deadly enemies, who surround me.

10 They close up their callous hearts. With their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now surrounded us in our steps. They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth.

12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey, as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, YHWH, confront him. Cast him down. Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword;

14 from men by your hand, YHWH, from men of the world, whose portion is in this life. You fill the belly of your cherished ones. Your sons have plenty, and they store up wealth for their children.

15 As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with seeing your form.

Proverbs 1.

1 . The Beginning of Knowledge. . Proverbs!

The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel:

2 to know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;

3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;

4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young man:

5 that the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; that the man of understanding may attain to sound counsel:

6 to understand a proverb, and parables, the words and riddles of the wise.

7 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

8 . Shun Evil Counsel. .

My son, listen to your father's instruction, and don't forsake your mother's teaching:

9 for they will be a garland to grace your head, and chains around your neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice you, don't consent.

11 If they say, "Come with us, Let's lay in wait for blood; let's lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;

12 let's swallow them up alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down into the pit.

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- 13 We'll find all valuable wealth. We'll fill our houses with spoil.
14 You shall cast your lot among us. We'll all have one purse."
15 My son, don't walk in the way with them. Keep your foot from their path,
16 for their feet run to evil. They hurry to shed blood.
17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird:
18 but these lay wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own lives.
19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owners.

20 . The Call of Wisdom. .

- Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She utters her voice in the public squares.
21 She calls at the head of noisy places. At the entrance of the city gates, she utters her words:
22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight themselves in mockery, and fools hate knowledge?
23 Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you.
24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one has paid attention;
25 but you have ignored all my counsel, and wanted none of my reproof;
26 I also will laugh at your disaster. I will mock when calamity overtakes you;
27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when your disaster comes on like a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come on you.
28 Then will they call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me;
29 because they hated knowledge, and didn't choose the fear of YHWH!
30 They wanted none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof.
31 Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own schemes.
32 For the backsliding of the simple will kill them. The careless ease of fools will destroy them.
33 But whoever listens to me will dwell securely, and will be at ease, without fear of harm."

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