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Day 249. 5-September Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

2 Chronicles 10.

. The Revolt Against Rehoboam. .

Rehoboam went to Shechem; for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

- 2 It happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of king Solomon), that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.
- 3 They sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,
- 4 "Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make you the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, lighter, and we will serve you."
- 5 He said to them, "Come again to me after three days." The people departed.
- 6 King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, "What counsel do you give me to return answer to this people?"
- 7 They spoke to him, saying, "If you are kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."
- 8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.
- 9 He said to them, "What counsel do you give, that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, 'Make the yoke that your father put on us lighter?"
- 10 The young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall tell the people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but make it lighter on us;' thus you shall say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist.
- 11 Now whereas my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."
- 12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king asked, saying, "Come to me again the third day."
- 13 The king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,
- 14 and spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."
- 15 So the king didn't listen to the people; for it was brought about of ELOHIM, that YHWH might establish his word, which he spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.
- 16 When all Israel saw that the king didn't listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, "What portion have we in David? Neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse! Every man to your tents, Israel! Now see to your own house, David." So all Israel departed to their tents.
- 17 But as for the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.
- 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the men subject to forced labor; and the children of Israel stoned him to death with stones. King Rehoboam made speed to get himself up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.
- 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

2 Chronicles 11.

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- 1 When Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.
- 2 But the word of YHWH came to Shemaiah the man of ELOHIM, saying,
- 3 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,
- 4 'Thus says YHWH, "You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers! Return every man to his house; for this thing is of me."" So they listened to the words of YHWH, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

5 . Rehoboam Fortifies the Cities. .

Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah.

- 6 He built Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,
- 7 Beth Zur, and Soco, and Adullam,
- 8 and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,
- 9 and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,
- 10 and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin, fortified cities.
- 11 He fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, and oil and wine.
- 12 He put shields and spears in every city, and made them exceeding strong. Judah and Benjamin belonged to him.

. Priests and Levites Move to Judah..

The priests and the Levites who were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their border.

- 14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that they should not execute the priest's office to YHWH;
- 15 and he appointed him priests for the high places, and for the male goats, and for the calves which he had made.
- 16 After them, out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to YHWH, the ELOHIM of their fathers.
- 17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years; for they walked three years in the way of David and Solomon.

18 . The Family of Rehoboam. .

Rehoboam took him a wife, Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse:

- 19 and she bore him sons: Jeush, and Shemariah, and Zaham.
- 20 After her he took Maacah the daughter of Absalom; and she bore him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.
- 21 Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and sixty concubines, and became the father of twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.)
- 22 Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah to be chief, the prince among his brothers; for he intended to make him king.
- 23 He dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and

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Benjamin, to every fortified city: and he gave them food in abundance. He sought for them many wives.

Psalms 75.

1 . To the Chief Musician. Set to Do Not Destroy. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song...

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A Psalm by Asaph. A song. We give thanks to you, ELOHIM! We give thanks, for your Name is near. Men tell about your wondrous works.

- 2 When I choose the appointed time, I will judge blamelessly.
- 3 The earth and all its inhabitants quake. I firmly hold its pillars. Selah.
- 4 I said to the arrogant, "Don't boast!" I said to the wicked, "Don't lift up the horn.
- 5 Don't lift up your horn on high. Don't speak with a stiff neck."
- 6 For neither from the east, nor from the west, nor yet from the south, comes exaltation.
- 7 But ELOHIM is the judge. He puts down one, and lifts up another.
- 8 For in the hand of YHWH there is a cup, full of foaming wine mixed with spices. He pours it out. Indeed the wicked of the earth drink and drink it to its very dregs.
- 9 But I will declare this forever: I will sing praises to the ELOHIM of Jacob.
- 10 I will cut off all the horns of the wicked, but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

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.

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- 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 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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