

11 Oct Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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Day 285. 11-October Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

Esther 1.

1 . The King Dethrones Queen Vashti. Esther!

Now it happened in the days of Ahasuerus (this is Ahasuerus who reigned from India even to Ethiopia, over one hundred twenty-seven provinces),

2 that in those days, when the King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace,

3 in the third year of his reign, he made a feast for all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him.

4 He displayed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, even one hundred eighty days.

5 When these days were fulfilled, the king made a seven day feast for all the people who were present in Shushan the palace, both great and small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace.

6 There were hangings of white, green, and blue material, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and marble pillars. The couches were of gold and silver, on a pavement of red, white, yellow, and black marble.

7 They gave them drinks in golden vessels of various kinds, including royal wine in abundance, according to the bounty of the king.

8 In accordance with the decree, the drinking was not compulsory; for so the king had instructed all the officials of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to King Ahasuerus.

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcass, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

11 to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the royal crown, to show the people and the princes her beauty; for she was beautiful.

12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by the eunuchs. Therefore the king was very angry, and his anger burned in him.

13 Then the king said to the wise men, who knew the times, (for it was the king's custom to consult those who knew decree and judgment;

14 and the next to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and sat first in the kingdom),

15 "What shall we do to the queen Vashti according to decree, because she has not done the bidding of the King Ahasuerus by the eunuchs?"

16 Memucan answered before the king and the princes, "Vashti the queen has not done wrong to just the king, but also to all the princes, and to all the people who are in all the provinces of the King Ahasuerus.

17 For this deed of the queen will become known to all women, causing them to show contempt for their husbands, when it is reported, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she didn't come.'

18 Today, the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's deed will tell all the king's princes. This will cause much contempt and wrath.

19 "If it please the king, let a royal commandment go from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it cannot be altered, that Vashti may never again come before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate to

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another who is better than she.

20 When the king's decree which he shall make is published throughout all his kingdom (for it is great), all the wives will give their husbands honor, both great and small."

21 This advice pleased the king and the princes, and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

22 for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to its writing, and to every people in their language, that every man should rule his own house, speaking in the language of his own people.

Psalms 105:1-25.

1 . The Eternal Faithfulness of YHWH. .

Give thanks to YHWH! Call on his name! Make his doings known among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him! Tell of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy name. Let the heart of those who seek YHWH rejoice.

4 Seek YHWH and his strength. Seek his face forever more.

5 Remember his marvelous works that he has done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,

6 you seed of Abraham, his servant, you children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

7 He is YHWH, our ELOHIM! His judgments are in all the earth.

8 He has remembered his covenant forever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations,

9 the covenant which he made with Abraham, his oath to Isaac,

10 and confirmed the same to Jacob for a statute; to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;"

12 when they were but a few men in number, yes, very few, and foreigners in it.

13 They went about from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people.

14 He allowed no one to do them wrong. Yes, he reprov'd kings for their sakes,

15 "Don't touch my anointed ones! Do my prophets no harm!"

16 He called for a famine on the land. He destroyed the food supplies.

17 He sent a man before them. Joseph was sold for a slave.

18 They bruised his feet with shackles. His neck was locked in irons,

19 until the time that his word happened, and YHWH's word proved him true.

20 The king sent and freed him; even the ruler of peoples, and let him go free.

21 He made him master of his house, and ruler of all of his possessions;

22 to discipline his princes at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

23 Israel also came into Egypt. Jacob lived in the land of Ham.

24 He increased his people greatly, and made them stronger than their adversaries.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to conspire against his servants.

Proverbs 26.

1 Like snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool.

2 Like a fluttering sparrow, like a darting swallow, so the undeserved curse doesn't come to rest.

3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools!

4 Don't answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.

6 One who sends a message by the hand of a fool is cutting off feet and drinking violence.

7 Like the legs of the lame that hang loose: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

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- 8 As one who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool.
- 9 Like a thornbush that goes into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- 10 As an archer who wounds all, so is he who hires a fool or he who hires those who pass by.
- 11 As a dog that returns to his vomit, so is a fool who repeats his folly.
- 12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion roams the streets!"
- 14 As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed.
- 15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish. He is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.
- 16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer with discretion.
- 17 Like one who grabs a dog's ears is one who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own.
- 18 Like a madman who shoots torches, arrows, and death,
- 19 is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "Am I not joking?"
- 20 For lack of wood a fire goes out. Without gossip, a quarrel dies down.
- 21 As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindling strife.
- 22 The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, they go down into the innermost parts.
- 23 Like silver dross on an earthen vessel are the lips of a fervent one with an evil heart.
- 24 A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but he harbors evil in his heart.
- 25 When his speech is charming, don't believe him; for there are seven abominations in his heart.
- 26 His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.
- 27 Whoever digs a pit shall fall into it. Whoever rolls a stone, it will come back on him.
- 28 A lying tongue hates those it hurts; and a flattering mouth works ruin.

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