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### Day 255. 11-September Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### 2 Chronicles 20.,21:1.

#### 1 . Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir Defeated. .

It happened after this, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them some of the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2 Then some came who told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea from Syria. Behold, they are in Hazazon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi).

3 Jehoshaphat was alarmed, and set himself to seek to YHWH! He proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 Judah gathered themselves together, to seek help from YHWH! They came out of all the cities of Judah to seek YHWH!

5 Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of YHWH, before the new court;

6 and he said, "YHWH, the ELOHIM of our fathers, aren't you ELOHIM in heaven? Aren't you ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in your hand, so that no one is able to withstand you.

7 Didn't you, our ELOHIM, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it to the seed of Abraham your friend forever?

8 They lived in it, and have built you a sanctuary in it for your name, saying,

9 'If evil comes on us the sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine we will stand before this house, and before you, (for your name is in this house), and cry to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.'

10 Now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned aside from them, and didn't destroy them;

11 behold, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit.

12 Our ELOHIM, will you not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that comes against us; neither know we what to do, but our eyes are on you."
13 All Judah stood before YHWH, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.
14 Then the Spirit of YHWH came on Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the

assembly:

15 and he said, "Listen, all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat. Thus says YHWH to you, 'Don't be afraid, neither be dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but ELOHIM's.

16 Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they are coming up by the ascent of Ziz. You shall find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 You will not need to fight this battle. Set yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of YHWH with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Don't be afraid, nor be dismayed. Go out against them tomorrow, for YHWH is with you."

18 Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before YHWH, worshipping YHWH!

19 The Levites, of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites, stood up to praise YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, with an exceeding loud voice.

**20** They rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in YHWH your ELOHIM, so you shall be established! Believe his

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prophets, so you shall prosper."

21 When he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who should sing to YHWH, and give praise in holy array, as they went out before the army, and say, Give thanks to YHWH; for his loving kindness endures forever.

22 When they began to sing and to praise, YHWH set ambushers against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were struck.
23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, utterly to kill and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, everyone helped to destroy another.

24 When Judah came to the place overlooking the wilderness, they looked at the multitude; and behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there were none who escaped.

25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their spoil, they found among them in abundance both riches and dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in taking the spoil, it was so much.

<sup>26</sup> On the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Beracah; for there they blessed YHWH: therefore the name of that place was called The valley of Beracah to this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in their forefront, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for YHWH had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

**28** They came to Jerusalem with stringed instruments and harps and shofars to the house of YHWH!

**29** The fear of ELOHIM was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when they heard that YHWH fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his ELOHIM gave him rest all around.

# 31 . The End of Jehoshaphat's Reign. .

Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he was thirty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 He walked in the way of Asa his father, and didn't turn aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of YHWH!

33 However the high places were not taken away; neither as yet had the people set their hearts to the ELOHIM of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the history of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is inserted in the book of the kings of Israel. 35 After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah king of Israel. The same did very wickedly:

36 and he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion Geber.

<sup>37</sup>Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, YHWH has destroyed your works." The ships were broken, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

# 1 <u>Jehoram Reigns in Judah.</u>

Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

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#### Psalms 78:56-72.

56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High ELOHIM, and didn't keep his testimonies;

57 but turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers. They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their engraved images.

59 When ELOHIM heard this, he was angry, and greatly abhorred Israel;

60 So that he forsook the tent of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;

61 and delivered his strength into captivity, his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He also gave his people over to the sword, and was angry with his inheritance.

63 Fire devoured their young men. Their virgins had no wedding song.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows couldn't weep.

65 Then ADONAI awakened as one out of sleep, like a mighty man who shouts by reason of wine.

66 He struck his adversaries backward. He put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he rejected the tent of Joseph, and didn't choose the tribe of Ephraim,

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which he has established forever.

70 He also chose David his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds;

71 from following the ewes that have their young, he brought him to be the shepherd of Jacob, his people, and Israel, his inheritance.

72 So he was their shepherd according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

#### Proverbs 27.

1 Don't boast about tomorrow; for you don't know what a day may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.

3 A stone is heavy, and sand is a burden; but a fool's provocation is heavier than both. 4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is overwhelming; but who is able to stand before jealousy? 5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; although the kisses of an enemy are profuse.

7 A full soul loathes a honeycomb; but to a hungry soul, every bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wanders from her nest, so is a man who wanders from his home.

9 Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart; so does earnest counsel from a man's friend.

10 Don't forsake your friend and your father's friend. Don't go to your brother's house in the day of your disaster: better is a neighbor who is near than a distant brother.

11 Be wise, my son, and bring joy to my heart, then I can answer my tormentor.

12 A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge; but the simple pass on, and suffer for it.13 Take his garment when he puts up collateral for a stranger. Hold it for a wayward woman!

14 He who blesses his neighbor with a loud voice early in the morning, it will be taken as a curse by him.

15 A continual dropping on a rainy day and a contentious wife are alike:

16 restraining her is like restraining the wind, or like grasping oil in his right hand.

17 Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens his friend's countenance.

18 Whoever tends the fig tree shall eat its fruit. He who looks after his master shall be

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honored.

19 As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man.

20 Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied; and a man's eyes are never satisfied.

21 The crucible is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but man is refined by his praise.

22 Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with grain, yet his foolishness will not be removed from him.

23 Know well the state of your flocks, and pay attention to your herds:

24 for riches are not forever, nor does even the crown endure to all generations.

**25** The hay is removed, and the new growth appears, the grasses of the hills are gathered in.

26 The lambs are for your clothing, and the goats are the price of a field.

27 There will be plenty of goats' milk for your food, for your family's food, and for the nourishment of your servant girls.

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