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1 . Nehemiah Deals with Oppression. .

Then there arose a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brothers the Jews.

2 For there were that said, "We, our sons and our daughters, are many. Let us get grain, that we may eat and live."

3 Some also there were that said, "We are mortgaging our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses. Let us get grain, because of the famine."

4 There were also some who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tribute using our fields and our vineyards as collateral.

5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children as their children. Behold, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters have been brought into bondage. Neither is it in our power to help it; for other men have our fields and our vineyards."

6 I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

7 Then I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the rulers, and said to them, "You exact usury, everyone of his brother." I held a great assembly against them.

8 I said to them, "We, after our ability, have redeemed our brothers the Jews that were sold to the nations; and would you even sell your brothers, and should they be sold to us?" Then they held their peace, and found never a word.

9 Also I said, "The thing that you do is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our ELOHIM, because of the reproach of the nations our enemies?"

10 I likewise, my brothers and my servants, lend them money and grain. Please let us stop this usury.

11 Please restore to them, even this day, their fields, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, that you are charging them."

12 Then they said, "We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do, even as you say." Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they would do according to this promise.

13 Also I shook out my lap, and said, "So may ELOHIM shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, that doesn't perform this promise; even thus be he shaken out, and emptied." All the assembly said, "Amen," and praised YHWH! The people did according to this promise.

14 . The Generosity of Nehemiah. .

Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even to the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brothers have not eaten the bread of the governor.

15 But the former governors who were before me were supported by the people, and took bread and wine from them, besides forty shekels of silver; yes, even their servants ruled over the people: but I didn't do so, because of the fear of ELOHIM!

16 Yes, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered there to the work.

17 Moreover there were at my table, of the Jews and the rulers, one hundred fifty men, besides those who came to us from among the nations that were around us.

18 Now that which was prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls

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were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this I didn't demand the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy on this people.
19 Remember to me, my ELOHIM, for good, all that I have done for this people.

1 **. Conspiracy Against Nehemiah. .**

Now it happened, when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah, and to Geshem the Arabian, and to the rest of our enemies, that I had built the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though even to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates;)

2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together in the villages in the plain of Ono." But they intended to harm me.

3 I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I can't come down. Why should the work cease, while I leave it, and come down to you?"

4 They sent to me four times after this sort; and I answered them the same way.

5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me the same way the fifth time with an open letter in his hand,

6 in which was written, "It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel. Because of that, you are building the wall. You would be their king, according to these words.

7 You have also appointed prophets to proclaim of you at Jerusalem, saying, 'There is a king in Judah!' Now it will be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together."

8 Then I sent to him, saying, "There are no such things done as you say, but you imagine them out of your own heart."

9 For they all would have made us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened from the work, that it not be done. But now, strengthen my hands."

10 I went to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home; and he said, "Let us meet together in the house of ELOHIM, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for they will come to kill you; yes, in the night will they come to kill you."

11 I said, "Should such a man as I flee? Who is there that, being such as I, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in."

12 I discerned, and behold, ELOHIM had not sent him; but he pronounced this prophecy against me. Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 He hired so that I would be afraid, do so, and sin, and that they might have material for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 "Remember, my ELOHIM, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear."

15 **. The Wall Completed. .**

So the wall was finished in the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days.

16 It happened, when all our enemies heard of it, that all the nations that were about us were afraid, and were much cast down in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was worked of our ELOHIM!

17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them.

18 For there were many in Judah sworn to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah; and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as wife.

19 Also they spoke of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

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- 1 Now it happened, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,
- 2 that I put my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the governor of the castle, in charge of Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared ELOHIM above many.
- 3 I said to them, “Don’t let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while they stand guard, let them shut the doors, and you bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, everyone in his watch, with everyone near his house.”

Psalms 99.

1 . Praise to YHWH for His Holiness. .

- 1 YHWH reigns! Let the peoples tremble. He sits enthroned among the cherubim. Let the earth be moved.
- 2 YHWH is great in Zion. He is high above all the peoples.
- 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. He is Holy!
- 4 The King’s strength also loves justice. You do establish equity. You execute justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Exalt YHWH our ELOHIM! Worship at his footstool. He is Holy!
- 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel among those who call on his name; they called on YHWH, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud. They kept his testimonies, the statute that he gave them.
- 8 You answered them, YHWH our ELOHIM! You are an EL who forgave them, although you took vengeance for their doings.
- 9 Exalt YHWH, our ELOHIM! Worship at his holy hill, for YHWH, our ELOHIM, is holy!

Proverbs 19.

- 1 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his lips and is a fool.
- 2 It isn’t good to have zeal without knowledge; nor being hasty with one’s feet and missing the way.
- 3 The foolishness of man subverts his way; his heart rages against YHWH!
- 4 Wealth adds many friends, but the poor is separated from his friend.
- 5 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who pours out lies shall not go free.
- 6 Many will entreat the favor of a ruler, and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.
- 7 All the relatives of the poor shun him: how much more do his friends avoid him! He pursues them with pleas, but they are gone.
- 8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul. He who keeps understanding shall find good.
- 9 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who utters lies shall perish.
- 10 Delicate living is not appropriate for a fool, much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
- 11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger. It is his glory to overlook an offense.
- 12 The king’s wrath is like the roaring of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass.
- 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father. A wife’s quarrels are a continual dripping.
- 14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from YHWH!

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- 15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep. The idle soul shall suffer hunger.
- 16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is contemptuous in his ways shall die.
- 17 He who has pity on the poor lends to YHWH; he will reward him.
- 18 Discipline your son, for there is hope; don't be a willing party to his death.
- 19 A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty, for if you rescue him, you must do it again.
- 20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end.
- 21 There are many plans in a man's heart, but YHWH's counsel will prevail.
- 22 That which makes a man to be desired is his kindness. A poor man is better than a liar.
- 23 The fear of YHWH leads to life, then contentment; he rests and will not be touched by trouble.
- 24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Flog a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; rebuke one who has understanding, and he will gain knowledge.
- 26 He who robs his father and drives away his mother, is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.
- 27 If you stop listening to instruction, my son, you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down iniquity.
- 29 Penalties are prepared for scoffers, and beatings for the backs of fools.

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