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Day 226. 13-August Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

1 Chronicles 5.

1 . The Family of Reuben. .

The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the firstborn; but, because he defiled his father's couch, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.

- 2 For Judah prevailed above his brothers, and of him came the prince; but the birthright was Joseph's:)
- 3 the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
- 4 The sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,
- 5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,
- 6 Beerah his son, whom Tilgath Pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites.
- ⁷ His brothers by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned: the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,
- 8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who lived in Aroer, even to Nebo and Baal Meon:
- 9 and eastward he lived even to the entrance of the wilderness from the river Euphrates, because their livestock were multiplied in the land of Gilead.
- 10 In the days of Saul, they made war with the Hagrites, who fell by their hand; and they lived in their tents throughout all the land east of Gilead.

11 . The Family of Gad. .

The sons of Gad lived over against them, in the land of Bashan to Salecah:

- 12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the second, and Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan.
- 13 Their brothers of their fathers' houses: Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber, seven.
- 14 These were the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;
- 15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of their fathers' houses.
- 16 They lived in Gilead in Bashan, and in its towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, as far as their borders.
- 17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.
- 18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skillful in war, were forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty, that were able to go forth to war.
- 19 They made war with the Hagrites, with Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab.
- 20 They were helped against them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them; for they cried to ELOHIM in the battle, and he was entreated of them, because they put their trust in him.
- 21 They took away their livestock; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred fifty thousand, and of donkeys two thousand, and of men one hundred thousand.
- 22 For there fell many slain, because the war was of ELOHIM! They lived in their place until the captivity.

23 . The Family of Manasseh (East)...

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The children of the half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land: they increased from Bashan to Baal Hermon and Senir and Mount Hermon.

- 24 These were the heads of their fathers' houses: even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers' houses.
- 25 They trespassed against the ELOHIM of their fathers, and played the prostitute after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom ELOHIM destroyed before them.
- 26 The ELOHIM of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath Pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river of Gozan, to this day.

1 Chronicles 6.

1 . The Family of Levi. .

The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

- 2 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.
- 3 The children of Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
- 4 Eleazar became the father of Phinehas, Phinehas became the father of Abishua,
- 5 and Abishua became the father of Bukki, and Bukki became the father of Uzzi,
- 6 and Uzzi became the father of Zerahiah, and Zerahiah became the father of Meraioth,
- 7 Meraioth became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub,
- 8 and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Ahimaaz,
- 9 and Ahimaaz became the father of Azariah, and Azariah became the father of Yochanan,
- 10 and Yochanan became the father of Azariah, (he it is who executed the priest's office in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem),
- 11 and Azariah became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub,
- 12 and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Shallum,
- 13 and Shallum became the father of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah became the father of Azariah,
- 14 and Azariah became the father of Seraiah, and Seraiah became the father of Jehozadak:
- 15 Jehozadak went into captivity, when YHWH carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.
- 16 The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.
- 17 These are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei.
- 18 The sons of Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.
- 19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' households.
- 20 Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,
- 21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son.
- 22 The sons of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,
- 23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,
- 24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son.
- 25 The sons of Elkanah: Amasai, and Ahimoth.
- 26 As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah: Zophai his son, and Nahath his son,
- 27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.
- 28 The sons of Samuel: the firstborn Joel, and the second Abijah.
- 29 The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son,
- 30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

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. Musicians in the House of YHWH..

These are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of YHWH, after that the ark had rest.

- 32 They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting, until Solomon had built the house of YHWH in Jerusalem: and they waited on their office according to their order.
- 33 These are those who waited, and their sons. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,
- 34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,
- 35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,
- 36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,
- 37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
- 38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.
- 39 His brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea,
- 40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah,
- 41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,
- 42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,
- 43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.
- 44 On the left hand their brothers the sons of Merari: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,
- 45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,
- 46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer,
- 47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.
- 48 Their brothers the Levites were appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of ELOHIM!

49 . The Family of Aaron. .

But Aaron and his sons offered on the altar of burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of ELOHIM had commanded.

- 50 These are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,
- 51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,
- 52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,
- 53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

. <u>Dwelling Places of the Levites.</u>

Now these are their dwelling places according to their encampments in their borders: to the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites (for theirs was the first lot),

- 55 to them they gave Hebron in the land of Judah, and its suburbs around it;
- 56 but the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.
- 57 To the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron; Libnah also with its suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with its suburbs,
- 58 and Hilen with its suburbs, Debir with its suburbs,
- 59 and Ashan with its suburbs, and Beth Shemesh with its suburbs;
- 60 and out of the tribe of Benjamin, Geba with its suburbs, and Allemeth with its suburbs, and Anathoth with its suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.
- 61 To the rest of the sons of Kohath were given by lot, out of the family of the tribe, out of

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the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities.

- 62 To the sons of Gershom, according to their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.
- 63 To the sons of Merari were given by lot, according to their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.
- 64 The children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their suburbs.
- 65 They gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which are mentioned by name.
- 66 Some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim.
- 67 They gave to them the cities of refuge, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim with its suburbs; Gezer also with its suburbs,
- 68 and Jokmeam with its suburbs, and Beth Horon with its suburbs,
- 69 and Aijalon with its suburbs, and Gath Rimmon with its suburbs;
- 70 and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Aner with its suburbs, and Bileam with its suburbs, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath.
- 71 To the sons of Gershom were given, out of the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, and Ashtaroth with its suburbs;
- 72 and out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with its suburbs, Daberath with its suburbs,
- 73 and Ramoth with its suburbs, and Anem with its suburbs;
- 74 and out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal with its suburbs, and Abdon with its suburbs,
- 75 and Hukok with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs;
- 76 and out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, and Hammon with its suburbs, and Kiriathaim with its suburbs.
- 77 To the rest of the Levites, the sons of Merari, were given, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmono with its suburbs, Tabor with its suburbs;
- 78 and beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, were given them, out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its suburbs, and Jahzah with its suburbs.
- 79 and Kedemoth with its suburbs, and Mephaath with its suburbs;
- 80 and out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, and Mahanaim with its suburbs,
- 81 and Heshbon with its suburbs, and Jazer with its suburbs.

Zephaniah 2.

1 . A Call to Repentance. .

Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, you nation that has no shame,

- 2 before the appointed time when the day passes as the chaff, before the fierce anger of YHWH comes on you, before the day of YHWH's anger comes on you.
- 3 Seek YHWH, all you humble of the land, who have kept his ordinances. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the day of YHWH's anger.

4 . Judgment on Nations. .

For Gaza will be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation. They will drive out Ashdod at noonday, and Ekron will be rooted up.

5 Woe to the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of

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YHWH is against you, Canaan, the land of the Philistines. I will destroy you, that there will be no inhabitant.

- 6 The sea coast will be pastures, with cottages for shepherds and folds for flocks.
- 7 The coast will be for the remnant of the house of Judah. They will find pasture. In the houses of Ashkelon, they will lie down in the evening, for YHWH, their ELOHIM, will visit them, and restore them.
- 8 I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the insults of the children of Ammon, with which they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border.
- 9 Therefore as I live, says YHWH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, surely Moab will be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, a possession of nettles, and salt pits, and a perpetual desolation. The remnant of my people will plunder them, and the survivors of my nation will inherit them.
- 10 This they will have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of YHWH of Hosts.
- 11 YHWH will be awesome to them, for he will famish all the gods of the land. Men will worship him, everyone from his place, even all the shores of the nations.
- 12 You Cushites also, you will be killed by my sword.
- 13 He will stretch out his hand against the north, destroy Assyria, and will make Nineveh a desolation, as dry as the wilderness.
- 14 Herds will lie down in the midst of her, all the animals of the nations. Both the pelican and the porcupine will lodge in its capitals. Their calls will echo through the windows. Desolation will be in the thresholds, for he has laid bare the cedar beams.
- 15 This is the joyous city that lived carelessly, that said in her heart, "I am, and there is none besides me." How she has become a desolation, a place for animals to lie down in! Everyone who passes by her will hiss, and shake their fists.

Psalms 45.

1 . To the Chief Musician. Set to The Lilies. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah. A Song of Love...

For the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A contemplation by the sons of Korah. A wedding song. My heart overflows with a noble theme. I recite my verses for the king. My tongue is like the pen of a skillful writer.

- 2 You are the most excellent of the sons of men. Grace has anointed your lips, therefore ELOHIM has blessed you forever.
- 3 Strap your sword on your thigh, mighty one: your splendor and your majesty.
- 4 In your majesty ride on victoriously on behalf of truth, humility, and righteousness. Let your right hand display awesome deeds.
- 5 Your arrows are sharp. The nations fall under you, with arrows in the heart of the king's enemies.
- 6 Your throne, ELOHIM, is forever and ever. A scepter of equity is the scepter of your kingdom.
- 7 You have loved righteousness, and hated wickedness. Therefore ELOHIM, your ELOHIM, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 8 All your garments smell like myrrh, aloes, and cassia. Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made you glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among your honorable women. At your right hand the queen stands in gold of Ophir.
- 10 Listen, daughter, consider, and turn your ear. Forget your own people, and also your father's house.
- 11 So the king will desire your beauty, honor him, for he is your master.

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- 12 The daughter of Tyre comes with a gift. The rich among the people entreat your favor.
- 13 The princess inside is all glorious. Her clothing is interwoven with gold.
- 14 She shall be led to the king in embroidered work. The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to you.
- 15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be led. They shall enter into the king's palace.
- 16 Your sons will take the place of your fathers. You shall make them princes in all the earth.
- 17 I will make your name to be remembered in all generations. Therefore the peoples shall give you thanks forever and ever.

Proverbs 29.

- 1 He who is often rebuked and stiffens his neck will be destroyed suddenly, with no remedy.
- 2 When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan.
- 3 Whoever loves wisdom brings joy to his father; but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.
- 4 The king by justice makes the land stable, but he who takes bribes tears it down.
- 5 A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.
- 6 An evil man is snared by his sin, but the righteous can sing and be glad.
- 7 The righteous care about justice for the poor. The wicked aren't concerned about knowledge.
- 8 Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger.
- 9 If a wise man goes to court with a foolish man, the fool rages or scoffs, and there is no peace.
- 10 The bloodthirsty hate a man of integrity; and they seek the life of the upright.
- 11 A fool vents all of his anger, but a wise man brings himself under control.
- 12 If a ruler listens to lies, all of his officials are wicked.
- 13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: YHWH gives sight to the eyes of both.
- 14 The king who fairly judges the poor, his throne shall be established forever.
- 15 The rod of correction gives wisdom, but a child left to himself causes shame to his mother.
- 16 When the wicked increase, sin increases; but the righteous will see their downfall.
- 17 Correct your son, and he will give you peace; yes, he will bring delight to your soul.
- 18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but one who keeps the Torah is blessed.
- 19 A servant can't be corrected by words. Though he understands, yet he will not respond.
- 20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 21 He who pampers his servant from youth will have him become a son in the end.
- 22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a wrathful man abounds in sin.
- 23 A man's pride brings him low, but one of lowly spirit gains honor.
- 24 Whoever is an accomplice of a thief is an enemy of his own soul. He takes an oath, but dares not testify.
- 25 The fear of man proves to be a snare, but whoever puts his trust in YHWH is kept safe.
- 26 Many seek the ruler's favor, but a man's justice comes from YHWH!

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27 A dishonest man detests the righteous, and the upright in their ways detest the wicked.

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