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Day 218. 5-August Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

2 Kings 18.

1 . **Hezekiah Reigns in Judah.** .

Now it happened in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

3 He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, according to all that David his father had done.

4 He removed the high places, and broke the pillars, and cut down the Asherah: and he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for in those days the children of Israel burned incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan.

5 He trusted in YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among them that were before him.

6 For he joined with YHWH; he didn't depart from following him, but kept his commandments, which YHWH commanded Moses.

7 YHWH was with him; wherever he went forth he prospered: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and didn't serve him.

8 He struck the Philistines to Gaza and its borders, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city.

9 It happened in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 At the end of three years they took it: in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.

11 The king of Assyria carried Israel away to Assyria, and put them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,

12 because they didn't obey the voice of YHWH their ELOHIM, but transgressed his covenant, even all that Moses the servant of YHWH commanded, and would not hear it, nor do it.

13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them.

14 Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, "I have offended; return from me. That which you put on me, I will bear." The king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of YHWH, and in the treasures of the king's house.

16 At that time, Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of YHWH, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

17 . **Sennacherib Boasts Against YHWH.** .

The king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great army to Jerusalem. They went up and came to Jerusalem. When they had come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field.

18 When they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the

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recorder.

19 Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What confidence is this in which you trust?"

20 You say (but they are but vain words), 'There is counsel and strength for war.' Now on whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me?"

21 Now, behold, you trust in the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt. If a man leans on it, it will go into his hand, and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust on him.

22 But if you tell me, 'We trust in YHWH our ELOHIM;' isn't that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?'

23 Now therefore, please give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them.

24 How then can you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?"

25 Have I now come up without YHWH against this place to destroy it? YHWH said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'"

26 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it. Don't speak with us in the Jews' language, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

27 But Rabshakeh said to them, "Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? Hasn't he sent me to the men who sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you?"

28 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spoke, saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

29 Thus says the king, 'Don't let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you out of his hand.

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in YHWH, saying, "YHWH will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

31 Don't listen to Hezekiah.' For thus says the king of Assyria, 'Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and everyone of you eat of his vine, and everyone of his fig tree, and everyone drink the waters of his own cistern;

32 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and of honey, that you may live, and not die. Don't listen to Hezekiah, when he persuades you, saying, "YHWH will deliver us."

33 Has any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?"

34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?"

35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that YHWH should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?"

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Don't answer him."

37 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, came with Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

Micah 7.

1 . Sorrow for Israel's Sins. .

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Misery is mine! Indeed, I am like one who gathers the summer fruits, as gleanings of the vineyard: There is no cluster of grapes to eat. My soul desires to eat the early fig.

2 The godly man has perished out of the earth, and there is no one upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood; every man hunts his brother with a net.

3 Their hands are on that which is evil to do it diligently. The ruler and judge ask for a bribe; and the powerful man dictates the evil desire of his soul. Thus they conspire together.

4 The best of them is like a brier. The most upright is worse than a thorn hedge. The day of your watchmen, even your visitation, has come; now is the time of their confusion.

5 Don't trust in a neighbor. Don't put confidence in a friend. With the woman lying in your embrace, be careful of the words of your mouth!

6 For the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 But as for me, I will look to YHWH! I will wait for the ELOHIM of my salvation. My ELOHIM will hear me.

8 . Israel's Confession and Comfort. .

Don't rejoice against me, my enemy. When I fall, I will arise. When I sit in darkness, YHWH will be a light to me.

9 I will bear the indignation of YHWH, because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my case, and executes judgment for me. He will bring me forth to the light. I will see his righteousness.

10 Then my enemy will see it, and shame will cover her who said to me, where is YHWH your ELOHIM? Then my enemy will see me and will cover her shame. Now she will be trodden down like the mire of the streets.

11 A day to build your walls In that day, he will extend your boundary.

12 In that day they will come to you from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt even to the River, and from sea to sea, and mountain to mountain.

13 Yet the land will be desolate because of those who dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

14 . ELOHIM Will Forgive Israel. .

Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your heritage, who dwell by themselves in a forest, in the midst of fertile pasture land, let them feed; in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

15 "As in the days of your coming forth out of the land of Egypt, I will show them marvelous things."

16 The nations will see and be ashamed of all their might. They will lay their hand on their mouth. Their ears will be deaf.

17 They will lick the dust like a serpent. Like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their dens. They will come with fear to YHWH our ELOHIM, and will be afraid because of you.

18 Who is an EL like you, who pardons iniquity, and passes over the disobedience of the remnant of his heritage? He doesn't retain his anger forever, because he delights in loving kindness.

19 He will again have compassion on us. He will tread our iniquities under foot; and you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20 You will give truth to Jacob, and mercy to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

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Psalms 37.

1 **.A Psalm of David..**

By David. Don't fret because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

3 Trust in YHWH, and do good. Dwell in the land, and enjoy safe pasture.

4 Also delight yourself in YHWH, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to YHWH! Trust also in him, and he will do this:

6 he will make your righteousness go forth as the light, and your justice as the noon day sun.

7 Rest in YHWH, and wait patiently for him. Don't fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who makes wicked plots happen.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath. Don't fret, it leads only to evildoing.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for YHWH shall inherit the land.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more. Yes, though you look for his place, he isn't there.

11 But the humble shall inherit the land, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth.

13 ADONAI will laugh at him, for he sees that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, to kill those who are upright in the way.

15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart. Their bows shall be broken.

16 Better is a little that the righteous has, than the abundance of many wicked.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but YHWH upholds the righteous.

18 YHWH knows the days of the perfect. Their inheritance shall be forever.

19 They shall not be disappointed in the time of evil. In the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish. The enemies of YHWH shall be like the beauty of the fields. They will vanish, vanish like smoke.

21 The wicked borrow, and don't pay back, but the righteous give generously.

22 For such as are blessed by him shall inherit the land. Those who are cursed by him shall be cut off.

23 A man's goings are established by YHWH! He delights in his way.

24 Though he stumble, he shall not fall, for YHWH holds him up with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his children begging for bread.

26 All day long he deals graciously, and lends. His seed is blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good. Live securely forever.

28 For YHWH loves justice, and doesn't forsake his holy ones. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and live in it forever.

30 The mouth of the righteous talks of wisdom. His tongue speaks justice.

31 The Torah (teaching and instruction) of his ELOHIM is in his heart. None of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to kill him.

33 YHWH will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait for YHWH, and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land. When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

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35 I have seen the wicked in great power, spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.

36 But he passed away, and behold, he was not. Yes, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect man, and see the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace.

38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together. The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is from YHWH! He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

40 YHWH helps them, and rescues them. He rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, Because they have taken refuge in him.

Proverbs 21.

1 The king's heart is in YHWH's hand like the watercourses. He turns it wherever he desires.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but YHWH weighs the hearts.

3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to YHWH than sacrifice.

4 A high look, and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, is sin.

5 The plans of the diligent surely lead to profit; and everyone who is hasty surely rushes to poverty.

6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor for those who seek death.

7 The violence of the wicked will drive them away, because they refuse to do what is right.

8 The way of the guilty is devious, but the conduct of the innocent is upright.

9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a contentious woman.

10 The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.

11 When the mocker is punished, the simple gains wisdom. When the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

12 The Righteous One considers the house of the wicked, and brings the wicked to ruin.

13 Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he will also cry out, but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret pacifies anger; and a bribe in the cloak, strong wrath.

15 It is joy to the righteous to do justice; but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall rest in the assembly of the dead.

17 He who loves pleasure shall be a poor man. He who loves wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous; the treacherous for the upright.

19 It is better to dwell in a desert land, than with a contentious and fretful woman.

20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man swallows it up.

21 He who follows after righteousness and kindness finds life, righteousness, and honor.

22 A wise man scales the city of the mighty, and brings down the strength of its confidence.

23 Whoever guards his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles.

24 The proud and haughty man, "scoffer" is his name; he works in the arrogance of pride.

25 The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.

26 There are those who covet greedily all day long; but the righteous give and don't

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withhold.

27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination: how much more, when he brings it with a wicked mind!

28 A false witness will perish, and a man who listens speaks to eternity.

29 A wicked man hardens his face; but as for the upright, he establishes his ways.

30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against YHWH!

31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle; but victory is with YHWH!

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