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# Day 283. 9-October Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Nehemiah 12.

#### The Priests and Levites. .

Now these are the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Yeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

- 2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,
- 3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,
- 4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,
- 5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,
- 6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah.
- 7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brothers in the days of Yeshua.
- 8 Moreover the Levites: Yeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who was over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers.
- 9 Also Bakbukiah and Unno, their brothers, were over against them according to their offices.
- 10 Yeshua became the father of Joiakim, and Joiakim became the father of Eliashib, and Eliashib became the father of Joiada,
- 11 and Joiada became the father of Jonathan, and Jonathan became the father of Jaddua.
- 12 In the days of Joiakim were priests, heads of fathers' households: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;
- 13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;
- 14 of Malluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;
- 15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;
- 16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;
- 17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;
- 18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;
- 19 and of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;
- 20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;
- 21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel.
- 22 As for the Levites, in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Yochanan, and Jaddua, there were recorded the heads of fathers' households; also the priests, in the reign of Darius the Persian.
- 23 The sons of Levi, heads of fathers' households, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Yochanan the son of Eliashib.
- 24 The chiefs of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Yeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers over against them, to praise and give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of ELOHIM, watch next to watch.
- 25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the watch at the storehouses of the gates.
- 26 These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Yeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest the scribe.

### 27 . Nehemiah Dedicates the Wall. .

At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with giving thanks, and with singing, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and with harps.

28 The sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain around Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathites;

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- 29 also from Beth Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had built them villages around Jerusalem.
- 30 The priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.
- 31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah on the wall, and appointed two great companies who gave thanks and went in procession. One went on the right hand on the wall toward the dung gate;
- 32 and after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,
- 33 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,
- 34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,
- 35 and certain of the priests' sons with shofars: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph;
- 36 and his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of ELOHIM; and Ezra the scribe was before them.
- 37 By the spring gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even to the water gate eastward.
- 38 The other company of those who gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with the half of the people, on the wall, above the tower of the furnaces, even to the broad wall.
- 39 and above the gate of Ephraim, and by the old gate, and by the fish gate, and the tower of Hananel, and the tower of Hammeah, even to the sheep gate: and they stood still in the gate of the guard.
- 40 So stood the two companies of those who gave thanks in the house of ELOHIM, and I, and the half of the rulers with me;
- 41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with shofars;
- 42 and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.
- 43 They offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for ELOHIM had made them rejoice with great joy; and the women also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

#### . Temple Responsibilities. .

On that day were men appointed over the rooms for the treasures, for the wave offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, according to the fields of the cities, the portions appointed by the Torah (teaching and instruction) for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites who waited.

- 45 They performed the duty of their ELOHIM, and the duty of the purification, and so did the singers and the porters, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son.
- 46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there was a chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to ELOHIM!
- 47 All Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, as every day required: and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

#### Psalms 104:1-23.

## 1 . Praise to the Sovereign YHWH for His Creation and Providence. .

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Bless YHWH, my soul. YHWH, my ELOHIM, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

- 2 He covers himself with light as with a garment. He stretches out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 He lays the beams of his rooms in the waters. He makes the clouds his chariot. He walks on the wings of the wind.
- 4 He makes his messengers winds; his servants flames of fire.
- 5 He laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be moved forever.
- 6 You covered it with the deep as with a cloak. The waters stood above the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled. At the voice of your thunder they hurried away.
- 8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank down, to the place which you had assigned to them.
- 9 You have set a boundary that they may not pass over; that they don't turn again to cover the earth.
- 10 He sends forth springs into the valleys. They run among the mountains.
- 11 They give drink to every animal of the field. The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- 12 The birds of the sky nest by them. They sing among the branches.
- 13 He waters the mountains from his rooms. The earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
- 14 He causes the grass to grow for the livestock, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food out of the earth:
- 15 wine that makes glad the heart of man, oil to make his face to shine, and bread that strengthens man's heart.
- 16 YHWH's trees are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted;
- 17 where the birds make their nests. The stork makes its home in the fir trees.
- 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats. The rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.
- 19 He appointed the moon for seasons. The sun knows when to set.
- 20 You make darkness, and it is night, in which all the animals of the forest prowl.
- 21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their food from EL!
- 22 The sun rises, and they steal away, and lay down in their dens.
- 23 Man goes forth to his work, to his labor until the evening.

#### Proverbs 24.

- 1 Don't be envious of evil men; neither desire to be with them:
- 2 for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about mischief.
- 3 Through wisdom a house is built; by understanding it is established;
- 4 by knowledge the rooms are filled with all rare and beautiful treasure.
- 5 A wise man has great power; and a knowledgeable man increases strength;
- 6 for by wise guidance you wage your war; and victory is in many advisors.
- 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: he doesn't open his mouth in the gate.
- 8 One who plots to do evil will be called a schemer.
- 9 The schemes of folly are sin. The mocker is detested by men.
- 10 If you falter in the time of trouble, your strength is small.
- 11 Rescue those who are being led away to death! Indeed, hold back those who are staggering to the slaughter!
- 12 If you say, "Behold, we didn't know this;" doesn't he who weighs the hearts consider
- it? He who keeps your soul, doesn't he know it? Shall he not render to every man according to his work?
- 13 My son, eat honey, for it is good; the droppings of the honeycomb, which are sweet to

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#### your taste:

- 14 so you shall know wisdom to be to your soul; if you have found it, then there will be a reward, your hope will not be cut off.
- 15 Don't lay in wait, wicked man, against the habitation of the righteous. Don't destroy his resting place:
- 16 for a righteous man falls seven times, and rises up again; but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.
- 17 Don't rejoice when your enemy falls. Don't let your heart be glad when he is overthrown:
- 18 lest YHWH see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.
- 19 Don't fret yourself because of evildoers; neither be envious of the wicked:
- 20 for there will be no reward to the evil man; and the lamp of the wicked shall be snuffed out.
- 21 My son, fear YHWH and the king. Don't join those who are rebellious:
- 22 for their calamity will rise suddenly; the destruction from them both who knows?

## 23 . Further Sayings of the Wise. .

These also are sayings of the wise. To show partiality in judgment is not good.

- 24 He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous;" peoples shall curse him, and nations shall abhor him
- 25 but it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and a rich blessing will come on them.
- 26 An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.
- 27 Prepare your work outside, and get your fields ready. Afterwards, build your house.
- 28 Don't be a witness against your neighbor without cause. Don't deceive with your lips.
- 29 Don't say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."
- 30 I went by the field of the sluggard, by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;
- 31 Behold, it was all grown over with thorns. Its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down.
- 32 Then I saw, and considered well. I saw, and received instruction:
- 33 a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
- 34 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your want as an armed man.

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