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Day 254. 10-September Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

2 Chronicles 19.

1 Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

2 Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked, and love those who hate YHWH? Because of this, wrath is on you from before YHWH!

3 Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have put away the Asheroth out of the land, and have set your heart to seek ELOHIM!"

4 . The Reforms of Jehoshaphat. .

Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem: and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back to YHWH, the ELOHIM of their fathers.

5 He set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, 6 and said to the judges, "Consider what you do: for you don't judge for man, but for YHWH; and he is with you in the judgment.

7 Now therefore let the fear of YHWH be on you. Take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with YHWH our ELOHIM, nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes."

8 Moreover in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat appointed Levites and priests, and of the heads of the fathers' households of Israel, for the judgment of YHWH, and for controversies. They returned to Jerusalem.

9 He commanded them, saying, "Thus you shall do in the fear of YHWH, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 Whenever any controversy shall come to you from your brothers who dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between Torah (teaching and instruction) and commandment, statutes and ordinances, you shall warn them, that they not be guilty towards YHWH, and so wrath come on you and on your brothers. Do this, and you shall not be guilty.

11 Behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of YHWH; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and may YHWH be with the good."

Psalms 78:38-55.

38 But he, being merciful, forgave iniquity, and didn't destroy them. Yes, many times he turned his anger away, and didn't stir up all his wrath.

39 He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes away, and doesn't come again.

40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness, and grieved him in the desert! 41 They turned again and tempted EL, and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They didn't remember his hand, nor the day when he redeemed them from the adversary;

43 how he set his signs in Egypt, his wonders in the field of Zoan,

44 he turned their rivers into blood, and their streams, so that they could not drink.

45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their increase to the caterpillar, and their labor to the locust.

47 He destroyed their vines with hail, their sycamore fig trees with frost.

48 He gave over their livestock also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

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49 He threw on them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, indignation, and trouble, and a band of angels of evil.

50 He made a path for his anger. He didn't spare their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence,

51 and struck all the firstborn in Egypt, the chief of their strength in the tents of Ham. 52 But he led forth his own people like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them safely, so that they weren't afraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to the border of his sanctuary, to this mountain, which his right hand had taken.

55 He also drove out the nations before them, allotted them for an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

Proverbs 26.

1 Like snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool.

2 Like a fluttering sparrow, like a darting swallow, so the undeserved curse doesn't come to rest.

3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools!

4 Don't answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.

6 One who sends a message by the hand of a fool is cutting off feet and drinking violence.

7 Like the legs of the lame that hang loose: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

8 As one who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool.

9 Like a thornbush that goes into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

10 As an archer who wounds all, so is he who hires a fool or he who hires those who pass by.

11 As a dog that returns to his vomit, so is a fool who repeats his folly.

12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion roams the streets!"

14 As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed.

15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish. He is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.

16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer with discretion.

17 Like one who grabs a dog's ears is one who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own.

18 Like a madman who shoots torches, arrows, and death,

19 is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "Am I not joking?"

20 For lack of wood a fire goes out. Without gossip, a quarrel dies down.

21 As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindling strife.

22 The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, they go down into the innermost parts.

23 Like silver dross on an earthen vessel are the lips of a fervent one with an evil heart.

24 A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but he harbors evil in his heart.

25 When his speech is charming, don't believe him; for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26 His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.

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27 Whoever digs a pit shall fall into it. Whoever rolls a stone, it will come back on him. 28 A lying tongue hates those it hurts; and a flattering mouth works ruin.

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