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Day 253. 9-September Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

2 Chronicles 18.

1 . Micaiah Warns Ahab. .

Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and he joined affinity with Ahab.

2 After certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. Ahab killed sheep and cattle for him in abundance, and for the people who were with him, and moved him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead.

3 Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth Gilead?" He answered him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people. We will be with you in the war."

4 Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire first for the word of YHWH!"

5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" They said, "Go up; for ELOHIM will deliver it into the hand of the king."

6 But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there here a prophet of YHWH besides, that we may inquire of him?"

7 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of YHWH; but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil. He is Micaiah the son of Imla." Jehoshaphat said, "Don't let the king say so."

8 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, "Get Micaiah the son of Imla quickly."

9 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, and they were sitting in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

10 Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron, and said, "Thus says YHWH, 'With these you shall push the Syrians, until they are consumed.'"

11 All the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper; for YHWH will deliver it into the hand of the king."

12 The messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth. Let your word therefore, please be like one of theirs, and speak good."

13 Micaiah said, "As YHWH lives, what my ELOHIM says, that will I speak."

14 When he had come to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" He said, "Go up, and prosper. They shall be delivered into your hand."

15 The king said to him, "How many times shall I adjure you that you speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of YHWH?"

16 He said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. YHWH said, 'These have no master. Let them return every man to his house in peace.'"

17 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Didn't I tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

18 Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of YHWH: I saw YHWH sitting on his throne, and all the army of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.

19 YHWH said, 'Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?' One spoke saying in this way, and another saying in that way.

20 A spirit came out, stood before YHWH, and said, 'I will entice him.' "YHWH said to him, 'How?'

21 "He said, 'I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' "He said, 'You will entice him, and will prevail also. Go forth, and do so.'

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- 22 “Now therefore, behold, YHWH has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets; and YHWH has spoken evil concerning you.”
- 23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, “Which way did the Spirit of YHWH go from me to speak to you?”
- 24 Micaiah said, “Behold, you shall see on that day, when you shall go into an inner room to hide yourself.”
- 25 The king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son;
- 26 and say, ‘Thus says the king, “Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.’””
- 27 Micaiah said, “If you return at all in peace, YHWH has not spoken by me.” He said, “Listen, you peoples, all of you!”

28 **. Ahab Dies in Battle. .**

- So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead.
- 29 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but you put on your robes.” So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went into the battle.
- 30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, “Fight neither with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel.”
- 31 It happened, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, “It is the king of Israel!” Therefore they turned around to fight against him. But Jehoshaphat cried out, and YHWH helped him; and ELOHIM moved them to depart from him.
- 32 It happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.
- 33 A certain man drew his bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor. Therefore he said to the driver of the chariot, “Turn your hand, and carry me out of the army; for I am severely wounded.”
- 34 The battle increased that day. However the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the evening; and about the time of the going down of the sun, he died.

Psalms 78:21-37.

- 21 Therefore YHWH heard, and was angry. A fire was kindled against Jacob, anger also went up against Israel,
- 22 because they didn’t believe in ELOHIM, and didn’t trust in his salvation [yeshuat].
- 23 Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven.
- 24 He rained down manna on them to eat, and gave them food from the sky.
- 25 Man ate the bread of angels. He sent them food to the full.
- 26 He caused the east wind to blow in the sky. By his power he guided the south wind.
- 27 He rained also flesh on them as the dust; winged birds as the sand of the seas.
- 28 He let them fall in the midst of their camp, around their habitations.
- 29 So they ate, and were well filled. He gave them their own desire.
- 30 They didn’t turn from their cravings. Their food was yet in their mouths,
- 31 when the anger of ELOHIM went up against them, killed some of their fattest, and struck down the young men of Israel.
- 32 For all this they still sinned, and didn’t believe in his wondrous works.
- 33 Therefore he consumed their days in vanity, and their years in terror.
- 34 When he killed them, then they inquired after him. They returned and sought EL earnestly.

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- 35 They remembered that ELOHIM was their rock, the Most High ELOHIM, their redeemer.
36 But they flattered him with their mouth, and lied to him with their tongue.
37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they faithful in his covenant.

Proverbs 25.

- 1 These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.
2 It is the glory of ELOHIM to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.
4 Take away the dross from the silver, and material comes out for the refiner;
5 Take away the wicked from the king's presence, and his throne will be established in righteousness.
6 Don't exalt yourself in the presence of the king, or claim a place among great men;
7 for it is better that it be said to you, "Come up here," than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen.
8 Don't be hasty in bringing charges to court. What will you do in the end when your neighbor shames you?
9 Debate your case with your neighbor, and don't betray the confidence of another;
10 lest one who hears it put you to shame, and your bad reputation never depart.
11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.
12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover to an obedient ear.
13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to those who send him; for he refreshes the soul of his masters.
14 As clouds and wind without rain, so is he who boasts of gifts deceptively.
15 By patience a ruler is persuaded. A soft tongue breaks the bone.
16 Have you found honey? Eat as much as is sufficient for you, lest you eat too much, and vomit it.
17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he be weary of you, and hate you.
18 A man who gives false testimony against his neighbor is like a club, a sword, or a sharp arrow.
19 Confidence in someone unfaithful in time of trouble is like a bad tooth, or a lame foot.
20 As one who takes away a garment in cold weather, or vinegar on soda, so is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.
21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat. If he is thirsty, give him water to drink:
22 for you will heap coals of fire on his head, and YHWH will reward you.
23 The north wind brings forth rain: so a backbiting tongue brings an angry face.
24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a contentious woman.
25 Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.
26 Like a muddied spring, and a polluted well, so is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.
27 It is not good to eat much honey; nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor.
28 Like a city that is broken down and without walls is a man whose spirit is without restraint.

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