

27 Sep Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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Day 271. 27-September Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Ezra 3.

1 . Worship Restored at Jerusalem.

When the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then stood up Yeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brothers, and built the altar of the ELOHIM of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the Torah of Moses the man of ELOHIM!

3 They set the altar on its base; for fear was on them because of the peoples of the countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon to YHWH, even burnt offerings morning and evening.

4 They kept the feast of booths, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the ordinance, as the duty of every day required;

5 and afterward the continual burnt offering, and the offerings of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of YHWH that were consecrated, and of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to YHWH!

6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings to YHWH: but the foundation of the temple of YHWH was not yet laid.

7 They gave money also to the masons, and to the carpenters; and food, and drink, and oil, to them of Sidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

8 . Restoration of the Temple Begins.

Now in the second year of their coming to the house of ELOHIM at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Yeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all those who were come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to have the oversight of the work of the house of YHWH!

9 Then stood Yeshua with his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to have the oversight of the workmen in the house of ELOHIM: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brothers the Levites.

10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of YHWH, they set the priests in their clothing with shofars, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise YHWH, after the order of David king of Israel.

11 They sang one to another in praising and giving thanks to YHWH, "For he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever toward Israel." All the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised YHWH, because the foundation of the house of YHWH was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' households, the old men who had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Ezra 4.

1 . Resistance to Rebuilding the Temple.

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Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were building a temple to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel;
2 then they drew near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of fathers' households, and said to them, "Let us build with you; for we seek your ELOHIM, as you do; and we sacrifice to him since the days of Esar Haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here."
3 But Zerubbabel, and Yeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' households of Israel, said to them, "You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our ELOHIM; but we ourselves together will build to YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us."
4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,
5 and hired counselors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 . Rebuilding of Jerusalem Opposed. .

In the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.
7 In the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of his companions, to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in Syrian, and set forth in the Syrian language.
8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort:
9 then Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions, the Dinaites, and the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Shushanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites,
10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnappar brought over, and set in the city of Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the River, and so forth, wrote.
11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent to Artaxerxes the king: Your servants the men beyond the River, and so forth.
12 Be it known to the king, that the Jews who came up from you have come to us to Jerusalem; they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and have finished the walls, and repaired the foundations.
13 Be it known now to the king that if this city is built, and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and in the end it will be hurtful to the kings.
14 Now because we eat the salt of the palace, and it is not appropriate for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore have we sent and informed the king;
15 that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers: so you shall find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful to kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time; for which cause was this city laid waste.
16 We inform the king that, if this city be built, and the walls finished, by this means you shall have no portion beyond the River.
17 Then the king sent an answer to Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions who dwell in Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the River: Peace, and so forth.
18 The letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me.
19 I decreed, and search has been made, and it is found that this city of old time has made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein.
20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all the country beyond the River; and tribute, custom, and toll, was paid to them.

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21 Make a decree now to cause these men to cease, and that this city not be built, until a decree shall be made by me.

22 Take heed that you not be slack herein: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 Then when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went in haste to Jerusalem to the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.

24 Then ceased the work of the house of ELOHIM which is at Jerusalem; and it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Psalms 92.

1 . A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath day..

A Psalm. A song for the Sabbath day. It is a good thing to give thanks to YHWH, to sing praises to your name, Most High;

2 to proclaim your loving kindness in the morning, and your faithfulness every night,
3 with the ten-stringed lute, with the harp, and with the melody of the lyre.

4 For you, YHWH, have made me glad through your work. I will triumph in the works of your hands.

5 How great are your works, YHWH! Your thoughts are very deep.

6 A senseless man doesn't know, neither does a fool understand this:

7 though the wicked spring up as the grass, and all the evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever.

8 But you, YHWH, are on high forevermore.

9 For, behold, your enemies, YHWH, for, behold, your enemies shall perish. All the evildoers will be scattered.

10 But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox. I am anointed with fresh oil.

11 My eye has also seen my enemies. My ears have heard of the wicked enemies who rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 They are planted in YHWH's house. They will flourish in our ELOHIM's courts.

14 They will still bring forth fruit in old age. They will be full of sap and green,

15 to show that YHWH is upright. He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Proverbs 12.

1 Whoever loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

2 A good man shall obtain favor from YHWH, but he will condemn a man of wicked devices.

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

4 A worthy woman is the crown of her husband, but a disgraceful wife is as rotteness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.

6 The words of the wicked are about lying in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them.

7 The wicked are overthrown, and are no more, but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom, but he who has a warped mind shall be despised.

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- 9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed, and has a servant, than he who honors himself, and lacks bread.
- 10 A righteous man respects the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
- 11 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread, but he who chases fantasies is void of understanding.
- 12 The wicked desires the plunder of evil men, but the root of the righteous flourishes.
- 13 An evil man is trapped by sinfulness of lips, but the righteous shall come out of trouble.
- 14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth. The work of a man's hands shall be rewarded to him.
- 15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who is wise listens to counsel.
- 16 A fool shows his annoyance the same day, but one who overlooks an insult is prudent.
- 17 He who is truthful testifies honestly, but a false witness lies.
- 18 There is one who speaks rashly like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise heals.
- 19 Truth's lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only momentary.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, but joy comes to the promoters of peace.
- 21 No mischief shall happen to the righteous, but the wicked shall be filled with evil.
- 22 Lying lips are an abomination to YHWH, but those who do the truth are his delight.
- 23 A prudent man keeps his knowledge, but the hearts of fools proclaim foolishness.
- 24 The hands of the diligent ones shall rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.
- 25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a kind word makes it glad.
- 26 A righteous person is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- 27 The slothful man doesn't roast his game, but the possessions of diligent men are prized.
- 28 In the way of righteousness is life; in its path there is no death.

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