

THE TESTAMENT OF DAN

CHAPTER 1

1 The copy of the words of Dan, which he spoke to his sons in his last days, in the hundred and twenty-fifth year of his life.

2 For he called together his family, and said: Hearken to my words, sons of Dan; and give heed to the words of your father.

3 I have proved in my heart, and in my whole life, that amat with just dealing is good and well-pleasing to אֱלֹהִים, and that lying and anger are evil, because they teach man all wickedness.

4 I confess, therefore, this day to you, my children, that in my heart I resolved on the death of Yahusaph my brother, the true and good man.

5 And I rejoiced that he was sold, because his father loved him more than us.

6 For the ruach of jealousy and vain-glory said to me: You also are his son.

7 And one of the ruachim of Beliar (Baal) stirred me up, saying: Take this sword, and with it slay Yahusaph; so your father will love you when he is dead.

8 Now this was the ruach of anger that persuaded me to crush Yahusaph as a leopard crushes a kid.

9 But אֱלֹהִים of my fathers did not allow him to fall into my hands, so that I should find him alone and slay him, and cause a second tribe to be destroyed in Yashar'al.

CHAPTER 2

1 And now, my children, behold I am dying, and I tell you truly, that unless you keep yourselves from the ruach of lying and of anger, and love amat and long-suffering, you will perish.

2 For anger is blindness, and does not allow one to see the face of any man with amat.

3 For though it be a father or a mother, he behaves towards them as enemies; though it be a brother, he knows him not; though it be a prophet of אֱלֹהִים, he disobeys him; though a righteous man, he regards him not; though a friend, he does not acknowledge him.

4 For the ruach of anger encompasses him with the net of deceit, and blinds his eyes, and through lying darkens his mind, and gives him its own peculiar vision.

5 And with what does it encompass his eyes? With hatred of heart, so as to be envious of his brother.

CHAPTER 3

1 For anger is an evil thing, my children, for it troubles even the soul itself.

2 And the body of the angry man it makes its own, and over his soul it gains mastery, and it bestows upon the body power that it may work all iniquity.

3 And when the body does all these things, the soul justifies what is done, since it sees not rightly.

4 Therefore he who is wrathful, if he be a mighty man, has a threefold power in his anger: one by the help of his servants; and a second by his wealth, whereby he persuades and overcomes

wrongfully; and thirdly, having his own natural power he works thereby the evil.

5 And though the wrathful man be weak, yet has he a power twofold of that which is by nature; for wrath ever aids such in lawlessness.

6 This ruach goes always with lying at the right hand of ha'satan, that with cruelty and lying his works may be wrought.

CHAPTER 4

1 Understand, therefore, the power of wrath, that it is vain.

2 For it first of all gives provocation by word; then by deeds it strengthens him who is angry, and with sharp losses disturbs his mind, and so stirs up with great wrath his soul.

3 Therefore, when any one speaks against you, be not moved to anger, and if any man praises you as consecrated men, be not uplifted: be not moved either to delight or to disgust.

4 For first it pleases the hearing, and so makes the mind keen to perceive the grounds for provocation; and then being enraged, he thinks that he is justly angry.

5 If you fall into any loss or ruin, my children, be not afflicted; for this very ruach makes a man desire that which is perishable, in order that he may be enraged through the affliction.

6 And if you suffer loss voluntarily, or involuntarily, be not vexed; for from vexation arises wrath with lying.

7 Moreover, a twofold mischief is wrath with lying; and they assist one another in order to disturb the heart; and when the soul is continually disturbed, אַיָּאָן departs from it, and Beliar (Baal) rules over it.

CHAPTER 5

1 Observe, therefore, my children, the commandments of אַיָּאָן, and keep His Torah; depart from wrath, and hate lying, that אַיָּאָן may dwell among you, and Beliar (Baal) may flee from you.

2 Speak amat each one with his neighbour, so you will not fall into wrath and confusion; but you will be in shalum, having the AL of shalum, so no war will prevail over you.

3 Love אַיָּאָן through all your life, and one another with a true heart.

4 I know that in the last days you will depart from אַיָּאָן, and you will provoke Lewi unto anger, and fight against Yahudah; but you will not prevail against them, for a malak of אַיָּאָן will guide them both; for by them Yashar'al will stand.

5 And whenever you depart from אַיָּאָן, you will walk in all evil and work the abominations of the nations, going astray after women of the lawless ones, while with all wickedness the ruachim of wickedness work in you.

6 For I have read in the book of Chanok, the righteous, that your prince is ha'satan, and that all the ruachim of wickedness and pride will conspire to attend constantly on the sons of Lewi, to cause them to sin before אַיָּאָן.

7 And my sons will draw near to Lewi, and sin with them in all things; and the sons of Yahudah will be covetous, plundering other men's goods like lions.

8 Therefore you will be led away with them into captivity, and there you will receive all the plagues of Mitsrayim, and all the evils of the nations.

9 And so when you return to אַיָּאָן you will obtain mercy, and He will bring you into His

sanctuary, and He will give you shalum.

10 And there will arise unto you from the tribe of Yahudah and of Lewi the deliverance of אֱלֹהִים; and he will make war against Beliar (Baal), and execute an everlasting vengeance on our enemies.

11 And the captivity he will take from Beliar (Baal) the souls of the consecrated ones, and turn disobedient hearts unto אֱלֹהִים, and give to them that call upon Him eternal shalum.

12 And the consecrated ones will rest in Eden, and in the New Yarushalayim will the righteous rejoice, and it will be unto the esteem of אֱלֹהִים forever.

13 And no longer will Yarushalayim endure desolation, nor Yashar'al be led captive; for אֱלֹהִים will be in the midst of it living amongst men, and the Consecrated One of Yashar'al will reign over it in humility and in poverty; and he who believes on Him will reign amongst men in amat.

CHAPTER 6

1 And now, fear אֱלֹהִים, my children, and beware of ha'satan and his ruachim.

2 Draw near unto אֱלֹהִים and to the malak that intercedes for you, for he is a mediator between אֱלֹהִים and man, and for the shalum of Yashar'al he will stand up against the kingdom of the enemy.

3 Therefore is the enemy eager to destroy all that call upon אֱלֹהִים.

4 For he knows that on the day on which Yashar'al repents, the kingdom of the enemy will be brought to an end.

5 For the very malak of shalum will strengthen Yashar'al, that it fall not into the extremity of evil.

6 And it will be in the time of the lawlessness of Yashar'al, that אֱלֹהִים will not depart from them, but will transform them into a nation that does His will, for none of the malakim will be equal unto Him.

7 And His name will be in every place of Yashar'al, and among the nations.

8 Keep, therefore, yourselves, my children, from every evil work, and cast away wrath and all lying, and love amat and long-suffering.

9 And the things which you have heard from your father, do you also impart to your children that the Saviour of the nations may receive you; for He is true and long-suffering, meek and lowly, and teaches by His works the Torah of אֱלֹהִים.

10 Depart, therefore, from all unrighteousness, and cleave unto the righteousness of אֱלֹהִים, and your race will be saved forever.

11 And bury me near my fathers.

CHAPTER 7

1 And when he had said these things he kissed them, and fell asleep at a good old age.

2 And his sons buried him. And after that they carried up his bones, and placed them near Abraham, Yatschaq, and Ya'aqob.

3 Nevertheless, Dan prophesied unto them that they would forget אֱלֹהִים, and would be alienated from the land of their inheritance and from the race of Yashar'al, and from the family of their seed.