

23 Aug Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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1 Chronicles 20.,21.,22:1.

1 . Rabbah Is Conquered. .

It happened, at the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go out, that Joab led forth the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. Joab struck Rabbah, and overthrew it.

2 David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set on David's head: and he brought forth the spoil of the city, exceeding much.

3 He brought forth the people who were therein, and cut them with saws, and with iron picks, and with axes. David did so to all the cities of the children of Ammon. David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 . Philistine Giants Destroyed. .

It happened after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines: then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai, of the sons of the giant; and they were subdued.

5 There was again war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

6 There was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were twenty-four, six on each hand, and six on each foot; and he also was born to the giant.

7 When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother killed him.

8 These were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

1 . The Census of Israel and Judah. .

Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

2 David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them."

3 Joab said, "May YHWH make his people a hundred times as many as they are. But, my master the king, aren't they all my master's servants? Why does my master require this thing? Why will he be a cause of guilt to Israel?"

4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people to David. All those of Israel were one million one hundred thousand men who drew sword: and in Judah were four hundred seventy thousand men who drew sword.

6 But he didn't count Levi and Benjamin among them; for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

7 ELOHIM was displeased with this thing; therefore he struck Israel.

8 David said to ELOHIM, "I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing. But now, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly."

9 YHWH spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying,

10 "Go and speak to David, saying, 'Thus says YHWH, "I offer you three things. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you.''"

11 So Gad came to David, and said to him, "Thus says YHWH, 'Take your choice:

12 either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days the sword of YHWH, even

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pestilence in the land, and the angel of YHWH destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me.”

13 David said to Gad, “I am in distress. Let me fall, I pray, into the hand of YHWH; for his mercies are very great. Let me not fall into the hand of man.”

14 So YHWH sent a pestilence on Israel; and seventy thousand men of Israel fell.

15 ELOHIM sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was about to destroy, YHWH saw, and he relented of the disaster, and said to the destroying angel, “It is enough; now stay your hand.” The angel of YHWH was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

16 David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of YHWH standing between earth and the sky, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

17 David said to ELOHIM, “Isn’t it I who commanded the people to be numbered? It is even I who have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O YHWH my ELOHIM, be against me, and against my father’s house; but not against your people, that they should be plagued.”

18 Then the angel of YHWH commanded Gad to tell David that David should go up, and raise an altar to YHWH in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spoke in the name of YHWH!

20 Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons who were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.

21 As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground.

22 Then David said to Ornan, “Give me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build thereon an altar to YHWH! You shall sell it to me for the full price, that the plague may be stopped from afflicting the people.”

23 Ornan said to David, “Take it for yourself, and let my master the king do that which is good in his eyes. Behold, I give the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering. I give it all.”

24 King David said to Ornan, “No; but I will most certainly buy it for the full price. For I will not take that which is yours for YHWH, nor offer a burnt offering without cost.”

25 So David gave to Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place.

26 David built an altar to YHWH there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on YHWH; and he answered him from the sky by fire on the altar of burnt offering.

27 YHWH commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into its sheath.

28 At that time, when David saw that YHWH had answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

29 For the tabernacle of YHWH, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon.

30 But David couldn’t go before it to inquire of ELOHIM; for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of YHWH!

1 . David Prepares to Build the Temple. .

Then David said, “This is the house of YHWH ELOHIM, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel.”

Zechariah 8.

1 . Jerusalem, Holy City of the Future. .

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The word of YHWH of Hosts came to me.

2 Thus says YHWH of Hosts: "I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath."

3 Thus says YHWH: "I have returned to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called 'The City of Truth;' and the mountain of YHWH of Hosts, 'The Holy Mountain.'"

4 Thus says YHWH of Hosts: "Old men and old women will again dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

5 The streets of the city will be full of boys and girls playing in its streets."

6 Thus says YHWH of Hosts: "If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvelous in my eyes?" says YHWH of Hosts.

7 Thus says YHWH of Hosts: "Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

8 and I will bring them, and they will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they will be my people, and I will be their ELOHIM, in truth and in righteousness."

9 Thus says YHWH of Hosts: "Let your hands be strong, you who hear in these days these words from the mouth of the prophets who were in the day that the foundation of the house of YHWH of Hosts was laid, even the temple, that it might be built.

10 For before those days there was no wages for man, nor any wages for an animal; neither was there any peace to him who went out or came in, because of the adversary. For I set all men everyone against his neighbor.

11 But now I will not be to the remnant of this people as in the former days," says YHWH of Hosts.

12 "For the seed of peace and the vine will yield its fruit, and the ground will give its increase, and the heavens will give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things.

13 It shall come to pass that, as you were a curse among the nations, house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing. Don't be afraid. Let your hands be strong."

14 For thus says YHWH of Hosts: "As I thought to do evil to you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath," says YHWH of Hosts, "and I didn't repent;

15 so again have I thought in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Don't be afraid.

16 These are the things that you shall do: speak every man the truth with his neighbor. Execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates,

17 and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbor, and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate," says YHWH!

18 The word of YHWH of Hosts came to me.

19 Thus says YHWH of Hosts: "The fasts of the fourth fifth, seventh, and tenth months shall be for the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace."

20 Thus says YHWH of Hosts: "Many peoples, and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come;

21 and the inhabitants of one shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go speedily to entreat the favor of YHWH, and to seek YHWH of Hosts. I will go also.'

22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations will come to seek YHWH of Hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favor of YHWH!"

23 Thus says YHWH of Hosts: "In those days, ten men will take hold, out of all the languages of the nations, they will take hold of the skirt of him who is a Jew, saying, 'We will go with you, for we have heard that ELOHIM is with you.'"

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Psalms 55.

1 . To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Contemplation of David..

For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation by David. Listen to my prayer, ELOHIM! Don't hide yourself from my supplication.

2 Attend to me, and answer me. I am restless in my complaint, and moan,

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked. For they bring suffering on me. In anger they hold a grudge against me.

4 My heart is severely pained within me. The terrors of death have fallen on me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling have come on me. Horror has overwhelmed me.

6 I said, "Oh that I had wings like a dove! Then I would fly away, and be at rest.

7 Behold, then I would wander far off. I would lodge in the wilderness." Selah.

8 "I would hurry to a shelter from the stormy wind and storm."

9 Confuse them, ADONAI, and confound their language, for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they prowl around on its walls. Malice and abuse are also within her.

11 Destructive forces are within her. Threats and lies don't depart from her streets.

12 For it was not an enemy who insulted me, then I could have endured it. Neither was it he who hated me who raised himself up against me, then I would have hidden myself from him.

13 But it was you, a man like me, my companion, and my familiar friend.

14 We took sweet fellowship together. We walked in ELOHIM's house with company.

15 Let death come suddenly on them. Let them go down alive into Sheol. For wickedness is in their dwelling, in their midst.

16 As for me, I will call on ELOHIM! YHWH will save me.

17 Evening, morning, and at noon, I will cry out in distress. He will hear my voice.

18 He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, although there are many who oppose me.

19 ELOHIM, who is enthroned forever, will hear, and answer them. Selah. They never change, who don't fear ELOHIM!

20 He raises his hands against his friends. He has violated his covenant.

21 His mouth was smooth as butter, but his heart was war. His words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.

22 Cast your burden on YHWH, and he will sustain you. He will never allow the righteous to be moved.

23 But you, ELOHIM, will bring them down into the pit of destruction. Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days, but I will trust in you.

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.

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- 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.
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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