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2 Chronicles 26.

Uzziah Reigns in Judah.

All the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

- 2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.
- 3 Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jechiliah, of Jerusalem.
- 4 He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.
- 5 He set himself to seek ELOHIM in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the vision of ELOHIM: and as long as he sought YHWH, ELOHIM made him to prosper.
- 6 He went forth and warred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities in the country of Ashdod, and among the Philistines.
- 7 ELOHIM helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and the Meunim.
- 8 The Ammonites gave tribute to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt; for he grew exceeding strong.
- 9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.
- 10 He built towers in the wilderness, and dug out many cisterns, for he had much livestock; in the lowland also, and in the plain: and he had farmers and vineyard keepers in the mountains and in the fruitful fields; for he loved farming.
- 11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men, who went out to war by bands, according to the number of their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains.
- 12 The whole number of the heads of fathers' households, even the mighty men of valor, was two thousand and six hundred.
- 13 Under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, who made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.
- 14 Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the army, shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and stones for slinging.
- 15 He made in Jerusalem engines, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and on the battlements, with which to shoot arrows and great stones. His name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, until he was strong.

. The Penalty for Uzziah's Pride. .

But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up, so that he did corruptly, and he trespassed against YHWH his ELOHIM; for he went into the temple of YHWH to burn incense on the altar of incense.

- 17 Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of YHWH, who were valiant men:
- 18 and they resisted Uzziah the king, and said to him, "It isn't for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to YHWH, but for the priests the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary; for you have trespassed; neither shall it be for your honor from YHWH ELOHIM!"
- 19 Then Uzziah was angry; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy broke forth in his forehead before the priests in

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the house of YHWH, beside the altar of incense.

- 20 Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked on him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out quickly from there; yes, himself hurried also to go out, because YHWH had struck him.
- 21 Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of YHWH: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.
- 22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote.
- 23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, "He is a leper." Jotham his son reigned in his place.

Psalms 83.

1 . A Song. A Psalm of Asaph...

A song. A Psalm by Asaph. ELOHIM, don't keep silent. Don't keep silent, and don't be still, ELOHIM!

- 2 For, behold, your enemies are stirred up. Those who hate you have lifted up their heads.
- 3 They conspire with cunning against your people. They plot against your cherished ones.
- 4 "Come," they say, "and let's destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more."
- 5 For they have conspired together with one mind. They form an alliance against you.
- 6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab, and the Hagrites;
- 7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;
- 8 Assyria also is joined with them. They have helped the children of Lot. Selah.
- 9 Do to them as you did to Midian, as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon;
- 10 who perished at Endor, who became as dung for the earth.
- 11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb; yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna;
- 12 who said, "Let us take possession of ELOHIM's pasturelands."
- 13 My ELOHIM, make them like tumbleweed; like chaff before the wind.
- 14 As the fire that burns the forest, as the flame that sets the mountains on fire,
- 15 so pursue them with your tempest, and terrify them with your storm.
- 16 Fill their faces with confusion, that they may seek your name, YHWH!
- 17 Let them be disappointed and dismayed forever. Yes, let them be confounded and perish;
- 18 that they may know that you alone, whose name is YHWH, are the Most High over all the earth.

Proverbs 1.

1 . The Beginning of Knowledge. . Proverbs!

The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel:

- 2 to know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;
- 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;
- 4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young man:
- 5 that the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; that the man of understanding may attain to sound counsel:

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6 to understand a proverb, and parables, the words and riddles of the wise.

7 The fear of YHWH is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

8 . Shun Evil Counsel. .

My son, listen to your father's instruction, and don't forsake your mother's teaching:

- 9 for they will be a garland to grace your head, and chains around your neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners entice you, don't consent.
- 11 If they say, "Come with us, Let's lay in wait for blood; let's lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;
- 12 let's swallow them up alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down into the pit.
- 13 We'll find all valuable wealth. We'll fill our houses with spoil.
- 14 You shall cast your lot among us. We'll all have one purse."
- 15 My son, don't walk in the way with them. Keep your foot from their path,
- 16 for their feet run to evil. They hurry to shed blood.
- 17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird:
- 18 but these lay wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own lives.
- 19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owners.

. The Call of Wisdom. .

Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She utters her voice in the public squares.

- 21 She calls at the head of noisy places. At the entrance of the city gates, she utters her words:
- 22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight themselves in mockery, and fools hate knowledge?
- 23 Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you.
- 24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one has paid attention;
- 25 but you have ignored all my counsel, and wanted none of my reproof;
- 26 I also will laugh at your disaster. I will mock when calamity overtakes you;
- 27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when your disaster comes on like a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come on you.
- 28 Then will they call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me;
- 29 because they hated knowledge, and didn't choose the fear of YHWH!
- 30 They wanted none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof.
- 31 Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own schemes.
- 32 For the backsliding of the simple will kill them. The careless ease of fools will destroy them.
- 33 But whoever listens to me will dwell securely, and will be at ease, without fear of harm."

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