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2 Chronicles 29.

1 **. Hezekiah Reigns in Judah. .**

Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

2 He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, according to all that David his father had done.

3 **. Hezekiah Cleanses the Temple. .**

He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of YHWH, and repaired them.

4 He brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the broad place on the east,

5 and said to them, "Listen to me, you Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of YHWH, the ELOHIM of your fathers, and carry out the filthiness out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the sight of YHWH our ELOHIM, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of YHWH, and turned their backs.

7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the ELOHIM of Israel.

8 Therefore the wrath of YHWH was on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has delivered them to be tossed back and forth, to be an astonishment, and a hissing, as you see with your eyes.

9 For, behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from us.

11 My sons, don't be negligent now; for YHWH has chosen you to stand before him, to minister to him, and that you should be his ministers, and burn incense."

12 Then the Levites arose, Mahath, the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah;

13 and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

14 and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

15 They gathered their brothers, and sanctified themselves, and went in, according to the commandment of the king by the words of YHWH, to cleanse the house of YHWH!

16 The priests went in to the inner part of the house of YHWH, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of YHWH into the court of the house of YHWH! The Levites took it, to carry it out abroad to the brook Kidron.

17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of YHWH; and they sanctified the house of YHWH in eight days: and on the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king within the palace, and said, "We have cleansed all the house of YHWH, and the altar of burnt offering, with all its vessels, and the table of show bread, with all its vessels.

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19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign threw away when he trespassed, have we prepared and sanctified; and behold, they are before the altar of YHWH!”

20 . Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship. .

Then Hezekiah the king arose early, and gathered the princes of the city, and went up to the house of YHWH!

21 They brought seven bulls, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven male goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom and for the sanctuary and for Judah. He commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of YHWH!

22 So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: and they killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood on the altar: they killed also the lambs, and sprinkled the blood on the altar.

23 They brought near the male goats for the sin offering before the king and the assembly; and they laid their hands on them:

24 and the priests killed them, and they made a sin offering with their blood on the altar, to make atonement for all Israel; for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.

25 He set the Levites in the house of YHWH with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king’s seer, and Nathan the prophet; for the commandment was of YHWH by his prophets.

26 The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the shofars.

27 Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, the song of YHWH began also, and the shofars, together with the instruments of David king of Israel.

28 All the assembly worshiped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

29 When they had made an end of offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped.

30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises to YHWH with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. They sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered, “Now you have consecrated yourselves to YHWH; come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of YHWH!” The assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings.

32 The number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to YHWH!

33 The consecrated things were six hundred head of cattle and three thousand sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: therefore their brothers the Levites helped them, until the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves; for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

35 Also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and with the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of YHWH was set in order.

36 Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, because of that which ELOHIM had prepared for the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

Psalms 85.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. .

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For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. YHWH, you have been favorable to your land. You have restored the fortunes of Jacob.
2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people. You have covered all their sin. Selah.
3 You have taken away all your wrath. You have turned from the fierceness of your anger.
4 Turn us, ELOHIM of our salvation, and cause your indignation toward us to cease.
5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you draw out your anger to all generations?
6 Won't you revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
7 Show us your loving kindness, YHWH! Grant us your salvation.
8 I will hear what EL, YHWH, will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, his holy ones; but let them not turn again to folly.
9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth meet together. Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth springs out of the earth. Righteousness has looked down from heaven.
12 Yes, YHWH will give that which is good. Our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness goes before him, And prepares the way for his steps.

Proverbs 3.

1 . Guidance for the Young. .

My son, don't forget my teaching; but let your heart keep my commandments:
2 for length of days, and years of life, and peace, will they add to you.
3 Don't let kindness and truth forsake you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart.
4 So you will find favor, and good understanding in the sight of ELOHIM and man.
5 Trust in YHWH with all your heart, and don't lean on your own understanding.
6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
7 Don't be wise in your own eyes. Fear YHWH, and depart from evil.
8 It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones.
9 Honor YHWH with your substance, with the first fruits of all your increase:
10 so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.
11 My son, don't despise YHWH's discipline, neither be weary of his reproof:
12 for whom YHWH loves, he reproves; even as a father reproves the son in whom he delights.
13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gets understanding.
14 For her good profit is better than getting silver, and her return is better than fine gold.
15 She is more precious than rubies. None of the things you can desire are to be compared to her.
16 Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor.
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All her paths are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her.
19 By wisdom YHWH founded the earth. By understanding, he established the heavens.
20 By his knowledge, the depths were broken up, and the skies drop down the dew.
21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion:
22 so they will be life to your soul, and grace for your neck.
23 Then you shall walk in your way securely. Your foot won't stumble.
24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid. Yes, you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet.
25 Don't be afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes:
26 for YHWH will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being taken.

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- 27 Don't withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it.
- 28 Don't say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it to you," when you have it by you.
- 29 Don't devise evil against your neighbor, since he dwells securely by you.
- 30 Don't strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.
- 31 Don't envy the man of violence. Choose none of his ways.
- 32 For the perverse is an abomination to YHWH, but his friendship is with the upright.
- 33 YHWH's curse is in the house of the wicked, but he blesses the habitation of the righteous.
- 34 Surely he mocks the mockers, but he gives grace to the humble.
- 35 The wise will inherit glory, but shame will be the promotion of fools.

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