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2 Chronicles 30.

. Hezekiah Keeps the Passover. .

Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of YHWH at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

- 2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month.
- 3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.
- 4 The thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the assembly.
- 5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, at Jerusalem: for they had not kept it in great numbers in such sort as it is written.
- 6 So the couriers went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, "You children of Israel, turn again to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant that have escaped of you out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.
- 7 Don't be like your fathers, and like your brothers, who trespassed against YHWH, the ELOHIM of their fathers, so that he gave them up to desolation, as you see.
- 8 Now don't be stiff-necked, as your fathers were; but yield yourselves to YHWH, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified forever, and serve YHWH your ELOHIM, that his fierce anger may turn away from you.
- 9 For if you turn again to YHWH, your brothers and your children shall find compassion before those who led them captive, and shall come again into this land: for YHWH your ELOHIM is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him."
- 10 So the couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun: but they ridiculed them, and mocked them.
- 11 Nevertheless certain men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.
- 12 Also on Judah came the hand of ELOHIM to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the princes by the word of YHWH!
- 13 Many people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great assembly.
- 14 They arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.
- 15 Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt offerings into the house of YHWH!
- 16 They stood in their place after their order, according to the Torah of Moses the man of ELOHIM: the priests sprinkled the blood which they received of the hand of the Levites.
- 17 For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Levites were in charge of killing the Passovers for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to YHWH!
- 18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover otherwise than it is

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written. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, "May the good YHWH pardon everyone

- 19 who sets his heart to seek ELOHIM, YHWH, the ELOHIM of his fathers, even if they aren't clean according to the purification of the sanctuary."
- 20 YHWH listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.
- 21 The children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised YHWH day by day, singing with loud instruments to YHWH!
- 22 Hezekiah spoke comfortably to all the Levites who had good understanding in the service of YHWH! So they ate throughout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and making confession to YHWH, the ELOHIM of their fathers.
- 23 The whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days; and they kept another seven days with gladness.
- 24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly for offerings one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.
- 25 All the assembly of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly who came out of Israel, and the foreigners who came out of Eretz-Israel, and who lived in Judah, rejoiced.
- 26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.
- 27 Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even to heaven.

Psalms 86.

1 . A Prayer of David...

A Prayer by David. Hear, YHWH, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

- 2 Preserve my soul, for I am godly. You, my ELOHIM, save your servant who trusts in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, ADONAI, for I call to you all day long.
- 4 Bring joy to the soul of your servant, for to you, ADONAI, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, ADONAI, are good, and ready to forgive; abundant in loving kindness to all those who call on you.
- 6 Hear, YHWH, my prayer. Listen to the voice of my petitions.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I will call on you, for you will answer me.
- 8 There is no one like you among the gods, ADONAI, nor any deeds like your deeds.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship before you, ADONAI. They shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great, and do wondrous things. You are ELOHIM alone.
- 11 Teach me your way, YHWH! I will walk in your truth. Make my heart undivided to fear your name.
- 12 I will praise you, ADONAI my ELOHIM, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forevermore.
- 13 For your loving kindness is great toward me. You have delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.
- 14 ELOHIM, the proud have risen up against me. A company of violent men have sought after my soul, and they don't hold regard for you before them.
- 15 But you, ADONAI, are a merciful and gracious EL, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give your strength to your servant. Save the son

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of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your goodness, that those who hate me may see it, and be shamed, because you, YHWH, have helped me, and comforted me.

Proverbs 4.

1 . Security in Wisdom. .

Listen, sons, to a father's instruction. Pay attention and know understanding;

- 2 for I give you sound learning. Don't forsake my Torah (teaching and instruction).
- 3 For I was a son to my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my mother.
- 4 He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live.
- 5 Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don't forget, neither swerve from the words of my
- 6 Don't forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you.
- 7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding.
- 8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her.
- 9 She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendor to you."
- 10 Listen, my son, and receive my sayings. The years of your life will be many.
- 11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you in straight paths.
- 12 When you go, your steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble.
- 13 Take firm hold of instruction. Don't let her go. Keep her, for she is your life.
- 14 Don't enter into the path of the wicked. Don't walk in the way of evil men.
- 15 Avoid it, and don't pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on.
- 16 For they don't sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken away, unless they make someone fall.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light, that shines more and more until the perfect day.
- 19 The way of the wicked is like darkness. They don't know what they stumble over.
- 20 My son, attend to my words. Turn your ear to my sayings.
- 21 Let them not depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart.
- 22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to their whole body.
- 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life.
- 24 Put away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you.
- 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you.
- 26 Make the path of your feet level. Let all of your ways be established.
- 27 Don't turn to the right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot from evil.

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