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2 Kings 3.

1 . Moab Rebels Against Israel. .

Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, but not like his father, and like his mother; for he put away the pillar of Baal that his father had made.

3 Nevertheless he held to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin; he didn't depart from it.

4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep breeder; and he rendered to the king of Israel the wool of one hundred thousand lambs, and of one hundred thousand rams.

5 But it happened, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 King Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time, and mustered all Israel.

7 He went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me against Moab to battle?" He said, "I will go up. I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

8 He said, "Which way shall we go up?" He answered, "The way of the wilderness of Edom."

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom; and they made a circuit of seven days' journey. There was no water for the army, nor for the animals that followed them.

10 The king of Israel said, "Alas! For YHWH has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab."

11 But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there here a prophet of YHWH, that we may inquire of YHWH by him?" One of the king of Israel's servants answered, "Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah."

12 Jehoshaphat said, "The word of YHWH is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father, and to the prophets of your mother." The king of Israel said to him, "No; for YHWH has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab."

14 Elisha said, "As YHWH of Hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I respect the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward you, nor see you.

15 But now bring me a minstrel." It happened, when the minstrel played, that the hand of YHWH came on him.

16 He said, "Thus says YHWH, 'Make this valley full of trenches.'

17 For thus says YHWH, 'You will not see wind, neither will you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, and you will drink, both you and your livestock and your animals.

18 This is but a light thing in the sight of YHWH! He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.

19 You shall strike every fortified city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all springs of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones."

20 It happened in the morning, about the time of offering the offering, that behold, water came by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 Now when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, they gathered themselves together, all who were able to put on armor, and upward, and

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stood on the border.

22 They rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone on the water, and the Moabites saw the water over against them as red as blood.

23 They said, "This is blood. The kings are surely destroyed, and they have struck each other. Now therefore, Moab, to the spoil!"

24 When they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they went forward into the land smiting the Moabites.

25 They beat down the cities; and on every good piece of land they cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the springs of water, and felled all the good trees, until in Kir Hareseth only they left its stones; however the men armed with slings went about it, and struck it.

26 When the king of Moab saw that the battle was too severe for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew sword, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not.

27 Then he took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him for a burnt offering on the wall. There was great wrath against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

Amos 8.

1 . Vision of the Summer Fruit. .

Thus ADONAI YHWH showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit.

2 He said, "Amos, what do you see?" I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then YHWH said to me, "The end has come on my people Israel. I will not again pass by them any more.

3 The songs of the temple will be wailings in that day," says ADONAI YHWH! "The dead bodies will be many. In every place they will throw them out with silence.

4 Hear this, you who desire to swallow up the needy, and cause the poor of the land to fail,

5 Saying, 'When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may market wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel large, and dealing falsely with balances of deceit;

6 that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, and sell the sweepings with the wheat?'"

7 YHWH has sworn by the pride of Jacob, "Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8 Won't the land tremble for this, and everyone mourn who dwells in it? Yes, it will rise up wholly like the River; and it will be stirred up and sink again, like the River of Egypt.

9 It will happen in that day," says ADONAI YHWH, "that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day.

10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will make you wear sackcloth on all your bodies, and baldness on every head. I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and its end like a bitter day.

11 Behold, the days come," says ADONAI YHWH, "that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of YHWH!

12 They will wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they will run back and forth to seek the word of YHWH, and will not find it.

13 In that day the beautiful virgins and the young men will faint for thirst.

14 Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, 'As your god, Dan, lives;' and, 'As the way of Beersheba lives;' they will fall, and never rise up again."

Psalms 24.

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1 . A Psalm of David. .

A Psalm by David. The earth is YHWH's, with its fullness; the world, and those who dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the floods.

3 Who may ascend to YHWH's hill? Who may stand in his holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive a blessing from YHWH, righteousness from the ELOHIM of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek your face even Jacob. Selah.

7 Lift up your heads, you gates! Be lifted up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory will come in.

8 Who is the King of glory? YHWH strong and mighty, YHWH mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, you gates; yes, lift them up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory will come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? YHWH of Hosts is the King of glory! Selah.

Proverbs 8.

1 . The Excellence of Wisdom. .

Doesn't wisdom cry out? Doesn't understanding raise her voice?

2 On the top of high places by the way, where the paths meet, she stands.

3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entry doors, she cries aloud:

4 "To you men, I call! I send my voice to the sons of mankind.

5 You simple, understand prudence. You fools, be of an understanding heart.

6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things. The opening of my lips is for right things.

7 For my mouth speaks truth. Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness. There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.

9 They are all plain to him who understands, right to those who find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction rather than silver; knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 For wisdom is better than rubies. All the things that may be desired can't be compared to it.

12 "I, wisdom, have made prudence my dwelling. Find out knowledge and discretion.

13 The fear of YHWH is to hate evil. I hate pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth.

14 Counsel and sound knowledge are mine. I have understanding and power.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule; nobles, and all the righteous rulers of the earth.

17 I love those who love me. Those who seek me diligently will find me.

18 With me are riches, honor, enduring wealth, and prosperity.

19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; my yield than choice silver.

20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice;

21 That I may give wealth to those who love me. I fill their treasuries.

22 "YHWH possessed me in the beginning of his work, before his deeds of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth existed.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was brought forth;

26 while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world.

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- 27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he set a circle on the surface of the deep,
28 when he established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong,
29 when he gave to the sea its boundary, that the waters should not violate his commandment, when he marked out the foundations of the earth;
30 then I was the craftsman by his side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing before him,
31 Rejoicing in his whole world. My delight was with the sons of men.
32 “Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, for blessed are those who keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction, and be wise. Don’t refuse it.
34 Blessed is the man who hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my door posts.
35 For whoever finds me, finds life, and will obtain favor from YHWH!
36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death.”

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