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## Day 252. 8-September Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### 2 Chronicles 16.

#### 1 . Asa's Treaty with Syria. .

In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

- 2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of YHWH and of the king's house, and sent to Ben Hadad king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying,
- 3 "Let there be a treaty between me and you, as there was between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me."
- 4 Ben Hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali.
- 5 It happened, when Baasha heard of it, that he left off building Ramah, and let his work cease.
- 6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

## 7 . Hanani's Message to Asa. .

At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on YHWH your ELOHIM, therefore is the army of the king of Syria escaped out of your hand.

- 8 Weren't the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge army, with chariots and horsemen exceeding many? Yet, because you relied on YHWH, he delivered them into your hand.
- 9 For the eyes of YHWH run back and forth throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein you have done foolishly; for from henceforth you shall have wars."
- 10 Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in the prison; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.

#### 11 . Illness and Death of Asa. .

Behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

- 12 In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet; his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he didn't seek YHWH, but to the physicians.
- 13 As a slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.
- 14 They buried him in his own tombs, which he had dug out for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and various kinds of spices prepared by the perfumers' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

#### 2 Chronicles 17.

## 1 . Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah. .

Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. 2 He placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

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- 3 YHWH was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and didn't seek the Baals,
- 4 but sought to the ELOHIM of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.
- 5 Therefore YHWH established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat tribute; and he had riches and honor in abundance.
- 6 His heart was lifted up in the ways of YHWH: and furthermore he took away the high places and the Asherim out of Judah.
- 7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, even Ben Hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah;
- 8 and with them the Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.
- 9 They taught in Judah, having the scroll of the Torah of YHWH with them; and they went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught among the people.
- 10 The fear of YHWH fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.
- 11 Some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for tribute; the Arabians also brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred male goats.
- 12 Jehoshaphat grew great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles and cities of store.
- 13 He had many works in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valor, in Jerusalem.
- 14 This was the numbering of them according to their fathers' houses: Of Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the captain, and with him mighty men of valor three hundred thousand:
- 15 and next to him Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred eighty thousand;
- 16 and next to him Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to YHWH; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.
- 17 Of Benjamin: Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand armed with bow and shield;
- 18 and next to him Jehozabad and with him one hundred eighty thousand ready prepared for war.
- 19 These were those who waited on the king, besides those whom the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

#### Psalms 78:1-20.

#### 1 . A Contemplation of Asaph...

A contemplation by Asaph. Hear my teaching, my people. Turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable. I will utter dark sayings of old,
- 3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.
- 4 We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of YHWH, his strength, and his wondrous works that he has done.
- 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a teaching in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children;
- 6 that the generation to come might know, even the children who should be born; who should arise and tell their children,
- 7 that they might set their hope in ELOHIM, and not forget the works of EL, but keep his commandments,

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- 8 and might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that didn't make their hearts loyal, whose spirit was not steadfast with EL!
- 9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.
- 10 They didn't keep ELOHIM's covenant, and refused to walk by his Torah.
- 11 They forgot his doings, his wondrous works that he had shown them.
- 12 He did marvelous things in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan
- 13 He split the sea, and caused them to pass through. He made the waters stand as a heap.
- 14 In the daytime he also led them with a cloud, and all night with a light of fire.
- 15 He split rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.
- 16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.
- 17 Yet they still went on to sin against him, to rebel against the Most High in the desert.
- 18 They tempted EL in their heart by asking food according to their desire.
- 19 Yes, they spoke against ELOHIM! They said, "Can EL prepare a table in the wilderness?
- 20 Behold, he struck the rock, so that waters gushed out, and streams overflowed. Can he give bread also? Will he provide flesh for his people?"

## Proverbs 24.

- 1 Don't be envious of evil men; neither desire to be with them:
- 2 for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about mischief.
- 3 Through wisdom a house is built; by understanding it is established;
- 4 by knowledge the rooms are filled with all rare and beautiful treasure.
- 5 A wise man has great power; and a knowledgeable man increases strength;
- 6 for by wise guidance you wage your war; and victory is in many advisors.
- 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: he doesn't open his mouth in the gate.
- 8 One who plots to do evil will be called a schemer.
- 9 The schemes of folly are sin. The mocker is detested by men.
- 10 If you falter in the time of trouble, your strength is small.
- 11 Rescue those who are being led away to death! Indeed, hold back those who are staggering to the slaughter!
- 12 If you say, "Behold, we didn't know this;" doesn't he who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, doesn't he know it? Shall he not render to every man according to his work?
- 13 My son, eat honey, for it is good; the droppings of the honeycomb, which are sweet to your taste:
- 14 so you shall know wisdom to be to your soul; if you have found it, then there will be a reward, your hope will not be cut off.
- 15 Don't lay in wait, wicked man, against the habitation of the righteous. Don't destroy his resting place:
- 16 for a righteous man falls seven times, and rises up again; but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.
- 17 Don't rejoice when your enemy falls. Don't let your heart be glad when he is overthrown;
- 18 lest YHWH see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.
- 19 Don't fret yourself because of evildoers; neither be envious of the wicked:
- 20 for there will be no reward to the evil man; and the lamp of the wicked shall be snuffed out.

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- 21 My son, fear YHWH and the king. Don't join those who are rebellious:
- 22 for their calamity will rise suddenly; the destruction from them both who knows?

## 23 . Further Sayings of the Wise. .

These also are sayings of the wise. To show partiality in judgment is not good.

- 24 He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous;" peoples shall curse him, and nations shall abhor him
- 25 but it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and a rich blessing will come on them.
- 26 An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.
- 27 Prepare your work outside, and get your fields ready. Afterwards, build your house.
- 28 Don't be a witness against your neighbor without cause. Don't deceive with your lips.
- 29 Don't say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."
- 30 I went by the field of the sluggard, by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;
- 31 Behold, it was all grown over with thorns. Its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down.
- 32 Then I saw, and considered well. I saw, and received instruction:
- 33 a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep;
- 34 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your want as an armed man.

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