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2 Chronicles 14.

1 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 <u>. Asa Reigns in Judah. .</u>

Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of YHWH his ELOHIM:

3 for he took away the foreign altars, and the high places, and broke down the pillars, and cut down the Asherim,

4 and commanded Judah to seek YHWH, the ELOHIM of their fathers, and to do the Torah (teaching and instruction) and the commandment.

5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 He built fortified cities in Judah; for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years, because YHWH had given him rest.

7 For he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities, and make walls around them, with towers, gates, and bars. The land is yet before us, because we have sought YHWH our ELOHIM; we have sought him, and he has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.

8 Asa had an army that bore bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bore shields and drew bows, two hundred eighty thousand: all these were mighty men of valor.

9 There came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of a million troops, and three hundred chariots; and he came to Mareshah.

10 Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 Asa cried to YHWH his ELOHIM, and said, "YHWH, there is none besides you to help, between the mighty and him who has no strength. Help us, YHWH our ELOHIM; for we rely on you, and in your name are we come against this multitude. YHWH, you are our ELOHIM! Don't let man prevail against you."

12 So YHWH struck the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

13 Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar: and there fell of the Ethiopians so many that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before YHWH, and before his army; and they carried away very much booty.

14 They struck all the cities around Gerar; for the fear of YHWH came on them: and they despoiled all the cities; for there was much spoil in them.

15 They struck also the tents of livestock, and carried away sheep in abundance, and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 15.

1 . The Reforms of Asa. .

The Spirit of ELOHIM came on Azariah the son of Oded:

2 and he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin! YHWH is with you, while you are with him; and if you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

3 Now for a long time Israel was without the true ELOHIM, and without a teaching

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priest, and without Torah (teaching and instruction).

4 But when in their distress they turned to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them.

5 In those times there was no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in; but great troubles were on all the inhabitants of the lands.

⁶ They were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for ELOHIM troubled them with all adversity.

7 But you be strong, and don't let your hands be slack; for your work shall be rewarded." 8 When Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of YHWH, that was before the porch of YHWH!

9 He gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who lived with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that YHWH his ELOHIM was with him.

10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11 They sacrificed to YHWH in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred head of cattle and seven thousand sheep.

12 They entered into the covenant to seek YHWH, the ELOHIM of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul;

13 and that whoever would not seek YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14 They swore to YHWH with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with shofars, and with cornets.

15 All Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and YHWH gave them rest all around.

16 Also Maacah, the mother of Asa the king, he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.

17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

18 He brought into the house of ELOHIM the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19 There was no more war to the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

Psalms 77.

1 . To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph...

For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm by Asaph. My cry goes to ELOHIM! Indeed, I cry to ELOHIM for help, and for him to listen to me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought ADONAI. My hand was stretched out in the night, and didn't get tired. My soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remember ELOHIM, and I groan. I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed. Selah.

4 You hold my eyelids open. I am so troubled that I can't speak.

5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

6 I remember my song in the night. I consider in my own heart; my spirit diligently inquires:

7 "Will ADONAI reject us forever? Will he be favorable no more?

8 Has his loving kindness vanished forever? Does his promise fail for generations?

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9 Has EL forgotten to be gracious? Has he, in anger, withheld his compassion?" Selah.10 Then I thought, "I will appeal to this: the years of the right hand of the Most High."11 I will remember YAH's deeds; for I will remember your wonders of old.

12 I will also meditate on all your work, and consider your doings.

13 Your way, ELOHIM, is in the sanctuary. Who is a great EL like ELOHIM?

14 You are the EL who does wonders. You have made your strength known among the peoples.

15 You have redeemed your people with your arm, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. 16 The waters saw you, ELOHIM! The waters saw you, and they writhed. The depths also convulsed.

17 The clouds poured out water. The skies resounded with thunder. Your arrows also flashed around.

18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind. The lightnings lit up the world. The earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was through the sea; your paths through the great waters. Your footsteps were not known.

20 You led your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Proverbs 23.

1 When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before you;

2 put a knife to your throat, if you are a man given to appetite.

3 Don't be desirous of his dainties, since they are deceitful food.

4 Don't weary yourself to be rich. In your wisdom, show restraint.

5 Why do you set your eyes on that which is not? For it certainly sprouts wings like an eagle and flies in the sky.

6 Don't eat the food of him who has a stingy eye, and don't crave his delicacies:

7 for as he thinks about the cost, so he is. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you.

8 The morsel which you have eaten you shall vomit up, and lose your good words.

9 Don't speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.

10 Don't move the ancient boundary stone. Don't encroach on the fields of the fatherless:

11 for their Defender is strong. He will plead their case against you.

12 Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Don't withhold correction from a child. If you punish him with the rod, he will not die.

14 Punish him with the rod, and save his soul from Sheol.

15 My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad, even mine:

16 yes, my heart will rejoice, when your lips speak what is right.

17 Don't let your heart envy sinners; but rather fear YHWH all the day long.

18 Indeed surely there is a future hope, and your hope will not be cut off.

19 Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path!

20 Don't be among ones drinking too much wine, or those who gorge themselves on meat:

21 for the drunkard and the glutton shall become poor; and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and don't despise your mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and don't sell it. Get wisdom, discipline, and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous has great joy. Whoever fathers a wise child delights in

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him.

25 Let your father and your mother be glad! Let her who bore you rejoice!

26 My son, give me your heart; and let your eyes keep in my ways.

27 For a prostitute is a deep pit; and a wayward wife is a narrow well.

28 Yes, she lies in wait like a robber, and increases the unfaithful among men.

29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?

30 Those who stay long at the wine; those who go to seek out mixed wine.

31 Don't look at the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly.

32 In the end, it bites like a snake, and poisons like a viper.

33 Your eves will see strange things, and your mind will imagine confusing things.

34 Yes, you will be as he who lies down in the midst of the sea, or as he who lies on top of the rigging:

35 "They hit me, and I was not hurt! They beat me, and I don't feel it! When will I wake up? I can do it again. I can find another."

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