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2 Chronicles 23.

. Joash Crowned King of Judah. .

In the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

- 2 They went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of fathers' households of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.
- 3 All the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of ELOHIM! He said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, as YHWH has spoken concerning the sons of David.
- 4 This is the thing that you shall do. A third part of you, who come in on the Sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the thresholds.
- 5 A third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation. All the people shall be in the courts of YHWH's house.
- 6 But let no one come into the house of YHWH, except the priests, and those who minister of the Levites. They shall come in, for they are holy, but all the people shall follow YHWH's instructions.
- 7 The Levites shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand. Whoever comes into the house, let him be slain. Be with the king when he comes in, and when he goes out."
- 8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath; with those who were to go out on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest didn't dismiss the shift.
- 9 Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of ELOHIM!
- 10 He set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, around the king.
- 11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put the crown on him, and gave him the testimony, and made him king: and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him; and they said, "Long live the king!"

12 . Death of Athaliah. .

When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of YHWH:

- 13 and she looked, and, behold, the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the shofars by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew shofars; the singers also played musical instruments, and led the singing of praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and said, "Treason! treason!"
- 14 Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks; and whoever follows her, let him be slain with the sword." For the priest said, "Don't kill her in YHWH's house."
- 15 So they made way for her. She went to the entrance of the horse gate to the king's house; and they killed her there.
- 16 Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, and all the people, and the king, that they should be YHWH's people.
- 17 All the people went to the house of Baal, and broke it down, and broke his altars and his images in pieces, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

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- 18 Jehoiada appointed the officers of the house of YHWH under the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of YHWH, to offer the burnt offerings of YHWH, as it is written in the Torah of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, according to the order of David.
- 19 He set the porters at the gates of the house of YHWH, that no one who was unclean in anything should enter in.
- 20 He took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of YHWH: and they came through the upper gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom.
- 21 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. Athaliah they had slain with the sword.

Psalms 80.

. To the Chief Musician. Set to The Lilies. A Testimony of Asaph. A Psalm...

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Lilies of the Covenant." A Psalm by Asaph. Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock, you who sit above the cherubim, shine forth.

- 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might! Come to save us!
- 3 Turn us again, ELOHIM! Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved.
- 4 YHWH ELOHIM of Hosts, How long will you be angry against the prayer of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in large measure.
- 6 You make us a source of contention to our neighbors. Our enemies laugh among themselves.
- 7 Turn us again, ELOHIM of Hosts. Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved.
- 8 You brought a vine out of Egypt. You drove out the nations, and planted it.
- 9 You cleared the ground for it. It took deep root, and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered with its shadow. Its boughs were like ELOHIM's cedars.
- 11 It sent out its branches to the sea, Its shoots to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its walls, so that all those who pass by the way pluck it?
- 13 The boar out of the wood ravages it. The wild animals of the field feed on it.
- 14 Turn again, we beg you, ELOHIM of Hosts. Look down from heaven, and see, and visit this vine.
- 15 the stock which your right hand planted, the branch that you made strong for vourself.
- 16 It's burned with fire. It's cut down. They perish at your rebuke.
- 17 Let your hand be on the man of your right hand, on the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.
- 18 So we will not turn away from you. Revive us, and we will call on your name.
- 19 Turn us again, YHWH ELOHIM of Hosts. Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved.

Proverbs 29.

- 1 He who is often rebuked and stiffens his neck will be destroyed suddenly, with no remedy.
- 2 When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people

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- 3 Whoever loves wisdom brings joy to his father; but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.
- 4 The king by justice makes the land stable, but he who takes bribes tears it down.
- 5 A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.
- 6 An evil man is snared by his sin, but the righteous can sing and be glad.
- 7 The righteous care about justice for the poor. The wicked aren't concerned about knowledge.
- 8 Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger.
- 9 If a wise man goes to court with a foolish man, the fool rages or scoffs, and there is no peace.
- 10 The bloodthirsty hate a man of integrity; and they seek the life of the upright.
- 11 A fool vents all of his anger, but a wise man brings himself under control.
- 12 If a ruler listens to lies, all of his officials are wicked.
- 13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: YHWH gives sight to the eyes of both.
- 14 The king who fairly judges the poor, his throne shall be established forever.
- 15 The rod of correction gives wisdom, but a child left to himself causes shame to his mother.
- 16 When the wicked increase, sin increases; but the righteous will see their downfall.
- 17 Correct your son, and he will give you peace; yes, he will bring delight to your soul.
- 18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but one who keeps the Torah is blessed.
- 19 A servant can't be corrected by words. Though he understands, yet he will not respond.
- 20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 21 He who pampers his servant from youth will have him become a son in the end.
- 22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a wrathful man abounds in sin.
- 23 A man's pride brings him low, but one of lowly spirit gains honor.
- 24 Whoever is an accomplice of a thief is an enemy of his own soul. He takes an oath, but dares not testify.
- 25 The fear of man proves to be a snare, but whoever puts his trust in YHWH is kept safe.
- 26 Many seek the ruler's favor, but a man's justice comes from YHWH!
- 27 A dishonest man detests the righteous, and the upright in their ways detest the wicked.

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