

22 Sep Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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Day 266. 22-September Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

2 Chronicles 33.

1 **. Manasseh Reigns in Judah. .**

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

2 He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, after the abominations of the nations whom YHWH cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he reared up altars for the Baals, and made Asheroth, and worshiped all the army of the sky, and served them.

4 He built altars in the house of YHWH, of which YHWH said, "My name shall be in Jerusalem forever."

5 He built altars for all the army of the sky in the two courts of the house of YHWH!

6 He also made his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom; and he practiced sorcery, and used enchantments, and practiced sorcery, and dealt with those who had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he worked much evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger.

7 He set the engraved image of the idol, which he had made, in the house of ELOHIM, of which ELOHIM said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever:

8 neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the Torah (teaching and instruction) and the statutes and the ordinances given by Moses."

9 Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that they did more evil than the nations whom YHWH destroyed before the children of Israel did.

10 **. Manasseh Restored After Repentance. .**

YHWH spoke to Manasseh, and to his people; but they gave no heed.

11 Therefore YHWH brought on them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12 When he was in distress, he begged YHWH his ELOHIM, and humbled himself greatly before the ELOHIM of his fathers.

13 He prayed to him; and he was entreated by him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that YHWH was ELOHIM!

14 Now after this he built an outer wall to the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance at the fish gate; and he encircled Ophel with it, and raised it up to a very great height: and he put valiant captains in all the fortified cities of Judah.

15 He took away the foreign gods, and the idol out of the house of YHWH, and all the altars that he had built in the mountain of the house of YHWH, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.

16 He built up the altar of YHWH, and offered thereon sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving, and commanded Judah to serve YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

17 Nevertheless the people sacrificed still in the high places, but only to YHWH their ELOHIM!

18 **. Death of Manasseh. .**

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Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his ELOHIM, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, behold, they are written among the acts of the kings of Israel.

19 His prayer also, and how ELOHIM was entreated of him, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places in which he built high places, and set up the Asherim and the engraved images, before he humbled himself: behold, they are written in the history of Hozai.

20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his place.

21 . Amon's Reign and Death. .

Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, as did Manasseh his father; and Amon sacrificed to all the engraved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them.

23 He didn't humble himself before YHWH, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon trespassed more and more.

24 His servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house.

25 But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

Psalms 89:1-18.

1 . A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite.. .

A contemplation by Ethan, the Ezrahite. I will sing of the loving kindness of YHWH forever. With my mouth, I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

2 I indeed declare, "Love stands firm forever. You established the heavens. Your faithfulness is in them."

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David, my servant,

4 'I will establish your seed forever, and build up your throne to all generations.'" Selah.

5 The heavens will praise your wonders, YHWH; your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

6 For who in the skies can be compared to YHWH? Who among the sons of the heavenly beings is like YHWH,

7 a very awesome ELOHIM in the council of the holy ones, to be feared above all those who are around him?

8 YHWH, ELOHIM of Hosts, who is a mighty one, like you? YAH, your faithfulness is around you.

9 You rule the pride of the sea. When its waves rise up, you calm them.

10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, like one of the slain. You have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 The heavens are yours. The earth also is yours; the world and its fullness. You have founded them.

12 The north and the south, you have created them. Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.

13 You have a mighty arm. Your hand is strong, and your right hand is exalted.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Loving kindness and truth go before your face.

15 Blessed are the people who learn to acclaim you. They walk in the light of your

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presence, YHWH!

16 In your name they rejoice all day. In your righteousness, they are exalted.

17 For you are the glory of their strength. In your favor, our horn will be exalted.

18 For our shield belongs to YHWH; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Proverbs 7.

1 My son, keep my words. Lay up my commandments within you.

2 Keep my commandments and live! Guard my teaching as the apple of your eye.

3 Bind them on your fingers. Write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 Tell wisdom, "You are my sister." Call understanding your relative,

5 that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.

6 . The Crafty Harlot. .

For at the window of my house, I looked out through my lattice.

7 I saw among the simple ones. I discerned among the youths a young man void of understanding,

8 passing through the street near her corner, he went the way to her house,

9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.

10 Behold, there a woman met him with the attire of a prostitute, and with crafty intent.

11 She is loud and defiant. Her feet don't stay in her house.

12 Now she is in the streets, now in the squares, and lurking at every corner.

13 So she caught him, and kissed him. With an impudent face she said to him:

14 "Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me. This day I have paid my vows.

15 Therefore I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I have found you.

16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, with striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

18 Come, let's take our fill of loving until the morning. Let's solace ourselves with loving.

19 For my husband isn't at home. He has gone on a long journey.

20 He has taken a bag of money with him. He will come home at the full moon."

21 With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him.

22 He followed her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, as a fool stepping into a noose.

23 Until an arrow strikes through his liver, as a bird hurries to the snare, and doesn't know that it will cost his life.

24 Now therefore, sons, listen to me. Pay attention to the words of my mouth.

25 Don't let your heart turn to her ways. Don't go astray in her paths,

26 for she has thrown down many wounded. Yes, all her slain are a mighty army.

27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the rooms of death.

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