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Day 267. 23-September Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

2 Chronicles 34.

1 . Josiah Reigns in Judah. .

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.

2 He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, and walked in the ways of David his father, and didn't turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the ELOHIM of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the engraved images, and the molten images.

4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence; and the incense altars that were on high above them he cut down; and the Asherim, and the engraved images, and the molten images, he broke in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.

5 He burnt the bones of the priests on their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem.

6 He did this in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim and Simeon, even to Naphtali, around in their ruins.

7 He broke down the altars, and beat the Asherim and the engraved images into powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout all Eretz-Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.

8 . Hilkiyah Finds the Book of the Torah. .

Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of YHWH his ELOHIM!

9 They came to Hilkiyah the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the house of ELOHIM, which the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 They delivered it into the hand of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of YHWH; and the workmen who labored in the house of YHWH gave it to mend and repair the house;

11 even to the carpenters and to the builders gave they it, to buy cut stone, and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12 The men did the work faithfully: and their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and others of the Levites, all who were skillful with instruments of music.

13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and set forward all who did the work in every kind of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters.

14 When they brought out the money that was brought into the house of YHWH, Hilkiyah the priest found the scroll of the Torah of YHWH given by Moses.

15 Hilkiyah answered Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the scroll of the Torah in the house of YHWH!" Hilkiyah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16 Shaphan carried the book to the king, and moreover brought back word to the king, saying, "All that was committed to your servants, they are doing.

17 They have emptied out the money that was found in the house of YHWH, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen."

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18 Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has delivered me a book." Shaphan read therein before the king.

19 It happened, when the king had heard the words of the Torah (teaching and instruction), that he tore his clothes.

20 The king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,

21 "Go inquire of YHWH for me, and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of YHWH that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of YHWH, to do according to all that is written in this book."

22 So Hilkiah, and they whom the king had commanded, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter;) and they spoke to her to that effect.

23 She said to them, "Thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me,

24 "Thus says YHWH, 'Behold, I will bring evil on this place, and on its inhabitants, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah.

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore is my wrath poured out on this place, and it shall not be quenched.'"

26 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of YHWH, thus you shall tell him, 'Thus says YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel: "As touching the words which you have heard,

27 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before ELOHIM, when you heard his words against this place, and against its inhabitants, and have humbled yourself before me, and have torn your clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard you," says YHWH!

28 "Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the evil that I will bring on this place, and on its inhabitants.'"

They brought back word to the king.

29 . Josiah Restores True Worship. .

Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 The king went up to the house of YHWH, and all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, both great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of YHWH!

31 The king stood in his place, and made a covenant before YHWH, to walk after YHWH, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.

32 He caused all who were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand. The inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of ELOHIM, the ELOHIM of their fathers.

33 Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all who were found in Israel to serve, even to serve YHWH their ELOHIM! All his days they didn't depart from following YHWH, the ELOHIM of their fathers.

Psalms 89:19-37.

19 Then you spoke in vision to your holy ones, and said, "I have bestowed strength on the warrior. I have exalted a young man from the people.

20 I have found David, my servant. I have anointed him with my holy oil,

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- 21 with whom my hand shall be established. My arm will also strengthen him.
22 No enemy will tax him. No wicked man will oppress him.
23 I will beat down his adversaries before him, and strike those who hate him.
24 But my faithfulness and my loving kindness will be with him. In my name, his horn will be exalted.
25 I will set his hand also on the sea, and his right hand on the rivers.
26 He will call to me, 'You are my Father, my ELOHIM, and the rock of my salvation!'
27 I will also appoint him my firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
28 I will keep my loving kindness for him forevermore. My covenant will stand firm with him.
29 I will also make his seed endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake my Torah, and don't walk in my ordinances;
31 if they break my statutes, and don't keep my commandments;
32 then I will punish their sin with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.
33 But I will not completely take my loving kindness from him, nor allow my faithfulness to fail.
34 I will not break my covenant, nor alter what my lips have uttered.
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness, I will not lie to David.
36 His seed will endure forever, his throne like the sun before me.
37 It will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky." Selah.

Proverbs 8.

1 . The Excellence of Wisdom. .

- Doesn't wisdom cry out? Doesn't understanding raise her voice?
2 On the top of high places by the way, where the paths meet, she stands.
3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entry doors, she cries aloud:
4 "To you men, I call! I send my voice to the sons of mankind.
5 You simple, understand prudence. You fools, be of an understanding heart.
6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things. The opening of my lips is for right things.
7 For my mouth speaks truth. Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness. There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
9 They are all plain to him who understands, right to those who find knowledge.
10 Receive my instruction rather than silver; knowledge rather than choice gold.
11 For wisdom is better than rubies. All the things that may be desired can't be compared to it.
12 "I, wisdom, have made prudence my dwelling. Find out knowledge and discretion.
13 The fear of YHWH is to hate evil. I hate pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth.
14 Counsel and sound knowledge are mine. I have understanding and power.
15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
16 By me princes rule; nobles, and all the righteous rulers of the earth.
17 I love those who love me. Those who seek me diligently will find me.
18 With me are riches, honor, enduring wealth, and prosperity.
19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; my yield than choice silver.
20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice;
21 That I may give wealth to those who love me. I fill their treasuries.
22 "YHWH possessed me in the beginning of his work, before his deeds of old.
23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth existed.
24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs

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abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was brought forth;
26 while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world.

27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he set a circle on the surface of the deep,

28 when he established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong,

29 when he gave to the sea its boundary, that the waters should not violate his commandment, when he marked out the foundations of the earth;

30 then I was the craftsman by his side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing before him,

31 Rejoicing in his whole world. My delight was with the sons of men.

32 “Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, for blessed are those who keep my ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise. Don’t refuse it.

34 Blessed is the man who hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my door posts.

35 For whoever finds me, finds life, and will obtain favor from YHWH!

36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death.”

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