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1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And a wind from God moved upon the face of the waters.

3. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

4. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

6. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.

8. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.
9. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so.

10. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas; and God saw that it was good.

11. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, herb yielding seed, and fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth; and it was so.

12. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after its kind, and tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

13. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years;

15. And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth; and it was so.

16. And God made two great lights; the large light to rule the day, and the small light to rule the night; and he made the stars.
17. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

19. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20. And God said, Let the waters be filled with many kinds of living creatures, and birds that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21. And God created the great crocodiles, and every kind of creature that live in the waters, and every kind of winged birds, and God saw that it was good.

22. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply in the earth.

23. And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24. And God said, Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures, cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth after their kind; and it was so.
25. And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creeps upon the earth after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

26. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

27. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female He created them.

28. And God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

29. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, on which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food.

30. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to every thing that creeps upon the earth, where there is life, I have given every green herb for food; and it was so.
31. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
1. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.

3. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it He had rested from all his work which God created and made.

4. These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

5. And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew; for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

6. And a mist went up from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.
9. And out of the ground made the Lord God every tree to grow that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10. And a river went out from Eden to water the garden; and from there it was divided, and became four rivers.

11. The name of the first is Pishon; that is the one which flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

12. And the gold of that land is good; there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

13. And the name of the second river is Gihon; that is the one which flows around the whole land of Cush.

14. And the name of the third river is the Tigris; that is the one which flows toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15. And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to keep it.

16. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.
18. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help to match him.

19. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every bird of the air; and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them; and whatever Adam called every living creature, that was its name.

20. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the bird of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help to match him.

21. And the Lord God made Adam fall into a deep sleep, and he slept; and He took one from his ribs, and closed up the flesh.

22. And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her to the man.

23. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall be one flesh.

25. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.
Genesis Chapter 3

1. Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, Has God said, you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2. And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden;

3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, you shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.

4. And the serpent said to the woman, surely you shall not die;

5. For God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit, and ate, and gave also to her husband with her; and he ate.

7. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.
8. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9. And the Lord God called to Adam, and said to him, Where are you?

10. And he said, I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11. And he said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, which I commanded you that you should not eat?

12. And the man said, The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.

13. And the Lord God said to the woman, What is this that you have done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I ate.

14. And the Lord God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life;

15. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.
16. To the woman he said, I will greatly multiply the pain of your child bearing; in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.

17. And to Adam he said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it; cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of your life;

18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field;

19. In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return to the ground; for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust shall you return.

20. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21. For Adam and for his wife the Lord God made coats of skins, and clothed them.

22. And the Lord God said, Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, what if he puts forth his hand, and takes also from the tree of life, and eats, and lives forever;
23. And the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from where he was taken.

24. So he drove out the man; and he placed Cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way of the tree of life.
Genesis Chapter 4

1. And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bore Cain, and said, I have acquired a man from the Lord.

2. And she again bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to the Lord.

4. And Abel also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat of it. And the Lord had respect for Abel and for his offering;

5. But for Cain and for his offering he did not have respect. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

6. And the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? and why is your countenance fallen?

7. If you do well, shall you not be accepted? and if you do not well, sin lies at the door. And to you shall be his desire, and yet you may rule over him.

8. And Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.
9. And the Lord said to Cain, Where is Abel your brother? And he said, I know not; Am I my brother's keeper?

10. And He said, What have you done? the voice of your brother's blood cries to me from the ground.

11. And now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened her mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand;

12. When you till the ground, it shall not henceforth yield to you her strength; a fugitive and a wanderer shall you be in the earth.

13. And Cain said to the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14. Behold, you have driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from your face shall I be hidden; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one who finds me shall slay me.

15. And the Lord said to him, Therefore whoever slays Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16. And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and lived in the land of Nod, in the east of Eden.
17. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bore Hanoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Hanoch.

18. And to Hanoch was born Irad; and Irad fathered Mehujael; and Mehujael fathered Methusael; and Methusael fathered Lamech.

19. And Lamech took for himself two wives; the name of one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20. And Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents, and of those who have cattle.

21. And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who handle the harp and pipe.

22. And Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, forger of every sharp instrument in bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah.

23. And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to my speech; for I have slain a man for wounding me, and a young man for hurting me.

24. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.
25. And Adam knew his wife again; and she bore a son, and called his name Seth; For God, said she, has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh; then began men to call upon the Lord by name.
1. This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, in the likeness of God he made him;

2. Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Man, in the day when they were created.

3. And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth;

4. And the days of Adam after he had fathered Seth were eight hundred years; and he fathered sons and daughters;

5. And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

6. And Seth lived a hundred and five years, and fathered Enosh;

7. And Seth lived after he fathered Enosh eight hundred and seven years, and fathered sons and daughters;

8. And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died.

9. And Enosh lived ninety years, and fathered Kenan;
10. And Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan eight hundred and fifteen years, and fathered sons and daughters;

11. And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died.

12. And Kenan lived seventy years, and fathered Mahalaleel;

13. And Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and fathered sons and daughters;

14. And all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died.

15. And Mahalaleel lived sixty five years, and fathered Jared;

16. And Mahalaleel lived after he fathered Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and fathered sons and daughters;

17. And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred and ninety five years; and he died.

18. And Jared lived a hundred and sixty two years, and he fathered Hanoch;
19. And Jared lived after he fathered Hanoch eight hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters;

20. And all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty two years; and he died.

21. And Hanoch lived sixty five years, and fathered Methuselah;

22. And Hanoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah three hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters;

23. And all the days of Hanoch were three hundred and sixty five years;

24. And Hanoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him.

25. And Methuselah lived a hundred and eighty seven years, and fathered Lamech;

26. And Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech seven hundred and eighty two years, and fathered sons and daughters;

27. And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty nine years; and he died.
28. And Lamech lived a hundred and eighty two years, and fathered a son;

29. And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed.

30. And Lamech lived after he fathered Noah five hundred and ninety five years, and fathered sons and daughters;

31. And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy seven years; and he died.

32. And Noah was five hundred years old; and Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
1. And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2. That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were pretty; and they took as wives all those whom they chose.

3. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for he also is flesh; yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

4. There were Nefilim in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men of old, men of renown.

5. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6. And the Lord repented that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the birds of the air; for I repent that I have made them.
8. And Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9. These are the generations of Noah; Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

10. And Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.

13. And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14. Make an ark of gopher wood; rooms shall you make in the ark, and shall pitch it inside and outside with pitch.

15. And this is the fashion by which you shall make it; The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.
16. A window shall you make in the ark, and to a cubit shall you finish it above; and the door of the ark shall you set in its side; with lower, second, and third stories shall you make it.

17. And, behold, I, myself, bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, where there is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

18. But with you will I establish my covenant; and you shall come into the ark, you, and your sons, and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

19. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shall you bring into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

20. Of birds after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every sort shall come to you, to keep them alive.

21. And take to you of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to you; and it shall be for food for you, and for them.

22. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.
1. And the Lord said to Noah, Come you and all your house into the ark; for you have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

2. Of every clean beast you shall take to you seven pairs, the male and his female; and of beasts that are not clean one pair, the male and his female.

3. Of birds also of the air by seven pairs, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4. For in another seven days I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

5. And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.

6. And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of birds, and of every thing that creeps upon the earth,
9. There went in two and two to Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

10. And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

11. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

12. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13. In the same day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

14. They, and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort.

15. And they went to Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, where there is the breath of life.

16. And those who went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him; and the Lord closed him in.
17. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth.

18. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

21. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of bird, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth, and every man;

22. All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

23. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the bird of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth; and Noah only remained alive, and those who were with him in the ark.

24. And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.
1. And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark; and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided;

2. The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

3. And the waters returned from off the earth continually; and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

5. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6. And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made;

7. And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;
9. But the dove found no rest for the sole of its foot, and she returned to him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth; then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her into the ark.

10. And he stayed yet another seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

11. And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off; so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12. And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which did not return back to him any more.

13. And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14. And in the second month, on the twenty seventh day of the month, was the earth dried.

15. And God spoke to Noah, saying,
16. Go out from the ark, you, and your wife, and your sons, and your sons' wives with you.

17. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you, of all flesh, both of bird, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18. And Noah went out, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him;

19. Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, and whatever creeps upon the earth, after their kinds, went out of the ark.

20. And Noah built an altar to the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21. And the Lord smelled the pleasing odor; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing, as I have done.

22. While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.
And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every bird of the air, upon all that moves upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; to your hand are they delivered.

Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

But flesh with its life, which is its blood, you shall not eat.

And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God he made man.

And you, be fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply in it.

And God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,
9. And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10. And with every living creature that is with you, of the bird, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11. And I will establish my covenant with you; nor shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; nor shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12. And God said, This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for everlasting generations;

13. I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between me and the earth.

14. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud;

15. And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.
16. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17. And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

18. And the sons of Noah, who went out of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth; and Ham is the father of Canaan.

19. These are the three sons of Noah; and from them was the whole earth peopled.

20. And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard;

21. And he drank of the wine, and became drunk; and he lay uncovered inside his tent.

22. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

23. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.
24. And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.

25. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a slave of slaves shall he be to his brothers.

26. And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his slave.

27. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall live in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his slave.

28. And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29. And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.
Genesis Chapter 10

1. Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth; and to them were sons born after the flood.

2. The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

3. And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4. And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5. By these were the islands of the nations divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6. And the sons of Ham: Cush, and Egypt, and Put, and Canaan.

7. And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha; and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

8. And Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty one.

9. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, As Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.
10. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11. Out of that land went forth Ashur, and built Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

12. And Resen between Nineveh and Calah; which is a great city.

13. And Egypt fathered Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14. And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (from whom the Philistines descend,) and Caphtorim.

15. And Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,

16. And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

17. And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18. And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite; and afterwards were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

19. And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as you come to Gerar, to Gaza; as you come to Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, to Lasha.
20. These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

21. To Shem also, the father of all the Eberites, the brother of Japheth the elder, to him were children born.


23. And the children of Aram: Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.

24. And Arphaxad fathered Shalah; and Shalah fathered Eber.

25. And to Eber were born two sons; the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

26. And Joktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

27. And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28. And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

29. And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan.

30. And their dwelling was from Mesha, as you go to Sephar a mount of the east.
31. These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32. These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations; and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.
1. And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they lived there.

3. And they said one to another, Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4. And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach to heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of men built.

6. And the Lord said, Behold, the people are one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have schemed to do.

7. Come, let us go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
8. So the Lord scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth; and they left off the building of the city.

9. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confuse the language of all the earth; and from there did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10. These are the generations of Shem; Shem was a hundred years old, and fathered Arphaxad two years after the flood;

11. And Shem lived, after he fathered Arphaxad, five hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters.

12. And Arphaxad lived thirty five years, and fathered Shalah;

13. And Arphaxad lived after he fathered Shalah four hundred and three years, and fathered sons and daughters.

14. And Shalah lived thirty years, and fathered Eber;

15. And Shalah lived after he fathered Eber four hundred and three years, and fathered sons and daughters.

16. And Eber lived thirty four years, and fathered Peleg;
17. And Eber lived after he fathered Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and fathered sons and daughters.

18. And Peleg lived thirty years, and fathered Rehu;

19. And Peleg lived after he fathered Rehu two hundred and nine years, and fathered sons and daughters.

20. And Rehu lived thirty two years, and fathered Serug;

21. And Rehu lived after he fathered Serug two hundred and seven years, and fathered sons and daughters.

22. And Serug lived thirty years, and fathered Nahor;

23. And Serug lived after he fathered Nahor two hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters.

24. And Nahor lived twenty nine years, and fathered Terah;

25. And Nahor lived after he fathered Terah a hundred and nineteen years, and fathered sons and daughters.

26. And Terah lived seventy years, and fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.
27. Now these are the generations of Terah; Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.

28. And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

29. And Abram and Nahor took wives; the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

30. But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

31. And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldeans, to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran, and lived there.

32. And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.
1. And the Lord had said to Abram, Get out from your country, and from your family, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you;

2. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing;

3. And I will bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you; and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him; and Abram was seventy five years old when he departed from Haran.

5. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go to the land of Canaan; and to the land of Canaan they came.

6. And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, to the terebinth of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7. And the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, To your seed will I give this land; and there he built an altar to the Lord, who appeared to him.
8. And he moved from there to a mountain in the east of Beth-El, and pitched his tent, having Beth-El on the west, and Hai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord.

9. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the Negev.

10. And there was a famine in the land; and Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was severe in the land.

11. And it came to pass, when he came near to enter to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that you are a pretty woman to look upon;

12. Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see you, that they shall say, This is his wife; and they will kill me, but you they will keep alive.

13. Say, I beg you, that you are my sister; that it may be well with me for your sake; and my soul shall live because of you.

14. And it came to pass, that, when Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw the woman that she was very pretty.

15. The princes of Pharaoh also saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken to Pharaoh's palace.
16. And he treated Abram well for her sake; and he had sheep, and oxen, and male asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and female asses, and camels.

17. And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

18. And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?

19. Why did you say, She is my sister? so I might have taken her for my wife; now therefore behold your wife, take her, and go your way.

20. And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.
1. And Abram went up from Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the Negev.

2. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3. And he went on his journeys from the Negev to Beth-El, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-El and Hai;

4. To the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

5. And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might live together; for their possessions were great, so that they could not live together.

7. And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle; and the Canaanite and the Perizzite lived then in the land.

8. And Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, I beg you, between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brothers.
9. Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself, I beg you, from me; if you will take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and saw the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as you come to Zoar.

11. Then Lot chose for himself the valley of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed east, and they separated themselves, one from the other.

12. Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot lived in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

13. But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinners before the Lord.

14. And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot was separated from him, Lift up now your eyes, and look from the place where you are to the north, and to the south, and to the east, and to the west;

15. For all the land which you see, to you will I give it, and to your seed forever.

16. And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a man can count the dust of the earth, then shall your seed also be counted.
17. Arise, walk through the land in its length and in its breadth; for I will give it to you.

18. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and lived in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar to the Lord.
1. And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

2. That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboim, and the king of Belah, which is Zoar.

3. All these joined forces together in the valley of Siddim, which is the Sea of Salt.

4. Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5. And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings who were with him, and defeated the Raphaim in Ashteroth-Karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-Kiriatayim,

6. And the Horites in their Mount Seir, to Elparan, which is by the wilderness.

7. And they returned, and came to Ein-Mishpat, which is Kadesh, and struck all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, who lived in Hazezon-Tamar.
8. And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboim, and the king of Belah, the same is Zoar, and they joined battle with them in the valley of Siddim;

9. With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

10. And the valley of Siddim was full of slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and those who remained fled to the mountain.

11. And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way.

12. And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who lived in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13. And there came one who had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he lived in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshkol, and brother of Aner; and these were confederate with Abram.

14. And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them to Dan.
15. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and defeated them, and pursued them to Hobah, which is on the left side of Damascus.

16. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

17. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings who were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's valley.

18. And Melchizedek king of Shalem brought forth bread and wine; and he was the priest of the Most High God.

19. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth;

20. And blessed be God the Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him a tenth of all.

21. And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself.

22. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to the Lord, the Most High God, the possessor of heaven and earth,
23. That I will not take from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take any thing that is yours, lest you should say, I have made Abram rich;

24. Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshkol, and Mamre; let them take their share.
1. After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram; I am your shield, and your reward will be great.

2. And Abram said, Lord God, what will you give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

3. And Abram said, Behold, to me you have given no seed; and, lo, one born in my house is my heir.

4. And, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, This shall not be your heir; but he who shall come forth from your own bowels shall be your heir.

5. And he brought him outside, and said, Look now toward heaven, and count the stars, if you are able to count them; and he said to him, So shall your seed be.

6. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7. And he said to him, I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.
8. And he said, Lord God, how shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9. And he said to him, Bring me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10. And he took to him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each half against the other; but the birds divided he not.

11. And when the eagle came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a fear of great darkness fell upon him.

13. And he said to Abram, Know for a certainty that your seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14. And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge; and afterward shall they come out with great wealth.

15. And you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.
16. But in the fourth generation they shall come here again; for the iniquity of
the Amorites is not yet full.

17. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold
a smoking furnace, and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.

18. In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your
seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river
Euphrates;

19. The Kenites, and the Kenazites, and the Kadmonites,

20. And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Raphaim,

21. And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the
Jebusites.
1. Now Sarai Abram's wife bore him no children; and she had a maid servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

2. And Sarai said to Abram, Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing; I beg you, go in to my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

3. And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

4. And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5. And Sarai said to Abram, My wrong be upon you; I have given my maid to your bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes; the Lord judge between me and you.

6. But Abram said to Sarai, Behold, your maid is in your hand; do to her as it pleases you. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7. And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.
8. And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, where did you come from? and where will you go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9. And the angel of the Lord said to her, Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hands.

10. And the angel of the Lord said to her, I will multiply your seed exceedingly, that it shall not be counted for multitude.

11. And the angel of the Lord said to her, Behold, you are with child, and shall bear a son, and shall call his name Ishmael; because the Lord has heard your affliction.

12. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall live in the presence of all his brothers.

13. And she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You, God see me; for she said, Have I also here looked after him who sees me?

14. Therefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

15. And Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called his son's name, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

16. And Abram was eighty six years old, when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.
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1. And when Abram was ninety nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be perfect.

2. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.

3. And Abram fell on his face; and God talked with him, saying,

4. As for me, behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.

5. Neither shall your name any more be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made you.

6. And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you.

7. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you, and to your seed after you.

8. And I will give to you, and to your seed after you, the land where you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
9. And God said to Abraham, You shall keep my covenant therefore, you, and your seed after you in their generations.

10. This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your seed after you; Every male child among you shall be circumcised.

11. And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

12. And he who is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male child in your generations, he who is born in the house, or bought with money from any stranger, who is not of your seed.

13. He who is born in your house, and he who is bought with your money, must be circumcised; and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14. And the uncircumcised male child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.

15. And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

16. And I will bless her, and give you a son also of her; and I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.
17. Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born to him who is a hundred years old? and shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear?

18. And Abraham said to God, O that Ishmael might live in your presence!

19. And God said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed; and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

20. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he father, and I will make him a great nation.

21. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time in the next year.

22. And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23. And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all who were born in his house, and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the same day, as God had said to him.
24. And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25. And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26. In the same day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

27. And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money from the stranger, were circumcised with him.
1. And the Lord appeared to him in the plains of Mamre; and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

2. And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him; and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the ground,

3. And said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, pass not away, I beseech you, from your servant;

4. Let a little water, I beseech you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree;

5. And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and you comfort your hearts; after that you shall pass on; seeing that you are come to your servant. And they said, So do, as you have said.

6. And Abraham hurried to the tent to Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes.

7. And Abraham ran to the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it to a young man; and he hurried to prepare it.
8. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they ate.

9. And they said to him, Where is Sarah your wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

10. And he said, I will certainly return to you at this season; and, lo, Sarah your wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

11. Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well advanced in age; and it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am grown old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

13. And the Lord said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?

14. Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return to you, at this season, and Sarah shall have a son.

15. Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, No; you did laugh.
16. And the men rose up from there, and looked toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17. And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18. Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19. For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him.

20. And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave;

21. I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry, which has come to me; and if not, I will know.

22. And the men turned their faces from there, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham still stood before the Lord.

23. And Abraham drew near, and said, Will you also destroy the righteous with the wicked?
24. Perhaps there are only fifty righteous inside the city; will you also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous who are in it?

25. Be it far from you to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked; and that the righteous should be as the wicked, be it far from you; Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26. And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous inside the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sakes.

27. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes;

28. Perhaps there shall lack five of the fifty righteous; will you destroy the whole city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty five, I will not destroy it.

29. And he spoke to him yet again, and said, Perhaps there shall be forty found there. And he said, If I find there forty, I will not do it. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30. And he said to him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak; Perhaps there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.
31. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak to the Lord; Perhaps there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once; Possibly ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33. And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left talking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.
1. And there came two angels to Sodom at evening; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom; and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face to the ground;

2. And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I beseech you, to your servant's house, and remain all night, and wash your feet, and you shall rise up early, and go on your way. And they said, No; we will stay in the street all night.

3. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in to him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4. But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both old and young, all the people from every quarter;

5. And they called to Lot, and said to him, Where are the men who came in to you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.

6. And Lot went out the door to them, and closed the door after him,

7. And said, I beg you, my brothers, do not do so wickedly.
8. Behold now, I have two daughters who have not known man; let me, I beg you, bring them out to you, and do to them as is good in your eyes; only to these men do nothing; seeing that they have come under the shadow of my roof.

9. And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he wants to be a judge; now will we deal worse with you than with them. And they pressed hard upon the man, Lot, and came near to break the door.

10. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and closed the door.

11. And they struck with blindness the men who were at the door of the house, both small and great; so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12. And the men said to Lot, Have you here any one else? Sons-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whoever you have in the city, bring them out of this place;

13. For we will destroy this place, because their cry has grown great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord has sent us to destroy it.

14. And Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, Arise, get out from this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But to his sons-in-law it seemed that he was joking.
15. At dawn the angels tried to make Lot hurry, saying; Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you will be swept away away in the iniquity of the city.

16. But he lingered, and the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful to him; and they brought him out, and set him outside the city.

17. And it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, Escape for your life; look not behind you, nor stay in the plain; escape to the mountain, lest you be consumed.

18. And Lot said to them, Oh, not so, my Lord;

19. Behold now, your servant has found grace in your sight, and you have magnified your mercy, which you have shown to me in saving my life; I can not escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me and I die;

20. Behold now, this city is near to flee to, and it is a little one; Oh, let me escape there, is it not a little one? and my soul shall live.

21. And he said to him, See, I have accepted you concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for which you have spoken.
22. Hurry, escape there; for I can not do any thing till you come there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

25. And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

26. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

27. And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord;

28. And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29. And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.
30. And Lot went up out of Zoar, and lived in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to live in Zoar; and he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31. And the firstborn said to the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth;

32. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

33. And they made their father drink wine that night; and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34. And it came to pass on the next day, that the firstborn said to the younger, Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine this night also; and you go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

35. And they made their father drink wine that night also; and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.
37. And the firstborn bore a son, and called his name Moab; the same is the father of the Moabites to this day.

38. And the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-Ammi; the same is the father of the Ammonites to this day.
1. And Abraham journeyed from there toward the Negev, and lived between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

2. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister; and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

3. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, you are but a dead man, because of the woman whom you have taken; for she is a man's wife.

4. But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, Lord, will you slay also a righteous nation?

5. Said he not to me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother; in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

6. And God said to him in a dream, Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart; for I also kept you from sinning against me; therefore I did not let you touch her.

7. Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for you, and you shall live; and if you restore her not, know you that you shall surely die, you, and all who are yours.
8. Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears; and the men were very afraid.

9. Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said to him, What have you done to us? And in what have I offended you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done.

10. And Abimelech said to Abraham, What did you see, that you have done this thing?

11. And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

12. And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

13. And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, This is your kindness which you shall show to me; at every place where we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

14. And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and women servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned to him Sarah his wife.
15. And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before you; live where it pleases you.

16. And to Sarah he said, Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver; behold, he is to you a covering of the eyes, to all who are with you, and with all other; thus she was reproved.

17. And Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bore children.

18. For the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.
1. And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had spoken.

2. For Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

3. And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.

4. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

5. And Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born to him.

6. And Sarah said, God has made me laugh, so that all who hear will laugh with me.

7. And she said, Who would have said to Abraham, that Sarah should suckle children? For I have born him a son in his old age.

8. And the child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.
9. And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had born to Abraham, mocking.

10. And she said to Abraham, Cast out this slave and her son; for the son of this slave shall not be heir with my son, with Isaac.

11. And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

12. And God said to Abraham, Let it not be grievous in your sight because of the lad, and because of your slave; in all that Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac shall your seed be called.

13. And also of the son of the slave will I make a nation, because he is your seed.

14. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away; and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15. And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

16. And she went, and sat down opposite him a good way off, as it were a bowshot; for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat opposite him, and lifted up her voice, and wept.
17. And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, What ails you, Hagar? fear not; for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in your hand; for I will make him a great nation.

19. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad to drink.

20. And God was with the lad; and he grew, and lived in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21. And he lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother took for him a wife from the land of Egypt.

22. And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Pikol the chief captain of his army spoke to Abraham, saying, God is with you in all that you do;

23. Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my grandson; but according to the kindness that I have done to you, you shall do to me, and to the land where you have sojourned.

24. And Abraham said, I will swear.
25. And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

26. And Abimelech said, I do not know who has done this thing; nor did you tell me, nor have I heard of it, until today.

27. And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them to Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

28. And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29. And Abimelech said to Abraham, What do these seven ewe lambs mean which you have set by themselves?

30. And he said, These seven ewe lambs shall you take from my hand, that they may be a witness to me, that I have dug this well.

31. Therefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they swore both of them.

32. Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba; then Abimelech rose up, and Pikol the chief captain of his army, and they returned to the land of the Philistines.
33. And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God.

34. And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.
1. And it came to pass after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, Abraham; and he said, Behold, here I am.

2. And he said, Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell you.

3. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and broke the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went to the place of which God had told him.

4. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place far away.

5. And Abraham said to his young men, Stay here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come back to you.

6. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.
7. And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, My father; and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8. And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering; so they went both of them together.

9. And they came to the place which God had told him; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10. And Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11. And the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham; and he said, Here am I.

12. And he said, Lay not your hand upon the lad, nor do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing that you did not withheld your son, your only son from me.

13. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and beheld behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in place of his son.
14. And Abraham called the name of that place Adonai-Yireh; as it is said to this day, In the Mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

15. And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven the second time,

16. And said, By myself have I sworn, said the Lord, for because you have done this thing, and have not withhold your son, your only son;

17. That in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18. And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because you have obeyed my voice.

19. So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived at Beersheba.

20. And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she has also born children to your brother Nahor;

21. Uz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,
22. And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

23. And Bethuel fathered Rebekah; these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

24. And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bore also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.
1. And Sarah was a hundred and twenty seven years old; these were the years of the life of Sarah.

2. And Sarah died in Kiriath-Arba; which is Hebron in the land of Canaan; and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

3. And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spoke to the Hittites, saying,

4. I am a stranger and a sojourner with you; give me possession of a burying place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

5. And the Hittites answered Abraham, saying to him,

6. Hear us, my lord; you are a mighty prince among us; in the choice of our tombs bury your dead; none of us shall withhold from you his tomb, that you may bury your dead.

7. And Abraham stood up, and bowed to the people of the land, to the Hittites.

8. And he talked with them, saying, If your mind is that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar.
9. That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he has, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me as a possession of a burying place amongst you.

10. And Ephron lived among the Hittites; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the gate of his city, saying,

11. No, my lord, hear me; the field I give to you, and the cave that is in it, I give it to you; in the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you; bury your dead.

12. And Abraham bowed down before the people of the land.

13. And he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, But if you will give it, I beg you, hear me; I will give you money for the field; take it from me, and I will bury my dead there.

14. And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

15. My lord, listen to me; the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver. What is that between you and me? Bury therefore your dead.

16. And Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the hearing of the Hittites, four hundred shekels of silver, current money among the merchants.
17. And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders around, were made over

18. To Abraham for a possession in the presence of the Hittites, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

19. And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

20. And the field, and the cave that is in it, were made over to Abraham for a possession of a burying place by the Hittites.
1. And Abraham was old, and well advanced in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.

2. And Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, Put, I beg you, your hand under my thigh;

3. And I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live;

4. But you shall go to my country, and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac.

5. And the servant said to him, Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land; must I need bring your son again to the land from where you came?

6. And Abraham said to him, Beware that you bring not my son there again.

7. The Lord God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, To your seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.
8. And if the woman will not be willing to follow you, then you shall be free from this my oath; only bring not my son there again.

9. And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning that matter.

10. And the servant took ten of his master's camels, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand; and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.

11. And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, the time that women go out to draw water.

12. And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I beseech you, send me good speed this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

13. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water;

14. And let it come to pass, that the girl to whom I shall say, Let down your water jar, I beg you, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also; let the same be she whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that you have shown kindness to my master.
15. And it came to pass, before he had finished speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her water jar upon her shoulder.

16. And the girl was very pretty to look upon, a virgin, and no man had known her; and she went down to the well, and filled her water jar, and came up.

17. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I beg you, drink a little water from your water jar.

18. And she said, Drink, my lord; and she hurried, and let down her water jar upon her hand, and gave him drink.

19. And when she had finished giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.

20. And she hurried, and emptied her water jar into the trough, and ran back to the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

21. And the man wondering at her held his peace, to see whether the Lord had made his journey successful or not.

22. And it came to pass, as the camels finished drinking, that the man took a golden ear ring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;
23. And said, Whose daughter are you? Tell me, I beg you. Is there room in your father's house for us to lodge in?

24. And she said to him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.

25. And she said to him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

26. And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the Lord.

27. And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, who has not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth; As for me, the Lord has guided me in the way to the house of my master's brothers.

28. And the girl ran, and told those of her mother's house these things.

29. And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban; and Laban ran out to the man, to the well.

30. And it came to pass, when he saw the ear ring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spoke the man to me; that he came to the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.
31. And he said, Come in, you blessed of the Lord; why do you stand outside? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

32. And the man came into the house; and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the feet of the men who were with him.

33. And there was set food before him to eat; but he said, I will not eat, until I have told my errand. And he said, Speak on.

34. And he said, I am Abraham's servant.

35. And the Lord has blessed my master greatly; and he has become great; and he has given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

36. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and to him has he given all that he has.

37. And my master made me swear, saying, You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live;

38. But you shall go to my father's house, and to my family, and take a wife for my son.
39. And I said to my master, Perhaps the woman will not follow me.

40. And he said to me, The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you, and prosper your way; and you shall take a wife for my son from my family, and from my father's house;

41. Then shall you be free from this my oath, when you come to my family; and if they grant it not to you, you shall be free from my oath.

42. And I came this day to the well, and said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, if now you do prosper my way which I go;

43. Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the girl comes forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I beg you, a little water from your water jar to drink;

44. And she says to me, Both drink you, and I will also draw for your camels; let the same be the woman whom the Lord has appointed out for my master's son.

45. And before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the well, and drew water; and I said to her, Let me drink, I beg you.
46. And she hurried, and let down her water jar from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also; so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

47. And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter are you? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him; and I put the earring on her face, and the bracelets on her hands.

48. And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter to his son.

49. And now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

50. Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The matter proceeds from the Lord; we can not speak to you bad or good.

51. Behold, Rebekah is in your presence, take her, and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the Lord has spoken.

52. And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord, bowing to the earth.
53. And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

54. And they did eat and drink, he and the men who were with him, and stayed all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away to my master.

55. And her brother and her mother said, Let the girl stay with us a few days, at least ten; after that she shall go.

56. And he said to them, Hinder me not, seeing the Lord has prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

57. And they said, We will call the girl, and inquire at her mouth.

58. And they called Rebekah, and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59. And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

60. And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, You are our sister, be you the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your seed possess the gate of those who hate them.
61. And Rebekah arose, and her maids, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man; and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

62. And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he lived in the Negev.

63. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the evening time; and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

64. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.

65. For she had said to the servant, What man is this who walks in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master; therefore she took a veil, and covered herself.

66. And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

67. And Isaac brought her to his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.
1. Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.

2. And she bore him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbuk, and Shuah.

3. And Jokshan fathered Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Ashurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

4. And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

5. And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

6. But to the sons of the concubines, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, to the east country.

7. And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred and seventy five years.

8. Then Abraham expired, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.
9. And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre;

10. The field which Abraham purchased from the Hittites; there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

11. And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac lived by the well Lahairoi.

12. Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maidservant, bore to Abraham;

13. And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations; the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

14. And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,

15. Hadad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah;

16. These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their encampments; twelve princes according to their nations.
17. And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred and thirty seven years; and he expired and died; and was gathered to his people.

18. And they lived from Havilah to Shur, that is before Egypt, as you go toward Assyria; and he fell in the presence of all his brothers.

19. And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son; Abraham fathered Isaac;

20. And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah for his wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Padan-Aram, the sister to Laban the Aramean.

21. And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

22. And the children struggled together inside her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the Lord.

23. And the Lord said to her, Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples shall be separated from your bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.
24. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

25. And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

26. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob; and Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

27. And the boys grew; and Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents.

28. And Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his venison; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29. And Jacob cooked pottage; and Esau came from the field, and he was famished.

30. And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I beg you, with that same red pottage; for I am famished; therefore was his name called Edom.

31. And Jacob said, Sell me this day your birthright.
32. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point of death; and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

33. And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore to him; and he sold his birthright to Jacob.

34. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way; thus Esau despised his birthright.
1. And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines to Gerar.

2. And the Lord appeared to him, and said, Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you;

3. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you, and to your seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father;

4. And I will make your seed multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give to your seed all these countries; and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

5. Because Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

6. And Isaac lived in Gerar;

7. And the men of the place asked him about his wife; and he said, She is my sister; for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was pretty to look upon.
8. And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech, king of the Philistines, looked out a window, and saw, and beheld, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.

9. And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, certainly she is your wife; and why did you say, She is my sister? And Isaac said to him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

10. And Abimelech said, What is this you have done to us? one of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.

11. And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

12. Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year an hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him.

13. And the man became rich, and gained more and more, until he became very wealthy;

14. For he had possessions of flocks, and possessions of herds, and great store of servants; and the Philistines envied him.

15. For all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them up, and filled them with earth.
16. And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go from us; for you are mightier than we.

17. And Isaac departed from there, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and lived there.

18. And Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham; and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19. And Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

20. And the herdsmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water is ours; and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

21. And they dug another well, and strove for that also; and he called the name of it Sitnah.

22. And he moved from there, and dug another well; and for that they strove not; and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23. And he went up from there to Beersheba.
24. And the Lord appeared to him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham your father; fear not, for I am with you, and will bless you, and multiply your seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

25. And he built an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

26. Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Pikol the chief captain of his army.

27. And Isaac said to them, Why do you come to me, seeing you hate me, and have sent me away from you?

28. And they said, We saw certainly that the Lord was with you; and we said, Let there be now an oath between us, between us and you, and let us make a covenant with you;

29. That you will do us no hurt, as we have not touched you, and as we have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you away in peace; you are now the blessed of the Lord.

30. And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

31. And they rose up in the morning, and took oath with one another; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.
32. And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had dug, and said to him, We have found water.

33. And he called it Shebah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

34. And Esau was forty years old when he married Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basmath the daughter of Elon the Hittite;

35. And they made life bitter for Isaac and for Rebekah.
1. And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said to him, My son; and he said to him, Behold, here am I.

2. And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death;

3. Now therefore take, I beg you, your weapons, your quiver and your bow and go out to the field, and catch me some venison;

4. And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless you before I die.

5. And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

6. And Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying,

7. Bring me venison, and make me savory food, that I may eat, and bless you before the Lord before my death.

8. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command you.
9. Go now to the flock, and fetch me from there two good kids of the goats; and I will make them into savory food for your father, such as he loves;

10. And you shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, and that he may bless you before his death.

11. And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man;

12. My father perhaps will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

13. And his mother said to him, Upon me be your curse, my son; only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

14. And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother; and his mother made savory food, such as his father loved.

15. And Rebekah took the best garments of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son;

16. And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck;
17. And she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, to the hand of her son Jacob.

18. And he came to his father, and said, My father; and he said, Here am I; who are you, my son?

19. And Jacob said to his father, I am Esau your firstborn; I have done according to what you told me; arise, I beg you, sit and eat of my venison, that your soul may bless me.

20. And Isaac said to his son, How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord your God brought it to me.

21. And Isaac said to Jacob, Come near, I beg you, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not.

22. And Jacob went near to Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

23. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

24. And he said, Are you really my son Esau? And he said, I am.
25. And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless you. And he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26. And his father Isaac said to him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27. And he came near, and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his garment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed;

28. Therefore God give you of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine;

29. Let people serve you, and nations bow down to you; be lord over your brothers, and let your mother's sons bow down to you; cursed be every one who curses you, and blessed be he who blesses you.

30. And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31. And he also had made savory food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that your soul may bless me.
32. And Isaac his father said to him, Who are you? And he said, I am your son, your firstborn Esau.

33. And Isaac trembled very much, and said, Who then is he who hunted venison, and brought it to me, and I have eaten of all before you came, and have blessed him? moreover, he shall be blessed.

34. And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and very bitter cry, and said to his father, Bless me, me also, O my father.

35. And he said, Your brother came with cunning, and has taken away your blessing.

36. And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he has supplanted me these two times; he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he has taken away my blessing. And he said, Have you not reserved a blessing for me?

37. And Isaac answered and said to Esau, Behold, I have made him your lord, and all his brothers have I given to him for servants; and with grain and wine have I sustained him; and what shall I do now to you, my son?

38. And Esau said to his father, Have you but one blessing, my father? bless me, me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.
39. And Isaac his father answered and said to him, Behold, your dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

40. And by your sword shall you live, and shall serve your brother; and it shall come to pass when you shall have the dominion, that you shall break his yoke from off your neck.

41. And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him; and Esau said in his heart, When the days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

42. And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah; and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself by planning to kill you.

43. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee to Laban my brother to Haran;

44. And remain with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away;

45. Until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send, and fetch you from there; why should I be deprived of both of you in one day?
46. And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these who are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life be to me?
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1. And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him,
You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2. Arise, go to Padan-Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and
take a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

3. And God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that
you may be a multitude of people;

4. And give the blessing of Abraham to you, and to your seed with you; that you
may inherit the land where you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham.

5. And Isaac sent away Jacob; and he went to Padan-Aram to Laban, son of
Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6. When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-
Aram, to take a wife from there; and that as he blessed him he gave him a
charge, saying, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

7. And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-
Aram;
8. And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

9. Then went Esau to Ishmael, and took, besides the wives he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife.

10. And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11. And he lighted upon a certain place, and remained there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, to you will I give it, and to your seed;

14. And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south; and in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
15. And, behold, I am with you, and will keep you in all places where you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done that about which I have spoken to you.

16. And Jacob awoke from his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

17. And he was afraid, and said, How awesome is this place! this is no other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon its top.

19. And he called the name of that place Beth-El; but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and garment to put on,

21. So that I come back to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God;

22. And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you shall give me I will surely give the tenth to you.
1. Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east.

2. And he looked, and saw a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for from that well they watered the flocks; and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.

3. And there were all the flocks gathered; and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.

4. And Jacob said to them, My brothers, where are your from? And they said, Of Haran are we.

5. And he said to them, Know you Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him.

6. And he said to them, Is he well? And they said, He is well; and, behold, Rachel his daughter comes with the sheep.

7. And he said, Behold, it is yet high day, nor is it time that the cattle should be gathered together; water the sheep, and go and feed them.
8. And they said, We can not, until all the flocks are gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we will water the sheep.

9. And while he still spoke with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she kept them.

10. And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

11. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son; and she ran and told her father.

13. And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

14. And Laban said to him, Surely you are my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him a month.

15. And Laban said to Jacob, Because you are my brother, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?
16. And Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17. Leah had weak eyes; but Rachel was beautiful and well favored.

18. And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.

19. And Laban said, It is better that I give her to you, than that I should give her to another man; stay with me.

20. And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed to him but a few days, for the love he had for her.

21. And Jacob said to Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her.

22. And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23. And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in to her.

24. And Laban gave to his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an maidservant.
25. And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah; and he said to Laban, What is this that you have done to me? did not I serve with you for Rachel? why then have you deceived me?

26. And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

27. Complete her week, and we will give you this also for the service which you shall serve with me yet seven other years.

28. And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week; and he gave him Rachel his daughter for his wife also.

29. And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his maidservant to be her maid.

30. And he went in also to Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

31. And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.

32. And Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said, Surely the Lord has looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.
33. And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Because the Lord has heard that I was hated, he has therefore given me this son also; and she called his name Shimeon.

34. And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined to me, because I have born him three sons; therefore was his name called Levi.

35. And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she said, Now will I praise the Lord; therefore she called his name Judah; and ceased bearing.
1. And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said to Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

2. And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel; and he said, Am I in God's place, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?

3. And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in to her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

4. And she gave him Bilhah her maidservant to wife; and Jacob went in to her.

5. And Bilhah conceived, and bore Jacob a son.

6. And Rachel said, God has judged me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son; therefore she called his name Dan.

7. And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son.

8. And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed; and she called his name Naphtali.

9. When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her for a wife to Jacob.
10. And Zilpah Leah's maid bore Jacob a son.

11. And Leah said, Fortune has come; and she called his name Gad.

12. And Zilpah Leah's maid bore Jacob a second son.

13. And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed; and she called his name Asher.

14. And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I beg you, of your son's mandrakes.

15. And she said to her, Is it a small matter that you have taken my husband? and would you take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with you to night for your son's mandrakes.

16. And Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, You must come in to me; for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

17. And God listened to Leah, and she conceived, and bore Jacob the fifth son.
18. And Leah said, God has given me my hire, because I have given my maid to my husband; and she called his name Issachar.

19. And Leah conceived again, and bore Jacob the sixth son.

20. And Leah said, God has endowed me with a good dowry; now will my husband live with me, because I have born him six sons; and she called his name Zebulun.

21. And afterwards she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

22. And God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her, and opened her womb.

23. And she conceived, and bore a son; and said, God has taken away my reproach;

24. And she called his name Joseph; and said, The Lord shall add to me another son.

25. And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, Send me away, that I may go to my own place, and to my country.

26. Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know my service which I have done for you.
27. And Laban said to him, I beg you, if I have found favor in your eyes, remain; for I have learned by experience that the Lord has blessed me for your sake.

28. And he said, Appoint me your wages, and I will give it.

29. And he said to him, You know how I have served you, and how your cattle was with me.

30. For it was little which you had before I came, and it has now increased to a multitude; and the Lord has blessed you since my coming; and now when shall I provide for my own house also?

31. And he said, What shall I give you? And Jacob said, You shall not give me any thing; if you will do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep your flock.

32. I will pass through all your flock today, removing from there all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and of such shall be my hire.

33. So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when you come to look into my wages with you; every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.

34. And Laban said, Behold, would it might be according to your word.
35. And he removed that day the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them to the hand of his sons.

36. And he set three days' journey between himself and Jacob; and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37. And Jacob took rods of green poplar, and of the almond and plane tree; and peeled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.

38. And he set the rods which he had peeled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.

39. And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle striped, speckled, and spotted.

40. And Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not among Laban's cattle.

41. And it came to pass, whenever the stronger cattle conceived, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.
42. But when the cattle were weak, he did not put them in; so the weaker were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.

43. And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.
And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob has taken away all that was our father's; and from that which was our father's has he gotten all this honor.

And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before.

And the Lord said to Jacob, Return to the land of your fathers, and to your family; and I will be with you.

And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field to his flock,

And said to them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me.

And you know that with all my power I have served your father.

And your father has deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God did not allow him to hurt me.

If he said thus, The speckled shall be your wages; then all the cattle bore speckled; and if he said thus, The striped shall be your hire; then all the cattle bore striped.
9. Thus God has taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

10. And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up my eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were striped, spotted and speckled.

11. And the angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, Jacob; And I said, Here am I.

12. And he said, Lift up now your eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are striped, spotted and speckled; for I have seen all that Laban does to you.

13. I am the God of Beth-El, where you anointed the pillar, and where you vowed a vow to me; now arise, get out from this land, and return to the land of your family.

14. And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, Is there yet any share or inheritance for us in our father's house?

15. Are we not counted by him as strangers? for he has sold us, and has quite devoured also our money.

16. For all the riches which God has taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's; now then, whatever God has said to you, do.
17. Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;

18. And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had acquired, the cattle of his getting, which he had acquired in Padan-Aram, to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

19. And Laban went to shear his sheep; and Rachel had stolen the family idols that were her father's.

20. And Jacob outwitted Laban the Aramean, in that he did not tell him that he fled.

21. And he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the Mount Gilead.

22. And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled.

23. And he took his brothers with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the Mount Gilead.

24. And God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream by night, and said to him, Take heed that you speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

25. Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount; and Laban with his brothers pitched in the Mount of Gilead.
26. And Laban said to Jacob, What have you done, that you have stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?

27. Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and did not tell me, that I might have sent you away with mirth, and with songs, with tambourine, and with harp?

28. And why did you not let me kiss my sons and my daughters? Now you have done foolishly in so doing.

29. It is in the power of my hand to hurt you; but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, Take heed that you speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

30. And now, that you are surely gone, because you so long after your father's house, why have you stolen my gods?

31. And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid; for I said, Perhaps you would take by force your daughters from me.

32. With whom you will find your gods, let him not live. Before our brothers point out what is yours with me, and take it with you. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.
33. And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then he went out from Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

34. Now Rachel had taken the family idols, and put them in the camel's saddle, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.

35. And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I can not rise up in your presence; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but did not find the family idols.

36. And Jacob was angry, and chided with Laban; and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? What is my sin, that you have so hotly pursued after me?

37. Although you have searched all my stuff, what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers, that they may judge between us both.

38. This twenty years have I been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and the rams of your flock have I not eaten.

39. That which was torn of beasts I brought not to you; I bore the loss of it; of my hand did you require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night.
40. Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from my eyes.

41. Thus have I been twenty years in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your cattle; and you have changed my wages ten times.

42. Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely you would have sent me away now empty. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night.

43. And Laban answered and said to Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that you see is mine; and what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their children whom they have borne?

44. Now therefore come, let us make a covenant, you and me; and let it be for a witness between me and you.

45. And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar.

46. And Jacob said to his brothers, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap; and they ate there upon the heap.

47. And Laban called it Jegarsahadutha; but Jacob called it Galeed.
48. And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and you this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;

49. And Mizpah; for he said, The Lord watch between me and you, when we are absent one from another.

50. If you shall afflict my daughters, or if you shall take other wives beside my daughters, although no man is with us, God is witness between me and you.

51. And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast between me and you;

52. This heap shall be witness, and this pillar shall be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and that you shall not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, for harm.

53. The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us. And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac.

54. Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brothers to eat bread; and they ate bread, and stayed all night in the mount.
1. And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them; and Laban departed, and returned to his place.

2. And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

3. And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host; and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

4. And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

5. And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall you speak to my lord Esau; Your servant Jacob said thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now;

6. And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and women servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight.

7. Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people who were with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, in two bands;
9. And said, If Esau comes to the one company, and attacks it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

10. And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who said to me, Return to your country, and to your family, and I will deal well with you;

11. I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which you have shown to your servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I have become two bands.

12. Save me, I beseech you, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he will come and strike me, and the mother with the children.

13. And you said, I will surely do you good, and make your seed as the sand of the sea, which can not be counted for multitude.

14. And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother;

15. Two hundred female goats, and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,
16. Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty cows, and ten bulls, twenty female asses, and ten foals.

17. And he delivered them to the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said to his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space between drove and drove.

18. And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you, saying, Whose are you? and where are you going? and whose are these before you?

19. Then you shall say, They are your servant Jacob's; it is a present sent to my lord Esau; and, behold, also he is behind us.

20. And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all who followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall you speak to Esau, when you find him.

21. And say you moreover, Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me.

22. So went the present before him; and he himself lodged that night in the camp.
23. And he rose that night, and took his two wives, and his two women servi-
tants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.

24. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that which
he had.

25. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the
breaking of the day.

26. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow
of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with
him.

27. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaks. And he said, I will not let you
go, except you bless me.

28. And he said to him, What is your name? And he said, Jacob.

29. And he said, Your name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a
prince you have power with God and with men, and have prevailed.

30. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I beg you, your name. And he said,
Why is it that you ask after my name? And he blessed him there.
31. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel; for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

32. And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he limped upon his thigh.

33. Therefore the people of Israel do not eat of the sinew of the vein, which is in the hollow of the thigh, to this day; because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the vein.
1. And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children to Leah, and to Rachel, and to the two maidservants.

2. And he put the maidservants and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

3. And he passed over before them, and bowed to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4. And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him; and they wept.

5. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with you? And he said, The children whom God has graciously given your servant.

6. Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and they bowed down.

7. And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves; and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed down.
8. And he said, What do you mean by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

9. And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep what you have to yourself.

10. And Jacob said, No, I beg you, if now I have found grace in your sight, then receive my present from my hand; for therefore I have seen your face, as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me.

11. Take, I beg you, my blessing that is brought to you; because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

12. And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before you.

13. And he said to him, My lord knows that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me; and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14. Let my lord, I beg you, pass over before his servant; and I will lead on slowly, according to the pace of the cattle that goes before me and the children are able to endure, until I come to my lord to Seir.

15. And Esau said, Let me now leave with you some of the folk who are with me. And he said, What needs is there? Let me find grace in the sight of my lord.
16. So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

17. And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built himself a house, and made booths for his cattle; therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

18. And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-Aram; and pitched his tent before the city.

19. And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of money.

20. And he erected there an altar, and called it El-Elohe-Israel.
1. And Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

3. And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl, and spoke kindly to her.

4. And Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, Get me this girl for a wife.

5. And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; and his sons were with his cattle in the field; and Jacob held his peace until they came.

6. And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to talk with him.

7. And the sons of Jacob came from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved, and they were very angry, because he had done a vile deed in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

8. And Hamor talked with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter; I beg you give her to him for a wife.
9. And make you marriages with us, and give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for you.

10. And you shall live with us; and the land shall be before you; live and trade in it, and get possessions in it.

11. And Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what you shall say to me I will give.

12. Ask me ever so much as dowry and gift, and I will give according as you shall say to me; but give me the girl for a wife.

13. And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister;

14. And they said to them, We can not do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised; for that would be a reproach to us;

15. But in this will we consent to you; If you will be as we are, that every male of you be circumcised;

16. Then will we give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters for us, and we will live with you, and we will become one people.
17. But if you will not listen to us, to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18. And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.

19. And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter; and he was more honorable than all the house of his father.

20. And Hamor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their city, and talked with the men of their city, saying,

21. These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them live in the land, and trade in it; for the land, behold, is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22. Only thus will the men consent to live with us, to be one people; if every male among us is circumcised, as they are circumcised.

23. Shall not their cattle and their wealth and every beast of theirs be ours? only let us consent to them, and they will live with us.

24. And to Hamor and to Shechem his son listened all who went out from the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.
25. And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Shimeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

26. And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

27. The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28. They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field,

29. And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and carried off all that was in the houses.

30. And Jacob said to Shimeon and Levi, You have brought trouble on me to make me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and I being few in number, they shall gather together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

31. And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?
1. And God said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-El, and live there; and make there an altar to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother.

2. Then Jacob said to his household, and to all who were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments;

3. And let us arise, and go up to Beth-El; and I will make there an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

4. And they gave to Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.

5. And they journeyed; and the terror of God was upon the cities that were around them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

6. So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Beth-El, he and all the people who were with him.
7. And he built there an altar, and called the place El-Beth-El; because there God appeared to him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

8. And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried beneath Beth-El under an oak; and the name of it was called Allon-Bachuth.

9. And God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan-Aram, and blessed him.

10. And God said to him, Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be your name; and he called his name Israel.

11. And God said to him, I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of you, and kings shall come from your loins;

12. And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to you I will give it, and to your seed after you will I give the land.

13. And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.

14. And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it.
15. And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Beth-El.

16. And they journeyed from Beth-El; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath; and Rachel labored with child, and she had difficult labor.

17. And it came to pass, when she was in difficult labor, that the midwife said to her, Fear not; you shall have this son also.

18. And it came to pass, as her soul was departing, for she died, that she called his name Ben-Oni; but his father called him Benjamin.

19. And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.

20. And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave; that is the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.

21. And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.

22. And it came to pass, when Israel lived in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve;

23. The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Shimeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun;
24. The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin;

25. And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maidservant; Dan, and Naphtali;

26. And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's maidservant; Gad, and Asher; these are the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Padan-Aram.

27. And Jacob came to Isaac his father to Mamre, to the city of Arba, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28. And the days of Isaac were a hundred and eighty years.

29. And Isaac expired, and died, and was gathered to his people, being old and full of days; and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.
1. Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom.

2. Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3. And Basmath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth.

4. And Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz; and Basmath bore Rehuel;

5. And Aholibamah bore Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah; these are the sons of Esau, who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6. And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his wealth, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went to another country, away from his brother Jacob.

7. For their riches were more than that they might live together; and the land where they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.
8. Thus lived Esau in Mount Seir; Esau is Edom.

9. And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in Mount Seir;

10. These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Rehuel the son of Basmath the wife of Esau.

11. And the sons of Eliphaz were Teiman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

12. And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek; these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.

13. And these are the sons of Rehuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah; these were the sons of Basmath Esau's wife.

14. And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife; and she bore to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

15. These were the chiefs of the sons of Esau; the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn son of Esau; chiefs of Teiman, of Omar, of Zepho, of Kenaz,
16. The chiefs of Korah, of Gatam, and of Amalek; these are the chiefs who came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Adah.

17. And these are the sons of Rehuel Esau's son; the chief of Nahath, of Zerah, of Shammah, of Mizzah; these are the chiefs who came of Rehuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Basmath Esau's wife.

18. And these are the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; the chief of Jeush, the chief of Jaalam, the chief of Korah; these were the chiefs who came of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.

19. These are the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these are their chiefs.

20. These are the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah,

21. And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan; these are the chiefs of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom.

22. And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

23. And the children of Shobal were these: Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.
24. And these are the children of Zibeon: both Ajah, and Anah; this was that Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.

25. And the children of Anah were these: Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26. And these are the children of Dishon: Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

27. The children of Ezer are these: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan.

28. The children of Dishan are these: Uz, and Aran.

29. These are the chiefs who came of the Horites; the chief of Lotan, the chief of Shobal, the chief of Zibeon, the chief of Anah,

30. The chief of Dishon, the chief of Ezer, the chief of Dishan; these are the chiefs who came of Hori, among their chiefs in the land of Seir.

31. And these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the people of Israel.

32. And Belah the son of Beor reigned in Edom; and the name of his city was Dinhabah.
33. And Belah died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.

34. And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Teimanites reigned in his place.

35. And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.

36. And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.

37. And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his place.

38. And Saul died, and Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place.

39. And Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40. And these are the names of the chiefs who came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth,

41. Chief Aholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,
42. The chief of Kenaz, the chief of Teiman, the chief of Mibzar,

43. The chief of Magdiel, the chief of Iram; these are the chiefs of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession; he is Esau the father of the Edomites.
1. And Jacob lived in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2. These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought to his father their evil report.

3. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a coat with long sleeves.

4. And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

5. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brothers; and they hated him even more.

6. And he said to them, Hear, I beg you, this dream which I have dreamed;

7. For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood around, and made obeisance to my sheaf.
8. And his brothers said to him, Shall you indeed reign over us? or shall you indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him even more for his dreams, and for his words.

9. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brothers, and said, Behold, I have again dreamed a dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10. And he told it to his father, and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him, and said to him, What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow down ourselves to you to the earth?

11. And his brothers envied him; but his father kept the matter in mind.

12. And his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

13. And Israel said to Joseph, Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them. And he said to him, Here am I.

14. And he said to him, Go, I beg you, see whether it is well with your brothers, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.
15. And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field; and the man asked him, saying, What do you seek?

16. And he said, I seek my brothers; tell me, I beg you, where they feed their flocks.

17. And the man said, They have departed from here; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in Dothan.

18. And when they saw him from far away, even before he came near to them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19. And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer comes.

20. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and throw him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast has devoured him; and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21. And Reuben heard it, and he saved him from their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

22. And Reuben said to them, Shed no blood, but throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him from their hands, to deliver him to his father again.
23. And it came to pass, when Joseph came to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, his coat of long sleeves that was on him;

24. And they took him, and threw him into a pit; and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25. And they sat down to eat bread; and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing gum, balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

26. And Judah said to his brothers, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

27. Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brothers were content.

28. Then Midianite merchants passed by; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out from the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver; and they brought Joseph to Egypt.

29. And Reuben returned to the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he tore his clothes.

30. And he returned to his brothers, and said, The child is not; and I, where shall I go?
31. And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

32. And they sent the coat of long sleeves, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found; know now whether it is your son's coat or no.

33. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces.

34. And Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down to Sheol to my son, mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

36. And the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.
1. And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brothers, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

2. And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shua; and he took her, and went in to her.

3. And she conceived, and bore a son; and he called his name Er.

4. And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she called his name Onan.

5. And she yet again conceived, and bore a son; and called his name Shelah; and he was at Chezib, when she bore him.

6. And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.

7. And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord slew him.

8. And Judah said to Onan, Go in to your brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to your brother.

9. And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.
10. And the thing which he did displeased the Lord; therefore he slew him also.

11. Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at your father's house, till Shelah my son be grown; for he said, Lest perhaps he die also, as his brothers did. And Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

12. And in process of time the daughter of Shua, Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up to his sheep shearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13. And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold your father-in-law goes up to Timnath to shear his sheep.

14. And she took off her widow's garments, and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given to him for his wife.

15. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a harlot; because she had covered her face.

16. And he turned to her by the way, and said, Come, I beg you, let me come in to you; for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, What will you give me, that you may come in to me?
17. And he said, I will send you a kid from the flock. And she said, Will you give me a pledge, till you send it?

18. And he said, What pledge shall I give you? And she said, Your signet, and your bracelets, and your staff that is in your hand. And he gave them to her, and came in to her, and she conceived by him.

19. And she arose, and went away, and took off her veil, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20. And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand; but he found her not.

21. Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, who was at Einayim by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place.

22. And he returned to Judah, and said, I can not find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place.

23. And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed; behold, I sent this kid, and you have not found her.
24. And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar your daughter-in-law has played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by harlotry. And Judah said, Bring her out, and let her be burned.

25. When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child; and she said, Discern, I beg you, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.

26. And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She has been more righteous than I; because I did not give her to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

27. And it came to pass in the time of her labor, that, behold, twins were in her womb.

28. And it came to pass, when she labored, that one put out his hand; and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

29. And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out; and she said, What a breach you have made for yourself. Therefore his name was called Perez.

30. And afterward came out his brother, who had the scarlet thread upon his hand; and his name was called Zarah.
1. And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the hands of the Ishmaelites, who had brought him down there.

2. And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3. And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

5. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6. And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not what he had, save for the bread which he ate. And Joseph was handsome and good looking.

7. And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.
8. But he refused, and said to his master's wife, Behold, my master knows not what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand;

9. There is none greater in this house than I; nor has he kept back any thing from me but you, because you are his wife; how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

10. And it came to pass, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he listened not to her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

11. And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there inside.

12. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me; and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got out.

13. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and had fled out,

14. That she called to the men of her house, and spoke to them, saying, See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice;
15. And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16. And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

17. And she spoke to him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought to us, came in to me to mock me;

18. And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

19. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, After this manner did your servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

20. And Joseph's master took him, and put him in the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the prison.

21. But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; and whatever was done there, he was the doer of it.
23. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him, and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.
Genesis Chapter 40

1. And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.

2. And Pharaoh was angry against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

3. And he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Joseph was confined.

4. And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; and they continued a season in custody.

5. And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison.

6. And Joseph came to them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad.

7. And he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in the custody of his lord's house, saying, Why do you look so sad today?
8. And they said to him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said to them, Do interpretations not belong to God? Tell them to me, I beg you.

9. And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me;

10. And in the vine were three branches; and it was as though it budded, and its blossoms shot forth; and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes;

11. And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

12. And Joseph said to him, This is the interpretation of it; The three branches are three days;

13. And within three days shall Pharaoh lift up your head, and restore you to your place; and you shall deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when you were his butler.

14. But think on me when it shall be well with you, and show kindness, I beg you, to me, and make mention of me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house;

15. For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and here also have I done nothing that they should put me in the dungeon.
16. When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head;

17. And in the uppermost basket there were all kinds of baked food for Pharaoh; and the birds ate them out of the basket upon my head.

18. And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation; The three baskets are three days;

19. And within three days shall Pharaoh lift up your head off you, and shall hang you on a tree; and the birds shall eat your flesh off you.

20. And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

21. And he restored the chief butler to his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand;

22. But he hanged the chief baker; as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23. Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.
1. And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed; and, behold, he stood by the river.

2. And, behold, there came up from the river seven cows sleek and fat; and they fed in the reed grass.

3. And, behold, seven other cows came up after them from the river, gaunt and thin; and stood by the other cows upon the brink of the river.

4. And the gaunt and thin cows ate the seven sleek and fat cows. And Pharaoh awoke.

5. And he slept and dreamed the second time; and, behold, seven ears of grain came up upon one stalk, plump and good.

6. And, behold, seven thin ears, blasted by the east wind, sprung up after them.

7. And the seven thin ears devoured the seven plump and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.
8. And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men; and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

9. Then spoke the chief butler to Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day;

10. Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the captain of the guard's house, both me and the chief baker;

11. And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

12. And there was there with us a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

13. And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored to my office, and him he hanged.

14. Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon; and he shaved himself, and changed his garment, and came in to Pharaoh.
15. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none who can interpret it; and I have heard say of you, that you can understand a dream to interpret it.

16. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me; God shall give Pharaoh a favorable answer.

17. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river;

18. And, behold, there came up from the river seven cows, fat and sleek; and they fed in the reed grass;

19. And, behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very gaunt and thin, such as I have never seen in all the land of Egypt for badness;

20. And the thin and the gaunt cows ate the first seven fat cows;

21. And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favored, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22. And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good;
23. And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted by the east wind, sprung up after them;

24. And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears; and I told this to the magicians; but there was none who could declare it to me.

25. And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.

26. The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years; the dream is one.

27. And the seven thin and gaunt cows that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted by the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

28. This is the matter which I have spoken to Pharaoh; What God is about to do he shows to Pharaoh.

29. Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt;

30. And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;
31. And plenty shall not be known in the land because of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous.

32. And for that the dream was doubled to Pharaoh twice; it is because the matter is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33. Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven years of plenty.

35. And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36. And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37. And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38. And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is?
39. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, For as much as God has shown you all this, there is none so discreet and wise as you are;

40. You shall be over my house, and according to your word shall all my people be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than you.

41. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.

42. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in cloaks of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

43. And he made him to ride in his second chariot; and they cried before him, Bow the knee; and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

44. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without you shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

45. And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.
46. And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47. And in the seven years of plenty the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which was in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; the food of the field, which was around every city, laid he up in the same.

49. And Joseph gathered grain as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left counting; for it was without number.

50. And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On bore to him.

51. And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh; For God, said he, has made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

52. And the name of the second called he Ephraim; For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53. And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.
54. And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said; and the famine was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55. And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread; and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph; what he said to you, do.

56. And the famine was over all the face of the earth; And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine grew severe in the land of Egypt.

57. And all countries came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain; because the famine was so severe in all lands.
1. Now when Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, Why do you look one upon another?

2. And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; get down there, and buy for us from there; that we may live, and not die.

3. And Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt.

4. But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brothers; for he said, Lest perhaps harm befall him.

5. And the sons of Israel came to buy grain among those who came; for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6. And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was who sold to all the people of the land; and Joseph's brothers came, and bowed down before him with their faces to the earth.

7. And Joseph saw his brothers, and he knew them, but made himself strange to them, and spoke roughly to them; and he said to them, From where do you come? They said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

8. And Joseph knew his brothers, but they knew not him.
9. And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said to them, You are spies; to see the nakedness of the land you have come.

10. And they said to him, No, my lord, your servants came to buy food.

11. We are all one man's sons; we are honest men, your servants are no spies.

12. And he said to them, No, to see the nakedness of the land you have come.

13. And they said, Your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

14. And Joseph said to them, That is what I spoke to you, saying, You are spies;

15. Hereby you shall be tested; By the life of Pharaoh you shall not go from here, except if your youngest brother comes here.

16. Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and you shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there is any truth in you; or else by the life of Pharaoh surely you are spies.

17. And he put them all together under guard for three days.
18. And Joseph said to them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God;

19. If you are honest men, let one of your brothers be confined in the house of your prison; you go, carry grain for the famine of your houses

20. But bring your youngest brother to me; so shall your words be verified, and you shall not die. And they did so.

21. And they said one to another, We are truly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

22. And Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not speak to you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and you would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

23. And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spoke to them by an interpreter.

24. And he turned himself away from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and talked with them, and took from them Shimeon, and bound him before their eyes.
25. Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with grain, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way; and thus did he to them.

26. And they loaded their asses with the grain, and departed from there.

27. And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he saw his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth.

28. And he said to his brothers, My money is restored; and, lo, it is in my sack; and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God has done to us?

29. And they came to Jacob their father to the land of Canaan, and told him all that had befallen them; saying,

30. The man, who is the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

31. And we said to him, We are honest men; we are no spies;

32. We were twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.
33. And the man, the lord of the country, said to us, Hereby shall I know that you are honest men; leave one of your brothers here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone;

34. And bring your youngest brother to me; then shall I know that you are no spies, but that you are honest men; so will I deliver you your brother, and you shall trade in the land.

35. And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack; and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36. And Jacob their father said to them, Me have you bereaved of my children; Joseph is not, and Shimeon is not, and you will take Benjamin away; all these things are against me.

37. And Reuben spoke to his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to you; deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to you again.

38. And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone; if harm befall him on the journey that you are to make, then shall you bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.
Genesis Chapter 43

1. And the famine was severe in the land.

2. And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said to them, Go again, buy us a little food.

3. And Judah spoke to him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, You shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

4. If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food;

5. But if you will not send him, we will not go down; for the man said to us, You shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

6. And Israel said, Why did you deal so ill with me, as to tell the man that you had yet a brother?

7. And they said, The man asked us carefully about our state, and about our family, saying, Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother? And we replied to him according to these questions. Could we have known that he would say, Bring your brother down?
8. And Judah said to Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and you, and also our little ones.

9. I will be surety for him; from my hand shall you require him; if I bring him not to you, and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever;

10. For if we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice.

11. And their father Israel said to them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your utensils, and carry down a present to the man, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds;

12. And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; perhaps it was an oversight;

13. Take also your brother, and arise, go back to the man;

14. And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, then I am bereaved.
15. And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

16. And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slaughter a beast, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon.

17. And the man did as Joseph ordered; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18. And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, We are brought in because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for slaves, and our asses.

19. And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they talked with him at the door of the house,

20. And said, Oh my lord, we came indeed down the first time to buy food;
22. And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food; we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

23. And he said, Peace be to you, fear not; your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money. And he brought Shimeon out to them.

24. And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender.

25. And they made ready the present for Joseph's coming at noon; for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26. And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed to him to the earth.

27. And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he yet alive?

28. And they answered, Your servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

29. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom you spoke to me? And he said, God be gracious to you, my son.
30. And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother; and he
sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there.

31. And he washed his face, and went out, and controlled himself, and said, Set
on bread.

32. And they served him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the
Egyptians, who ate with him, by themselves; because the Egyptians might not eat
bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination to the Egyptians.

33. And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the
youngest according to his youth; and the men looked at one another in
amazement.

34. And he took and sent portions to them from before him; but Benjamin's
portion was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry
with him.
1. And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.

2. And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his grain money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

3. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4. And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward, Arise, follow after the men; and when you do overtake them, say to them, Why have you repaid evil for good?

5. Is not this it in which my lord drinks, and whereby indeed he divines? you have done evil in so doing.

6. And he overtook them, and he spoke to them these same words.

7. And they said to him, Why did my lord say these words? God forbid that your servants should do according to this thing;
8. Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan; how then should we steal from your lord's house silver or gold?

9. If any of your servants is found to have it, let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves.

10. And he said, Now also let it be according to your words; he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and you shall be blameless.

11. Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

12. And he searched, and began at the eldest, and ended at the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13. Then they tore their clothes, and loaded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14. And Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house; for he was yet there; and they fell before him on the ground.

15. And Joseph said to them, What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that such a man as I can certainly divine?
16. And Judah said, What shall we say to my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

17. And he said, God forbid that I should do so; but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, go up in peace to your father.

18. Then Judah came near to him, and said, Oh my lord, let your servant, I beg you, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant; for you are as Pharaoh.

19. My lord asked his servants, saying, Have you a father, or a brother?

20. And we said to my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.

21. And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes upon him.

22. And we said to my lord, The lad can not leave his father; for if he should leave his father, his father would die.
23. And you said to your servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, you shall see my face no more.

24. And it came to pass when we came up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25. And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food.

26. And we said, We can not go down; if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us.

27. And your servant my father said to us, You know that my wife bore me two sons;

28. And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since;

29. And if you take this also from me, and harm befall him, you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.

30. Now therefore when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;
31. It shall come to pass, when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die; and your servants shall bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol.

32. For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, If I bring him not to you, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

33. Now therefore, I beg you, let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brothers.

34. For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest perhaps I see the evil that shall come on my father.
1. Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all those who stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2. And he wept aloud; and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3. And Joseph said to his brothers, I am Joseph; does my father still live? And his brothers could not answer him; for they were troubled by his presence.

4. And Joseph said to his brothers, Come near me, I beg you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

5. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that you sold me here; for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6. For these two years has the famine been in the land; and yet there are five years, when there shall neither be plowing nor harvest.

7. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.
8. So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9. Hurry back to my father, and say to him, Thus said your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, delay not;

10. And you shall live in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you, and your children, and your grandchildren, and your flocks, and your herds, and all that you have;

11. And there will I nourish you; for yet there are five years of famine; lest you, and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty.

12. And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.

13. And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring down my father here.

14. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.
15. And he kissed all his brothers, and wept on them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

16. And the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brothers have come; and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

17. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say to your brothers, Do this; load your beasts, and go to the land of Canaan;

18. And take your father and your households, and come to me; and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.

19. Now you are commanded to take your wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

20. Also give no thought to your goods; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

21. And the people of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

22. To all of them he gave each man changes of garment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of garment.
23. And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten female asses laden with grain and bread and food for his father by the way.

24. So he sent his brothers away, and they departed; and he said to them, See that you fall not out by the way.

25. And they went up from Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father,

26. And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

27. And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them; and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived;

28. And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive; I will go and see him before I die.
1. And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and
offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

2. And God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And
he said, Here am I.

3. And he said, I am God, the God of your father; fear not to go down to Egypt; for
I will there make of you a great nation;

4. I will go down with you to Egypt; and I will also surely bring you up again; and
Joseph shall put his hand upon your eyes.

5. And Jacob rose up from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their
father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had
sent to carry him.

6. And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gained in the land
of Canaan, and came to Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him;

7. His sons, and his grandsons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters,
and all his seed brought he with him to Egypt.
8. And these are the names of the people of Israel, who came to Egypt, Jacob and his sons; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

9. And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

10. And the sons of Shimeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Saul the son of a Canaanite woman.

11. And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kehath, and Merari.

12. And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zarah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

13. And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Puvah, and Job, and Shimron.

14. And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.

15. These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Padan-Aram, with his daughter Dinah; all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty three.

16. And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.
17. And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister; and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.

18. These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob, sixteen souls.

19. The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin.

20. And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On bore to him.

21. And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.

22. These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob; all the souls were fourteen.

23. And the sons of Dan; Hushim.

24. And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.

25. These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bore these to Jacob; all the souls were seven.
26. All the souls who came with Jacob to Egypt, who came from his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were sixty six;

27. And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two souls; all the souls of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, were seventy.

28. And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to show the way before him to Goshen; and they came to the land of Goshen.

29. And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself to him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30. And Israel said to Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive.

31. And Joseph said to his brothers, and to his father's house, I will go up, and show Pharaoh, and say to him, My brothers, and my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me;

32. And the men are shepherds, for their trade has been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.
33. And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?

34. That you shall say, Your servants' trade has been keeping cattle from our youth until now, both we, and also our fathers; that you may live in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.
1. Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brothers,
and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, have come from the land
of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen.

2. And he took some of his brothers, five men, and presented them to Pharaoh.

3. And Pharaoh said to his brothers, What is your occupation? And they said to
Pharaoh, Your servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.

4. They said moreover to Pharaoh, To sojourn in the land we have come; for your
servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is severe in the land of
Canaan; now therefore, we beg you, let your servants live in the land of Goshen.

5. And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brothers have
come to you;

6. The land of Egypt is before you; let your father and brothers live in the best of
the land; in the land of Goshen let them live; and if you know any men of
activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7. And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh; and
Jacob blessed Pharaoh.
8. And Pharaoh said to Jacob, How old are you?

9. And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years; few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

11. And Joseph placed his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12. And Joseph nourished his father, and his brothers, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

13. And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted because of the famine.

14. And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought; and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.
15. And when money was all spent in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph, and said, Give us bread; for why should we die in your presence? for the money is gone.

16. And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you food for your cattle, if your money is gone.

17. And they brought their cattle to Joseph; and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses; and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

18. When that year was ended, they came to him the second year, and said to him, We will not hide it from my lord that our money is spent; my lord also has our herds of cattle; there is nothing left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands;

19. Why shall we die before your eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh; and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

20. And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them; so the land became Pharaoh's.
21. And as for the people, he moved them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt to the other end of it.

22. Only the land of the priests he did not buy; because the priests had a portion assigned to them from Pharaoh, and ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their lands.

23. Then Joseph said to the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh; lo, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land.

24. And it shall come to pass at harvest time, that you shall give the fifth part to Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

25. And they said, You have saved our lives; let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.

26. And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

27. And Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions in it, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.
28. And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; so the whole age of Jacob was a hundred and forty seven years.

29. And the time drew nearer that Israel must die; and he called his son Joseph, and said to him, If now I have found grace in your sight, put, I beg you, your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I beg you, in Egypt;

30. But I will lie with my fathers, and you shall carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying place. And he said, I will do as you have said.

31. And he said, Swear to me. And he swore to him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.
And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, your father is sick; and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, your son Joseph comes to you; and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

And Jacob said to Joseph, God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

And said to me, Behold, I will make you fruitful, and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people; and will give this land to your seed after you for an everlasting possession.

And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you to Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Shimeon, they shall be mine.

And your issue, born to you after them, shall be yours, and shall be called after the name of their brothers in their inheritance.

And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come to Ephrath; and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; which is Bethlehem.
8. And Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these?

9. And Joseph said to his father, They are my sons, whom God has given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I beg you, to me, and I will bless them.

10. Now the eyes of Israel were dim from age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near to him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.

11. And Israel said to Joseph, I had not thought to see your face; and, lo, God has shown me also your seed.

12. And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed with his face to the earth.

13. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near to him.

14. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, changing his hands; for Manasseh was the firstborn.
15. And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long to this day,

16. The Angel who redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

17. And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; and he held up his father's hand, to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

18. And Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father; for this is the firstborn; put your right hand upon his head.

19. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

20. And he blessed them that day, saying, In you shall Israel bless, saying, God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh; and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

21. And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I die; but God shall be with you, and bring you back to the land of your fathers.
22. And I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.
1. And Jacob called to his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

2. Gather yourselves together, and hear, you sons of Jacob; and listen to Israel your father.

3. Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power;

4. Unstable as water, you shall not excel; because you went up to your father's bed; then defiled you it; he went up to my couch.

5. Shimeon and Levi are brothers; instruments of cruelty are their swords.

6. O my soul, do not come into their council; to their assembly, let my honor not be united; for in their anger they slew a man, and in their wanton will they lamed an ox.

7. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel; I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

8. Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; your hand shall be in the neck of your enemies; your father's children shall bow down in your presence.
9. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you are gone up; he stooped down, he crouched like a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

10. The staff shall not depart from Judah, nor the scepter from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and to him shall the obedience of the people be.

11. Binding his foal to the vine, and his ass's colt to the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes;

12. His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

13. Zebulun shall live at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be to Sidon.

14. Issachar is a strong ass crouching down between two burdens;

15. And he saw that resting was good, and that the land was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant to tribute.

16. Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

17. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that bites the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

18. I have waited for your salvation, O Lord.
19. Gad, a troop shall overcome him; but he shall overcome at the last.

20. Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

21. Naphtali is a hind let loose; he gives goodly words.

22. Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall;

23. The archers fiercely attacked him, and shot at him, and hated him;

24. But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; from there is the shepherd, the stone of Israel;

25. By the God of your father, who shall help you; and by the Almighty, who shall bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb;

26. The blessings of your father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills; they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.

27. Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the booty.
28. All these are the twelve tribes of Israel; and this is it what their father spoke to them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

29. And he charged them, and said to them, I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

30. In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a burying place.

31. There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

32. The purchase of the field and of the cave that is in it was from the Hittites.

33. And when Jacob finished commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and expired, and was gathered unto his people.
1. And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

2. And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father; and the physicians embalmed Israel.

3. And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those who are embalmed; and the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

4. And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I beg you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

5. My father made me swear, saying, Behold, I die; in my grave which I have dug for me in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I beg you, and bury my father, and I will return.

6. And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury your father, according as he made you swear.

7. And Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,
8. And all the house of Joseph, and his brothers, and his father's house; only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

9. And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen; and it was a very great company.

10. And they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and bitter lamentation; and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

11. And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians; therefore the name of it was called Abel-Mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.

12. And his sons did to him according as he commanded them;

13. For his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a burying place of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

14. And Joseph returned to Egypt, he, and his brothers, and all who went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.
15. And when Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will perhaps hate us, and will certainly pay us back for all the evil which we did to him.

16. And they sent a messenger to Joseph, saying, Your father did command before he died, saying,

17. So shall you say to Joseph, Forgive, I beg you now, the trespass of your brothers, and their sin; for they did to you evil; and now, we beg you, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father. And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18. And his brothers also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we are your servants.

19. And Joseph said to them, Fear not; for am I in the place of God?

20. But as for you, you thought evil against me; but God meant it to good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21. Now therefore do not fear; I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spoke kindly to them.

22. And Joseph lived in Egypt, he, and his father's house; and Joseph lived a hundred and ten years.
23. And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation; the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

24. And Joseph said to his brothers, I die; and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25. And Joseph took an oath from the people of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.

26. So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.
1. And these are the names of the sons of Israel, who came to Egypt, with Jacob, every man with his household.

2. Reuben, Shimeon, Levi, and Judah,

3. Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

4. Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5. And all the souls who came from the loins of Jacob were seventy souls; for Joseph was in Egypt already.

6. And Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation.

7. And the people of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8. And there arose up a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph.

9. And he said to his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we;
10. Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it may come
to pass, that, when there would be any war, they should join our enemies, and
fight against us; and so get them out of the land.

11. Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their
burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

12. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And
they were mortified because of the people of Israel.

13. And the Egyptians made the people of Israel serve with rigor;

14. And they made their lives bitter with hard slavery, in mortar, and in brick,
and in all kinds of service in the field; all their service, which they made them
serve, was with rigor.

15. And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, and the name of one
was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puha;

16. And he said, When you do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women,
and see them upon the stools; if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a
daughter, then she shall live.
17. But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

18. And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, Why have you done this thing, and have saved the male children alive?

19. And the midwives said to Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and deliver before the midwives come to them.

20. Therefore God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied, and became very mighty.

21. And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

22. And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son who is born you shall throw into the river, and every daughter you shall let live.
1. And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took for his wife a daughter of Levi.

2. And the woman conceived, and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a handsome child, she hid him three months.

3. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark made of reeds, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child in it; and she laid it in the rushes by the river's brink.

4. And his sister stood far away, to see what would be done to him.

5. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6. And when she had opened it, she saw the child; and, behold, the baby wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.

7. Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call for you a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?
8. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the girl went and called the child's mother.

9. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10. And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses; and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

11. And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brothers, and looked on their burdens; and he spied an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brothers.

12. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

13. And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews struggled together; and he said to the one who did the wrong, Why do you strike your fellow?

14. And he said, Who made you a prince and a judge over us? do you intend to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Certainly this thing is known.
15. And when Pharaoh heard this matter, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

16. And the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17. And the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18. And when they came to Rehuel their father, he said, How is it that you have come so soon today?

19. And they said, An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and also drew enough water for us, and watered the flock.

20. And he said to his daughters, And where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.

21. And Moses was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.

22. And she bore him a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.
23. And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died; and the people of Israel sighed because of the slavery, and they cried, and their cry came up to God because of the slavery.

24. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25. And God looked upon the people of Israel, and God apprehended.
1. And Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock far away into the desert, and came to the mountain of God, to Horeb.

2. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5. And he said, Do not come any closer; take off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground.

6. And he said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.
7. And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; 

8. And I have come down to save them from the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them out of that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9. And therefore, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me; and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 

10. Come now therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11. And Moses said to God, Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the people of Israel out of Egypt?

12. And he said, Certainly I will be with you; and this shall be a sign to you, that I have sent you; When you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain.

13. And Moses said to God, Behold, when I come to the people of Israel, and shall say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you; and they shall say to me, What is his name, what shall I say to them?
14. And God said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and he said, Thus shall you say to the people of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.

15. And God said moreover to Moses, Thus shall you say to the people of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you; this is my name forever, and this is my memorial to all generations.

16. Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt;

17. And I have said, I will bring you out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

18. And they shall listen to your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt, and you shall say to him, The Lord God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now let us go, we beseech you, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.

19. And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, if not by a mighty hand.
20. And I will stretch out my hand, and strike Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go.

21. And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall come to pass, that, when you go, you shall not go empty;

22. But every woman shall borrow from her neighbor, and from her who sojourns in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and garments; and you shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and you shall plunder the Egyptians.
1. And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor listen to my voice; for they will say, The Lord has not appeared to you.

2. And the Lord said to him, What is that in your hand? And he said, A rod.

3. And he said, Throw it to the ground. And he threw it to the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

4. And the Lord said to Moses, Put forth your hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand;

5. That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.

6. And the Lord said furthermore to him, Put now your hand into your bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom; and when he took it out, behold, his hand was diseased, white as snow.

7. And he said, Put your hand into your bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it from his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.
8. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe you, nor listen to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

9. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, nor listen to your voice, that you shall take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land; and the water which you take from the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

10. And Moses said to the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither yesterday nor the day before, nor since you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

11. And the Lord said to him, Who has made man's mouth? Who makes the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Is it not I the Lord?

12. Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth, and teach you what you shall say.

13. And he said, O my Lord, send, I beseech you, by the hand of him whom you will send.

14. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he comes forth to meet you; and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.
15. And you shall speak to him, and put words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do.

16. And he shall be your spokesman to the people; and he shall be to you instead of a mouth, and you shall be to him instead of God.

17. And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do signs.

18. And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, Let me go, I beseech you, and return to my brothers who are in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

19. And the Lord said to Moses in Midian, Go, return to Egypt; for all the men are dead who sought your life.

20. And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt; and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

21. And the Lord said to Moses, When you go to return to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in your hand; but I will harden his heart, so that he shall not let the people go.

22. And you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus said the Lord, Israel is my son, my firstborn;
23. And I say to you, Let my son go, that he may serve me; and if you refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay your son, your firstborn.

24. And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him, and sought to kill him.

25. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and threw it at his feet, and said, Surely a bridegroom of blood are you to me.

26. So he let him go; then she said, A bridegroom of blood you are, because of the circumcision.

27. And the Lord said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

28. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

29. And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel;

30. And Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken to Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.
31. And the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the people of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.
1. And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast for me in the wilderness.

2. And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, nor will I let Israel go.

3. And they said, The God of the Hebrews has met with us; let us go, we pray you, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice to the Lord our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

4. And the king of Egypt said to them, Why do you, Moses and Aaron, take the people from their works? Go you to your burdens.

5. And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and you make them rest from their burdens.

6. And Pharaoh commanded the same day the task masters of the people, and their officers, saying,

7. You shall no more give the people straw to make bricks, as till now; let them go and gather straw for themselves.
8. And the quantity of the bricks, which they did make till now, you shall lay upon them; you shall not diminish nothing of it; for they are idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.

9. Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labor in it; and let them not regard vain words.

10. And the task masters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spoke to the people, saying, Thus said Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.

11. Go, get straw where you can find it; yet nothing of your work shall be diminished.

12. So the people scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.

13. And the task masters hurried them, saying, Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw.

14. And the officials of the people of Israel, which Pharaoh's task masters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Why have you not fulfilled your task in making bricks both yesterday and today, as till now?

15. Then the officers of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, saying, Why do you deal thus with your servants?
16. There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, Make bricks; and, behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own people.

17. But he said, You are idle, you are idle; therefore you say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the Lord.

18. Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall you deliver the quantity of bricks.

19. And the officers of the people of Israel saw that they were in evil plight, after it was said, You shall not diminish nothing from your bricks of your daily task.

20. And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh;

21. And they said to them, The Lord look upon you, and judge; because you have made us loathsome in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.

22. And Moses returned to the Lord, and said, Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why have you sent me?

23. For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have you saved your people at all.
1. And the Lord said to Moses, Now shall you see what I will do to Pharaoh; for
with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive
them out of his land.

2. And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, I am the Lord;

3. And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, by the name of God
Almighty, but by my name The Lord was I not known to them.

4. And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of
Canaan, the land of their sojourning, in which they sojourned.

5. And I have also heard the groaning of the people of Israel, whom the
Egyptians keep in slavery; and I have remembered my covenant.

6. Therefore say to the people of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out
from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you from their slavery,
and I will redeem you with a outstretched arm, and with great judgments;

7. And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you
shall know that I am the Lord your God, who brings you out from under the
burdens of the Egyptians.
8. And I will bring you in to the land, concerning which I swore to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it to you for a heritage; I am the Lord.

9. And Moses spoke so to the people of Israel; but they listened not to Moses because of their anguished spirit, and because of the cruel slavery.

10. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

11. Go, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the people of Israel go out of his land.

12. And Moses spoke before the Lord, saying, Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips?

13. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the people of Israel, and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14. These are the chiefs of their fathers' houses; The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben.
15. And the sons of Shimeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Saul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Shimeon.

16. And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kehath, and Merari; and the years of the life of Levi were a hundred and thirty seven years.

17. The sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimei, according to their families.

18. And the sons of Kehath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel; and the years of the life of Kehath were a hundred and thirty three years.

19. And the sons of Merari; Mahli and Mushi; these are the families of Levi according to their generations.

20. And Amram took Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the years of the life of Amram were a hundred and thirty seven years.

21. And the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

22. And the sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Sithri.
23. And Aaron took him Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Nahshon, to wife; and she bore him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

24. And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these are the families of the Korahites.

25. And Eleazar Aaron's son took one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bore him Phinehas; these are the chiefs of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

26. These are Aaron and Moses, to whom the Lord said, Bring out the people of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts.

27. These are those who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the people of Israel from Egypt; these are Moses and Aaron.

28. And it came to pass on the day when the Lord spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,

29. That the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, I am the Lord; speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you.

30. And Moses said before the Lord, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh listen to me?
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1. And the Lord said to Moses, See, I have made you a god to Pharaoh; and
Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.

2. You shall speak all that I command you; and Aaron your brother shall speak
to Pharaoh, that he send the people of Israel out of his land.

3. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in
the land of Egypt.

4. But Pharaoh shall not listen to you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and
bring forth my armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of
Egypt by great judgments.

5. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch forth my
hand upon Egypt, and bring out the people of Israel from among them.

6. And Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded them, so did they.

7. And Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty three years old, when they
spoke to Pharaoh.

8. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
9. When Pharaoh shall speak to you, saying, Show a miracle; then you shall say to Aaron, Take your rod, and throw it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.

10. And Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh, and they did as the Lord had commanded; and Aaron threw down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

12. For they threw down every man his rod, and they became serpents; but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13. And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he listened not to them; as the Lord had said.

14. And the Lord said to Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuses to let the people go.

15. Go to Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goes out to the water; and you shall stand by the river's brink until he comes; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shall you take in your hand.
16. And you shall say to him, The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness; and, behold, till now you would not hear.

17. Thus said the Lord, In this you shall know that I am the Lord; behold, I will strike with the rod that is in my hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

18. And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink water of the river.

19. And the Lord spoke to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your rod, and stretch out your hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in utensils of wood, and in utensils of stone.

20. And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

21. And the fish that were in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.
22. And the magicians of Egypt did likewise with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, nor did he listen to them; as the Lord had said.

23. And Pharaoh turned and went to his house, nor did he set his heart to this.

24. And all the Egyptians dug around the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25. And seven days were completed, after that the Lord had struck the river.

26. And the Lord spoke to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus said the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

27. And if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will plague all your borders with frogs;

28. And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, and into your bed chamber, and upon your bed, and into the house of your servants, and upon your people, and into your ovens, and into your kneading troughs;

29. And the frogs shall come up both on you, and upon your people, and upon all your servants.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch forth your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

2. And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

3. And the magicians did likewise with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

4. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Entreat the Lord, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice to the Lord.

5. And Moses said to Pharaoh, Command me when shall I entreat for you, and for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, that they may remain in the river only.

6. And he said, Tomorrow. And he said, Be it according to your word; that you may know that there is no one like the Lord our God.

7. And the frogs shall depart from you, from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people; they shall remain in the river only.
8. And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh; and Moses cried to the Lord because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.

9. And the Lord did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died in the houses, in the villages, and in the fields.

10. And they gathered them together upon heaps; and the land stank.

11. But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and listened not to them; as the Lord had said.

12. And the Lord said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

13. And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

14. And the magicians did likewise with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not; so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

15. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, This is the finger of God; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he listened not to them; as the Lord had said.
16. And the Lord said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he comes forth to the water; and say to him, Thus said the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

17. Else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon you, and upon your servants, and upon your people, and into your houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they are.

18. And I will set apart in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end that you may know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth.

19. And I will put a division between my people and your people; tomorrow shall this sign be.

20. And the Lord did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt; the land was devastated because of the swarm of flies.

21. And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go, sacrifice to your God in the land.

22. And Moses said, It is not proper to do so; for we shall sacrifice to the Lord our God what is abomination for the Egyptians. Shall we sacrifice what is abomination for the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?
23. We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the Lord our God, as he shall command us.

24. And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away; entreat for me.

25. And Moses said, Behold, I go out from you, and I will entreat the Lord that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow; but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the Lord.

26. And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the Lord.

27. And the Lord did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

28. And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.
1. Then the Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus said the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2. For if you refuse to let them go, and will hold them still,

3. Behold, the hand of the Lord is upon your cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep; there shall be a very grievous plague.

4. And the Lord shall separate between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt; and nothing shall die of all that is the children's of Israel.

5. And the Lord appointed a set time, saying, Tomorrow the Lord shall do this thing in the land.

6. And the Lord did that thing in the morning, and all the cattle of Egypt died; but of the cattle of the people of Israel died not one.

7. And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the people of Israel dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.
8. And the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron, Take handfuls of ashes from the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

9. And it shall become fine dust in all the land of Egypt, and boils shall break out with sores upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

10. And they took ashes from the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became boils breaking out with sores upon man, and upon beast.

11. And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for boils were on the magicians, and on all the Egyptians.

12. And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he listened not to them; as the Lord had spoken to Moses.

13. And the Lord said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus said the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

14. For I will at this time send all my plagues upon your heart, and upon your servants, and upon your people; that you may know that there is no one like me in all the earth.
15. For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may strike you and your people with pestilence; and you shall be cut off from the earth.

16. And in very deed for this cause have I raised you up, to show in you my power; and that my name may be proclaimed throughout all the earth.

17. If you still exalt yourself against my people, that you will not let them go,

18. Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause to rain a very severe hail, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now.

19. Send therefore now, and gather your cattle, and all that you have in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

20. He who feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses;

21. And he who regarded not the word of the Lord left his servants and his cattle in the field.

22. And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.
23. And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

24. So there was hail, and fire mixed with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25. And the hail struck throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field, and broke every tree of the field.

26. Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, was there no hail.

27. And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, I have sinned this time; the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28. Entreat the Lord, for it is enough, that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.

29. And Moses said to him, As soon as I am gone from the city, I will spread out my hands to the Lord; and the thunder shall cease, nor shall there be any more hail; that you may know that the earth is the Lord's.
30. But as for you and your servants, I know that you still do not fear the Lord God.

31. And the flax and the barley were ruined; for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was bud.

32. But the wheat and the spelt were not ruined; for they were late ripening.

33. And Moses went out from the city, from Pharaoh, and spread out his hands to the Lord; and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was no longer poured upon the earth.

34. And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders had ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, nor would he let the people of Israel go; as the Lord had spoken by Moses.
1. And the Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might show these my signs before him;

2. And that you may tell in the ears of your son, and of your grandson, what things I have done in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that you may know that I am the Lord.

3. And Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and said to him, Thus said the Lord God of the Hebrews, How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me.

4. Else, if you refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow will I bring the locusts into your border;

5. And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth; and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remains to you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which grows for you out of the field;

6. And they shall fill your houses, and the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither your fathers, nor your grandfathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth to this day. And he turned, and went out from Pharaoh.
7. And Pharaoh's servants said to him, How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God; Do you not know yet that Egypt is destroyed?

8. And Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh; and he said to them, Go, serve the Lord your God, but who are they who shall go?

9. And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast for the Lord.

10. And he said to them, Let the Lord be with you, if I will let you go, and your little ones. Look, evil is before you.

11. Not so, go now you who are men, and serve the Lord; for that is what you desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12. And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, all that the hail has left.

13. And Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.
14. And the locusts went over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the borders of Egypt; very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, nor after them shall be such.

15. For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left; and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

16. Then Pharaoh called hurriedly for Moses and Aaron; and he said, I have sinned against the Lord your God, and against you.

17. Now therefore forgive, I beg you, my sin only this once, and entreat the Lord your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

18. And he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the Lord.

19. And the Lord turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and threw them into the Red Sea; there remained not one locust in all the borders of Egypt.

20. But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the people of Israel go.
21. And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may be felt.

22. And Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days;

23. They saw not one another, nor any rose from his place for three days; but all the people of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24. And Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, Go, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds stay; let your little ones also go with you.

25. And Moses said, You must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.

26. Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not a hoof be left behind; for we must take it to serve the Lord our God; and we know not with what we must serve the Lord, until we come there.

27. But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

28. And Pharaoh said to him, Get out from me, take heed to yourself, see my face no more; for the day you see my face you shall die.
29. And Moses said, You have spoken well, I will see your face again no more.
1. And the Lord said to Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go from here; when he shall let you go, he shall certainly thrust you out from here altogether.

2. Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow from his neighbor, and every woman from her neighbor, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.

3. And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

4. And Moses said, Thus said the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt;

5. And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the maidservant who is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

6. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.
7. But against any of the people of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast; that you may know that the Lord does put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

8. And all these your servants shall come down to me, and bow down themselves to me, saying, Get out, and all the people who follow you; and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in great anger.

9. And the Lord said to Moses, Pharaoh shall not listen to you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

10. And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the people of Israel go out of his land.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2. This month shall be to you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

3. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for a house;

4. And if the household is too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the souls; according to every man's eating shall you make your count for the lamb.

5. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year; you shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats;

6. And you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

7. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, in which they shall eat it.
8. And they shall eat the meat in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9. Eat it not raw, nor boil with water, but roast it with fire; its head with its legs, and with its inner parts.

10. And you shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire.

11. And thus shall you eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

12. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment; I am the Lord.

13. And the blood shall be to you for a sign upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

14. And this day shall be to you for a memorial; and you shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.
15. Seven days shall you eat unleavened bread; the first day you shall put away leaven out of your houses; for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

16. And in the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation to you; no kind of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, only that may be done by you.

17. And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for in this same day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt; therefore shall you observe this day in your generations by an ordinance forever.

18. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty first day of the month at evening.

19. Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats that which is leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger, or born in the land.

20. You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall you eat unleavened bread.

21. Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, Draw out and take a lamb according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb.
22. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out from the door of his house until the morning.

23. For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when he sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not let the destroyer come into your houses to strike you.

24. And you shall observe this thing for an ordinance to you and to your sons forever.

25. And it shall come to pass, when you come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he has promised, that you shall keep this service.

26. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say to you, What do you mean by this service?

27. That you shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, who passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians, and saved our houses. And the people bowed their heads and worshipped.

28. And the people of Israel went away, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.
29. And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

31. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as you have said.

32. Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

33. And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We shall all be dead men.

34. And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

35. And the people of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed from the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and garments;
36. And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent them such things as they required. And they carried away the wealth of the Egyptians.

37. And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot, who were men, beside children.

38. And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, and very many cattle.

39. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not remain, neither had they prepared for themselves any provision.

40. Now the sojourning of the people of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

41. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even on that very day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.

42. It is a night of watchfulness to the Lord for bringing them out of the land of Egypt. This is a night of watching kept to the Lord by all the people of Israel throughout their generations.
43. And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the Passover; No stranger shall eat of it:

44. But every man's servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then shall he eat of it.

45. A foreigner and a hired servant shall not eat of it.

46. In one house shall it be eaten; you shall not carry anything of the meat out of the house; neither shall you break a bone of it.

47. All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

48. And when a stranger shall sojourn with you, and will keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one who is born in the land; for no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

49. One law shall be for him who is native born, and for the stranger who sojourns among you.

50. Thus did all the people of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

51. And it came to pass the same day, that the Lord did bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Sanctify to me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast; it is mine.

3. And Moses said to the people, Remember this day, in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place; there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

4. This day came you out in the month Abib.

5. And it shall be when the Lord shall bring you into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month.

6. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the Lord.

7. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with you, neither shall there be leaven seen with you in all your quarters.
8. And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the Lord did to me when I came forth out of Egypt.

9. And it shall be for a sign to you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that the Lord's Torah may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand has the Lord brought you out of Egypt.

10. You shall therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

11. And it shall be when the Lord shall bring you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and to your fathers, and shall give it to you,

12. That you shall set apart to the Lord all that opens the matrix, and every firstling that comes of a beast which you have; the males shall be the Lord's.

13. And every firstling of an ass you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break his neck; and all the firstborn of man among your children shall you redeem.

14. And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, What is this? that you shall say to him, By strength of hand the Lord brought us out from Egypt, from the house of slavery;
15. And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the Lord slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast; therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all that opens the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.

16. And it shall be for a sign upon your hand, and for frontlets between your eyes; for by strength of hand the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt.

17. And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest perhaps the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt;

18. But God led the people around, through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea; and the people of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt.

19. And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him; for he had solemnly sworn the people of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and you shall carry up my bones from here with you.

20. And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.
21. And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night;

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22. He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal-Zephon; before it shall you encamp by the sea.

3. For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness has closed them in.

4. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honored over Pharaoh, and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord. And they did so.

5. And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

6. And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him;

7. And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.
8. And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the people of Israel; and the people of Israel went out with a high hand.

9. But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baal-Zephon.

10. And when Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were very afraid; and the people of Israel cried out to the Lord.

11. And they said to Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? why have you dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

12. Is not this the word that we did tell you in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

13. And Moses said to the people, Do not fear, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall never see them again.

14. The Lord shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.
15. And the Lord said to Moses, Why do you cry to me? Speak to the people of Israel, that they go forward;

16. And lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it; and the people of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

17. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them; and I will get honor over Pharaoh, and over all his army, over his chariots, and over his horsemen.

18. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten honor over Pharaoh, over his chariots, and over his horsemen.

19. And the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them;

20. And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these; so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.
22. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground; and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand, and on their left.

23. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked to the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and brought confusion to the army of the Egyptians.

25. And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove heavily; so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.

26. And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled towards it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.
29. But the people of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand, and on their left.

30. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

31. And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians; and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses.
1. Then sang Moses and the people of Israel this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying, I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider has he thrown into the sea.

2. The Lord is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation; he is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3. The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.

4. Pharaoh's chariots and his army has he thrown into the sea; his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

5. The depths have covered them; they sank to the bottom as a stone.

6. Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power; your right hand, O Lord, has dashed in pieces the enemy.

7. And in the greatness of your excellency you have overthrown those that rose up against you; you sent forth your anger, which consumed them as stubble.

8. And with the blast of your nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.
9. The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the plunder; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

10. You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

11. Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? who is like you, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

12. You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them.

13. You in your mercy have led forth the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them in your strength to your holy habitation.

14. The people shall hear, and be afraid; sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.

15. Then the chiefs of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

16. Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of your arm they shall be as still as a stone; till your people pass over, O Lord, till the people pass over, whom you have purchased.
17. You shall bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of your inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which you have made for you to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

18. The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

19. For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the people of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

20. And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines, dancing.

21. And Miriam answered them, Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider has he thrown into the sea.

22. So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23. And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore its name was called Marah.

24. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?
25. And he cried to the Lord; and the Lord showed him a tree, which when he threw into the waters, and made the waters sweet; there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he tested them,

26. And said, If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and will do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon you, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that heals you.

27. And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and seventy palm trees; and they encamped there by the waters.
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1. And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness;

3. And the people of Israel said to them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for you have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4. Then said the Lord to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my Torah, or not.

5. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6. And Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, At evening, then you shall know that the Lord has brought you out from the land of Egypt;
7. And in the morning, then you shall see the glory of the Lord; when he hears your murmurings against the Lord; and what are we, that you murmur against us?

8. And Moses said, This shall be, when the Lord shall give you in the evening meat to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the Lord hears your murmurings which you murmur against him; and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord.

9. And Moses spoke to Aaron, Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, Come near before the Lord; for he has heard your murmurings.

10. And it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

11. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

12. I have heard the murmurings of the people of Israel; speak to them, saying, At evening you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God.

13. And it came to pass, that at evening the quails came up, and covered the camp; and in the morning the dew lay around the camp.
14. And when the dew that lay was gone, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as hoarfrost on the ground.

15. And when the people of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna; for they knew not what it was. And Moses said to them, This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.

16. This is the thing which the Lord has commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons, whom each of you has in his tent;

17. And the people of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

18. And when they did measure it with an omer, he who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

19. And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20. However they listened not to Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank; and Moses was angry with them.

21. And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating; and when the sun became hot, it melted.
22. And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man; and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

23. And he said to them, This is what the Lord has said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath to the Lord; bake that which you will bake today, and boil what you will boil today; and that which remains over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

24. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade; and it did not stink, neither was there any worm in it.

25. And Moses said, Eat that today; for today is a sabbath to the Lord; today you shall not find it in the field.

26. Six days you shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

27. And it came to pass, that some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, and they found none.

28. And the Lord said to Moses, How long refuse you to keep my commandments and my laws?
29. See, because the Lord has given you the sabbath, therefore he gives you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide you every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

30. So the people rested on the seventh day.

31. And the house of Israel called its name Manna; and it was like coriander seed, white; and its taste was like wafers made with honey.

32. And Moses said, This is what the Lord commands, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread with which I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out from the land of Egypt.

33. And Moses said to Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna in it, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept.

34. As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

35. And the people of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they ate manna, until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan.

36. And an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.
1. And all the congregation of the people of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped in Rephidim; and there was no water for the people to drink.

2. Therefore the people complained to Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why do you strive with me? why do you tempt the Lord?

3. And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Why have you brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

4. And Moses cried to the Lord, saying, What shall I do to this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

5. And the Lord said to Moses, Go on before the people, and take with you of the elders of Israel; and your rod, with which you struck the river, take in your hand, and go.

6. Behold, I will stand before you there upon the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
7. And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the people of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us, or not?

8. Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9. And Moses said to Joshua, Choose for us men, and go out, fight with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.

10. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
14. And the Lord said to Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and recite it in the ears of Joshua; for I will completely put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15. And Moses built an altar, and called its name Adonai-Nissi;

16. For he said, Because the Lord has sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.
1. When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt;

2. Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,

3. And her two sons; and the name of one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land;

4. And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was my help, and saved me from the sword of Pharaoh;

5. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God;

6. And he said to Moses, I your father-in-law Jethro have come to you, and your wife, and her two sons with her.

7. And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other about their welfare; and they came into the tent.
8. And Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to
the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the hardship that had come upon them by
the way, and how the Lord saved them.

9. And Jethro rejoiced because of all the goodness which the Lord had done to
Israel, whom he had delivered from the hand of the Egyptians.

10. And Jethro said, Blessed be the Lord, who has saved you from the hand of
the Egyptians, and from the hand of Pharaoh, who has saved the people from
under the hand of the Egyptians.

11. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods; for in the thing where
they dealt proudly he was above them.

12. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for
God; and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses'
father-in-law before God.

13. And it came to pass on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people, and
the people stood by Moses from the morning to the evening.

14. And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said,
What is this thing that you do to the people? Why do you sit by yourself alone,
and all the people stand by you from morning to evening?
15. And Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God;

16. When they have a matter, they come to me; and I judge between one and another, and I make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

17. And Moses’ father-in-law said to him, The thing that you do is not good.

18. You will certainly wear away, both you, and this people who are with you; for this thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it yourself alone.

19. Listen now to my voice, I will give you counsel, and God shall be with you; Represent the people before God, that you may bring the causes to God;

20. And you shall teach them ordinances and laws, and shall show them the way where they must walk, and the work that they must do.

21. And you shall choose out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens;
22. And let them judge the people at all seasons; and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge; so it shall be easier for yourself, and they shall bear the burden with you.

23. If you shall do this thing, and God command you so, then you shall be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24. So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.

25. And Moses chose able men from all Israel, and made them chiefs over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26. And they judged the people at all seasons; the difficult causes they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27. And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way to his own land.
Exodus Chapter 19

1. In the third month, when the people of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

2. For they had departed from Rephidim, and had come to the desert of Sinai, and had camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3. And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel;

4. You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself.

5. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own treasure among all peoples; for all the earth is mine;

6. And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the people of Israel.

7. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him.
8. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people to the Lord.

9. And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever. And Moses told the words of the people to the Lord.

10. And the Lord said to Moses, Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,

11. And be ready by the third day; for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai.

12. And you shall set bounds to the people around, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that you go not up into the mount, or touch its border; whoever touches the mount shall be surely put to death.

13. There shall not a hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mount.

14. And Moses went down from the mount to the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.
15. And he said to the people, Be ready by the third day; do not come near a woman.

16. And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the sound of a shofar exceedingly loud; so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

17. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the lower part of the mount.

18. And Mount Sinai was altogether in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount trembled greatly.

19. And when the voice of the shofar sounded long, and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice.

20. And the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mount; and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

21. And the Lord said to Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through to the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish.

22. And let the priests also, who come near the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them.
23. And Moses said to the Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai; for you charged us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

24. And the Lord said to him, Go, get you down, and you shall come up, you, and Aaron with you; but let not the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest he break forth upon them.

25. So Moses went down to the people, and spoke to them.
1. And God spoke all these words, saying,

ב. אנכי ידעת אלוהים אהב ההתח +%ף שאר מบาคาร่าים מבית אברים.

2. I am the Lord your God, who have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

ג. לא-יודו לכם אלהים אתחם עצים.

3. You shall have no other gods before me.

ד. לא-תשא להם כל כל-חומות אין בשפם ממשל וארך ימות יושב.

4. You shall not make for you any engraved image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

ה. לא-תषא להם כל כל-חומות כיージיית ים אלוהים כל שמו פיך חוף ים.

5. You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

ו. ורשא חס יחס לאלפים לאותם י知名ים מצות.

6. And showing mercy to thousands of those who love me, and keep my commandments.

ל. לא-תשה יאש-שם ידעת אלהים לשות כי לא בקיח יוהי את אבר-ישא יאש-шедш.

7. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

מ. וודו את-ים ושת אל-ים.

8. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
9. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work;

10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates;

11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and made it holy.

12. Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.


14. You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is your neighbor's.

15. And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they were shaken, and stood far away.
16. And they said to Moses, Speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

17. And Moses said to the people, Fear not; for God has come to test you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that you sin not.

18. And the people stood far away, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

19. And the Lord said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the people of Israel, You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

20. You shall not make with me gods of silver, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold.

21. An altar of earth you shall make to me, and shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings, and your peace offerings, your sheep, and your oxen; in all places where I cause my name to be pronounced I will come to you, and I will bless you.

22. And if you will make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of a cut stone; for if you lift up your tool upon it, you have polluted it.

23. Neither shall you go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed there.
1. And these are the judgments which you shall set before them.

2. If you buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve; and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing.

3. If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he was married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4. If his master has given him a wife, and she has born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.

5. And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free;

6. Then his master shall bring him to the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or to the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

7. And if a man sells his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.
8. If she pleases not her master, who has designated her for himself, then shall he let her be redeemed; to sell her to a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he has dealt deceitfully with her.

9. And if he has betrothed her to his son, he shall deal with her as with a daughter.

10. If he takes for himself another wife; her food, her garment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish.

11. And if he does not do these three things to her, then shall she go out free without payment of money.

12. He who strikes a man, so that he dies, shall be surely put to death.

13. And if a man lies not in wait, but God delivers him into his hand; then I will appoint you a place where he shall flee.

14. But if a man comes wilfully upon his neighbor, to slay him treacherously; you shall take him from my altar, that he may die.

15. And he who strikes his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

16. And he who steals a man, and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.
17. And he who curses his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18. And if men quarrel together, and one strikes another with a stone, or with his fist, and he dies not, but keeps to his bed;

19. If he rises again, and walks out with his staff, then shall he who struck him be acquitted; only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

20. And if a man strikes his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he dies under his hand; he shall be surely punished.

21. However, if he survives a day or two, he shall not be punished, for he is his money.

22. If men quarrel, and hurt a pregnant woman, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no further harm follows; he shall be surely punished, according to what the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

23. And if any further harm follows, then you shall give life for life,

24. Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25. Burning for burning, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.
26. And if a man strikes the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, and destroys it; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake.

27. And if he strikes out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

28. If an ox gores a man or a woman, that they die; then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be acquitted.

29. But if the ox was wont to gore with its horn in times past, and its owner had been warned, and he has not kept it in, but it has killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death.

30. If ransom be laid on him, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is laid upon him.

31. Whether it has gored a son, or has gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done to it.

32. If the ox shall gore a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33. And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass falls in it;
34. The owner of the pit shall make it good, and give money to its owner; and the dead beast shall be his.

35. And if one man's ox hurts another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide its money; and the dead ox also they shall divide.

36. Or if it is known that the ox used to gore in times past, and its owner has not kept it in; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

37. If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.
1. If a thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall no blood be shed for him.

2. If the sun has risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution; if he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

3. If the theft be at all found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.

4. If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

5. If fire breaks out, and catches in thorns, so that the stacks of grain, or the standing grain, or the field, be consumed with it; he who kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

6. If a man shall deliver to his neighbor money or utensils to keep, and it is stolen from the man's house; if the thief is found, let him pay double.

7. If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought to the judges, to see whether he has put his hand to his neighbor's goods.
8. For every kind of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for garment, or for any kind of lost thing, which another challenges to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double to his neighbor.

9. If a man delivers to his neighbor an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it dies, or is hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it;

10. Then shall an oath of the Lord be between them both, that he has not put his hand to his neighbor's goods; and its owner shall accept this, and he shall not make it good.

11. And if it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner.

12. If it is torn in pieces, then let him bring it for witness, and he shall not make good that which was torn.

13. And if a man borrows anything from his neighbor, and it is hurt, or dies, its owner being not with it, he shall surely make it good.

14. But if its owner is with it, he shall not make it good; if it is a hired thing, it came for his hire.

15. And if a man seduces a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, he shall pay the bride's dowry, and make her his wife.
16. If her father refuses absolutely to give her to him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

17. You shall not suffer a witch to live.

18. Whoever lies with a beast shall surely be put to death.

19. He who sacrifices to any god, except only to the Lord, he shall be completely destroyed.

20. You shall not wrong a stranger, nor oppress him; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

21. You shall not afflict any widow, or orphaned child.

22. If you afflict them in any wise, and they cry to me, I will surely hear their cry;

23. And my anger shall burn hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children orphans.

24. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be a creditor to him, nor shall you lay upon him interest.
25. If you take your neighbor’s garment as a pledge, you shall deliver it to him by sundown;

26. For that is his only covering, it is the garment for his skin; Where shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he cries to me, that I will hear; for I am compassionate.

27. You shall not revile the judges, nor curse the ruler of your people.

28. You shall not delay to offer the first of your ripe fruits, and of your liquors; the firstborn of your sons shall you give to me.

29. Likewise shall you do with your oxen, and with your sheep; seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day you shall give it to me.

30. And you shall be holy men to me; nor shall you eat any flesh that is torn of beasts in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.
Exodus Chapter 23

1. You shall not raise a false report; put not your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

2. You shall not follow a multitude to do evil; nor shall you speak in a cause to incline a multitude to pervert justice;

3. Nor shall you favor a poor man in his cause.

4. If you meet your enemy's ox or his ass going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again.

5. If you see the ass of one who hates you lying under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving it with him, you shall help him to lift it up.

6. You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his cause.

7. Keep far from a false matter; and do not slay the innocent and righteous; for I will not justify the wicked.

8. And you shall take no bribe; for the bribe blinds the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous.

9. Also you shall not oppress a stranger; for you know the heart of a stranger, seeing you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
10. And six years you shall sow your land, and shall gather in its fruits.

11. But the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie still; that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner you shall deal with your vineyard, and with your olive trees.

12. Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your ass may rest, and the son of your maidservant, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

13. And be mindful of all the things that I have said to you; and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard from your mouth.

14. Three times you shall keep a feast to me in the year.

15. You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread; you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, in the time appointed in the month Abib; for in it you came out from Egypt; and none shall appear before me empty;

16. And the Feast of Harvest, the first fruits of your labors, which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of Ingathering, which is at the end of the year, when you have gathered in your labors from the field.

17. Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord God.
18. You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; nor shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

19. The first of the first fruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

20. Behold, I send an Angel before you, to keep you in the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

21. Take heed of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions; for my name is in him.

22. But if you shall indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and an adversary to your adversaries.

23. For my Angel shall go before you, and bring you in to the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off.

24. You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works; but you shall completely overthrow them, and break down their images in pieces.

25. And you shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless your bread, and your water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of you.
26. None shall miscarry, nor be barren, in your land; the number of your days I will fulfil.

27. I will send my fear before you, and will destroy all the people to whom you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.

28. And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before you.

29. I will not drive them out from before you in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against you.

30. Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you are increased, and inherit the land.

31. And I will set your bounds from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the desert to the river; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and you shall drive them out before you.

32. You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33. They shall not live in your land, lest they make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.
1. And he said to Moses, Come up to the Lord, you, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship from far away.

2. And Moses alone shall come near the Lord; but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him.

3. And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord has said will we do.

4. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord.

6. And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7. And he took the Book of the Covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, All that the Lord has said will we do, and obey.
8. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you concerning all these words.

9. Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel;

10. And they saw the God of Israel; and there was under his feet a kind of paved work of a sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.

11. And upon the nobles of the people of Israel he laid not his hand; also they saw God, and ate and drank.

12. And the Lord said to Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the Torah, and commandments which I have written; that you may teach them.

13. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua; and Moses went up into the mount of God.

14. And he said to the elders, Wait here for us, until we come again to you; and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; if any man have any matters, let him come to them.

15. And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.
16. And the glory of the Lord abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and the seventh day he called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

17. And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the people of Israel.

18. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mount; and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, that they bring me an offering; from every man that gives it willingly with his heart you shall take my offering.

3. And this is the offering which you shall take from them; gold, and silver, and bronze,

4. And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

5. And rams' skins dyed red, and goats' skins, and shittim wood,

6. Oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

7. Onyx stones, and stones to be set on the ephod, and on the breastplate.

8. And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

9. According to all that I show you, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all its utensils, so shall you make it.
10. And they shall make an ark of shittim wood; two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height.

11. And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and shall make upon it a rim of gold around it.

12. And you shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners; and two rings shall be in one of its sides, and two rings in its other side.

13. And you shall make poles of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

14. And you shall put the poles into the rings by the sides of the ark, so that the ark may be carried with them.

15. The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

16. And you shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

17. And you shall make a cover of pure gold; two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth.

18. And you shall make two Cherubim of gold, of hammered workmanship shall you make them, in the two ends of the cover.
19. And make one Cherub on one end, and the other Cherub on the other end; of the cover shall you make the Cherubim on its two ends.

20. And the Cherubim shall stretch out their wings on high, covering the cover with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the cover shall the faces of the Cherubim be.

21. And you shall put the cover upon the ark; and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you.

22. And there I will meet with you, and I will talk with you from above the cover, from between the two Cherubim which are upon the ark of the Testimony, of all things which I will give you in commandment to the people of Israel.

23. You shall also make a table of shittim wood; two cubits shall be its length, and a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height.

24. And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make for it a rim of gold around it.

25. And you shall make for it a border, one hand breadth wide, and you shall make a golden rim around its border.
26. And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on its four feet.

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27. Opposite the border shall the rings be as places for the poles to carry the table.

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28. And you shall make the poles of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them.

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29. And you shall make its dishes, and its spoons, and its covers, and its bowls, to cover it with; of pure gold shall you make them.

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30. And you shall set the bread of display upon the table before me always.

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31. And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold; of hammered workmanship shall the lampstand be made; its shaft, and its branches, its bowls, its bulbs, and its flowers, shall be of the same.

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32. And six branches shall come from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from the one side, and three branches of the lampstand from the other side;

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33. Three bowls made like almonds, with a bulb and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a bulb and a flower; so for the six branches that come from the lampstand.
34. And in the lampstand shall be four bowls made in the shape of almonds, with their bulbs and their flowers.

35. And there shall be a bulb under two branches of the same, and a bulb under two branches of the same, and a bulb under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed from the lampstand.

36. Their bulbs and their branches shall be of the same; it shall all be one hammered work of pure gold.

37. And you shall make for it seven lamps; and they shall light its lamps, that they may give light opposite it.

38. And its tongs, and its trays, shall be of pure gold.

39. Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these utensils.

40. And see that you make them after their pattern, which was shown to you in the mount.
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1. And you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet; with Cherubim of skilful work shall you make them.

2. The length of one curtain shall be twenty eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits; and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

3. The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another.

4. And you shall make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain that is at the edge of the first coupling; and likewise shall you make in the uttermost edge of the curtain, that is outmost in the second coupling.

5. Fifty loops shall you make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shall you make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another.

6. And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps; and it shall be one tabernacle.

7. And you shall make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle; eleven curtains shall you make.
8. The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits; and the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure.

9. And you shall couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shall double the sixth curtain at the front of the Tent.

10. And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which couples the second.

11. And you shall make fifty clasps of bronze, and put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.

12. And the remnant that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle.

13. And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remains in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the Tent on this side and on that side, to cover it.

14. And you shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of goats' skins.

15. And you shall make upright boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood.
16. Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.

17. Two tenons shall there be in one board, connected one with the other; thus shall you make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18. And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.

19. And you shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

20. And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards;

21. And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

22. And for the sides of the tabernacle westward you shall make six boards.

23. And two boards shall you make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.
24. And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above its head to one ring; thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

25. And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

26. And you shall make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

27. And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.

28. And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end.

29. And you shall overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold.

30. And you shall erect the tabernacle according to its fashion, which was shown to you in the mount.

31. And you shall make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of skilful work; with Cherubim shall it be made;
32. And you shall hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold; their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

33. And you shall hang up the veil from the clasps, that you may bring in there inside the veil the ark of the Testimony; and the veil shall separate for you between the holy place and the Most Holy.

34. And you shall put the covering upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy place.

35. And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

36. And you shall make a screen for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, decorated with embroidery.

37. And you shall make for the screen five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold; and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.
1. And you shall make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be square; and its height shall be three cubits.

2. And you shall make it horns upon its four corners; its horns shall be of the same; and you shall overlay it with bronze.

3. And you shall make pans to receive its ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its forks, and its firepans; all its utensils you shall make of bronze.

4. And you shall make for it a grating, a network of bronze; and upon the net shall you make four bronze rings in its four corners.

5. And you shall put it under the ledge of the altar, so that the net may extend to the midst of the altar.

6. And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of shittim wood, and overlay them with bronze.

7. And the poles shall be put into the rings, and the poles shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to carry it.

8. Hollow with boards shall you make it; as it was shown to you in the mount, so shall they make it.
9. And you shall make the court of the tabernacle; for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of a hundred cubits long for one side;

10. And its twenty pillars with their twenty sockets shall be of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their joints shall be of silver.

11. And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings of a hundred cubits long, and its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their joints of silver.

12. And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits; their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

13. And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits.

14. The hangings of one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15. And on the other side shall be hangings fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16. And for the gate of the court shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, decorated with embroidery; and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four.
17. All the pillars around the court shall be bound with silver; their hooks shall
be of silver, and their sockets of bronze.

18. The length of the court shall be a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty
everywhere, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of
bronze.

19. All the utensils of the tabernacle for all its service, and all its pins, and all
the pins of the court, shall be of bronze.

20. And you shall command the people of Israel, that they bring you pure
beaten oil olive for the light, for the lamp to burn always.

21. In the Tent of Meeting outside the veil, which is before the Testimony,
Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the Lord; it
shall be a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the people of Israel.
1. And take to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, that he may minister to me in the priest's office, Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

2. And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother for glory and for beauty.

3. And you shall speak to all who are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister to me in the priest's office.

4. And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and an embroidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle; and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, and his sons, that he may minister to me in the priest's office.

5. And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

6. And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with skilful work.

7. It shall have its two shoulder pieces joined at its two edges; and so it shall be joined together.
8. And the finely done girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to its work; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9. And you shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the people of Israel;

10. Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names on the other stone, according to their birth.

11. With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shall you engrave the two stones with the names of the people of Israel; you shall make them to be set in fixtures of gold.

12. And you shall put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial to the people of Israel; and Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

13. And you shall make fixtures of gold;

14. And two chains of pure gold at the ends; twisted like cords shall you make them, and fasten the corded chains to the fixtures.
15. And you shall make the breastplate of judgment with skilful work; after the work of the ephod you shall make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shall you make it.

16. Square it shall be and double; a span shall be its length, and a span shall be its breadth.

17. And you shall set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones; the first row shall be a ruby, a topaz, and a beryl; this shall be the first row.

18. And the second row shall be an turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19. And the third row a jacinth, an agate, and a jasper.

20. And the fourth row an emerald, and an onyx, and a jade; they shall be enclosed in settings of gold.

21. And the stones shall be with the names of the people of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

22. And you shall make upon the breastplate chains, twisted like cords, of pure gold, at the end.
23. And you shall make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

24. And you shall put the two corded chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate.

25. And the other two ends of the two corded chains you shall fasten in the two fixtures, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod on its front.

26. And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in its border, which is in the inward side of the ephod.

27. And two other rings of gold you shall make, and shall put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward its front, opposite its other coupling, above the finely done girdle of the ephod.

28. And they shall bind the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the finely done girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod.

29. And Aaron shall bear the names of the people of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goes in to the holy place, for a memorial before the Lord continually.
30. And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment, the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the Lord; and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel upon his heart before the Lord continually.

31. And you shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

32. And there shall be a hole in its top, in its midst; it shall have a binding of woven work around its hole, as it were the hole of a suit of armor, so that it should not be torn.

33. And beneath upon its hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, around its hem; and bells of gold between them.

34. A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe around it.

35. And it shall be upon Aaron to minister; and his sound shall be heard when he goes in to the holy place before the Lord, and when he comes out, that he should not die.

36. And you shall make a plate of pure gold, and engrave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, "Holiness to the Lord".
37. And you shall put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the front of the mitre it shall be.

38. And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear any guilt incurred in the holy offering, which the people of Israel hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord.

39. And you shall embroider the coat of fine linen, and you shall make the mitre of fine linen, and you shall make the girdle of needlework.

40. And for Aaron's sons you shall make coats, and you shall make for them girdles, and turbans shall you make for them, for glory and for beauty.

41. And you shall put them upon Aaron your brother, and his sons with him; and shall anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office.

42. And you shall make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins to the thighs they shall reach;

43. And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in to the Tent of Meeting, or when they come near to the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die; it shall be a statute forever to him and his seed after him.
1. And this is the thing that you shall do to them to hallow them, to minister to me in the priest's office; Take one young bull, and two rams without blemish, and unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened mingled with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil; of wheat flour shall you make them.

2. And you shall put them in one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams.

3. And Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall wash them with water.

4. And you shall take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the finely done girdle of the ephod;

5. And you shall put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.

6. Then shall you take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

7. And you shall bring his sons, and put coats upon them.
9. And you shall gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the turbans on them; and the priest's office shall be theirs for an everlasting statute; and you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons.

10. And you shall cause a bull to be brought before the Tent of Meeting; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bull.

11. And you shall kill the bull before the Lord, by the door of the Tent of Meeting.

12. And you shall take of the blood of the bull, and put it upon the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

13. And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, and the appendage of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar.

14. But the flesh of the bull, and its skin, and its dung, shall you burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.

15. You shall also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

16. And you shall slay the ram, and you shall take its blood, and sprinkle it around the altar.
17. And you shall cut the ram in pieces, and wash its entrails, and its legs, and put them with its pieces, and with its head.

18. And you shall burn the whole ram upon the altar; it is a burnt offering to the Lord; it is a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to the Lord.

19. And you shall take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

20. Then shall you kill the ram, and take of its blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

21. And you shall take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him; and he shall be consecrated, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

22. Also you shall take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covers the entrails, and the appendage of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder; for it is a ram of consecration;

23. And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the Lord;
24. And you shall put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shall wave them for a wave offering before the Lord.

25. And you shall receive them from their hands, and burn them upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savor before the Lord; it is an offering made by fire to the Lord.

26. And you shall take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before the Lord; and it shall be your portion.

27. And you shall sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the offering, which is waved, and which is offered, of the ram of the consecration, of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons;

28. And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute forever from the people of Israel; for it is an offering; and it shall be an offering from the people of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, their offering to the Lord.

29. And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed in them, and to be consecrated in them.

30. And that son who is priest in his place shall put them on seven days, when he comes into the Tent of Meeting to minister in the holy place.

31. And you shall take the ram of the consecration, and boil its flesh in the holy place.
32. And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the Tent of Meeting.

33. And they shall eat those things with which the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them; but a stranger shall not eat of it, because they are holy.

34. And if any of the meat of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain to the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

35. And thus shall you do to Aaron, and to his sons, according to all things which I have commanded you; seven days shall you consecrate them.

36. And you shall offer every day a bull for a sin offering for atonement; and you shall cleanse the altar, when you have made an atonement for it, and you shall anoint it, to sanctify it.

37. Seven days you shall make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar Most Holy; whatever touches the altar shall be holy.

38. And this is what you shall offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually.

39. The one lamb you shall offer in the morning; and the other lamb you shall offer at evening;
40. And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink offering.

41. And the other lamb you shall offer at evening, and shall do to it according to the meal offering of the morning, and according to its drink offering, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to the Lord.

42. This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the Tent of Meeting before the Lord; where I will meet you, to speak there to you.

43. And there I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory.

44. And I will sanctify the Tent of Meeting, and the altar; I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

45. And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

46. And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, that brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them; I am the Lord their God.
1. And you shall make an altar to burn incense upon; of shittim wood shall you make it.

2. A cubit shall be its length, and a cubit its breadth; square shall it be; and two cubits shall be its height; its horns shall be of the same.

3. And you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top, and the sides around it, and its horns; and you shall make for it around a rim of gold.

4. And two golden rings shall you make for it under its rim, by its two corners, upon its two sides shall you make it; and they shall be holders for the carrying poles.

5. And you shall make the poles of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

6. And you shall put it before the veil that is by the ark of the Testimony, before the covering that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.

7. And Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he dresses the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.
8. And when Aaron lights the lamps at evening, he shall burn incense upon it, an everlasting incense before the Lord throughout your generations.

9. You shall offer no strange incense on it, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meal offering; nor shall you pour drink offering on it.

10. And Aaron shall make an atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements; once a year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations; it is Most Holy to the Lord.

11. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

12. When you take the census of the people of Israel according to their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul to the Lord, when you count them; that there should be no plague among them, when you count them.

13. This they shall give, every one who passes among those who are counted, half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary; a shekel is twenty gerahs; a half shekel shall be the offering of the Lord.

14. Every one who passes among those who are counted, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering to the Lord.
15. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering to the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls.

16. And you shall take the atonement money of the people of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the Tent of Meeting; that it may be a memorial to the people of Israel before the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls.

17. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

18. You shall also make a basin of bronze, and its pedestal also of bronze, to wash with; and you shall put it between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it.

19. For Aaron and his sons shall wash there their hands and their feet;

20. When they go into the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire to the Lord;

21. So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not; and it shall be a statute forever to them, to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

22. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying.
23. Take you also to you the best spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels,

24. And of cassia five hundred shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive a hin;

25. And you shall make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound according to the art of the apothecary; it shall be a holy anointing oil.

26. And you shall anoint the Tent of Meeting with it, and the ark of the Testimony,

27. And the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense,

28. And the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its pedestal.

29. And you shall sanctify them, that they may be Most Holy; whatever touches them shall be holy.

30. And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office.
31. And you shall speak to the people of Israel, saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil to me throughout your generations.

32. Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, nor shall you make any other like it, after its composition; it is holy, and it shall be holy to you.

33. Whoever compounds any like it, or whoever puts any of it upon a stranger, shall be cut off from his people.

34. And the Lord said to Moses, Take to you sweet spices, storax, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense; of each shall there be a like weight;

35. And you shall make it a perfume, a confection according to the art of the apothecary, mixed together, pure and holy;

36. And you shall beat some of it very small, and put of it before the Testimony in the Tent of Meeting, where I will meet with you; it shall be to you Most Holy.

37. And as for the perfume which you shall make, you shall not make for yourselves according to its composition; it shall be to you holy for the Lord.

38. Whoever shall make it like that, to partake of its scent, shall be cut off from his people.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

   ב. ראה כראתי בשמות בצלאל בן-אריה בן-חור ל kapsה ידונה.

2. See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

   ג. ואני אתה רוח אלוהים בבזאל וברוחו בברכה ובברכה יב髡ֶ-מלקֶמות.

3. And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all kinds of workmanship,

   ד. להקש בפשות לחשיבות באוהל ובבשורי ובבשritis.

4. To devise skilful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze,

   ה. ובחרתי אחר ליעלאת ובחרתשה עין לחששות כל-מלקמות.

5. And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all kinds of workmanship.

   ו. ואני חנה ביתך אתך את אלהים ובא-הפשות למשתך-כן וכל-הכס-לב בקחתי.

6. And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded you;

   ז. ואת אחליא אתך-אחיסאם את אלהים ובא-הפשות למשתך כל-כל-כל-כל אהולם.

7. The Tent of Meeting, and the ark of the Testimony, and the covering that is on it, and all the furniture of the Tent,

   ח. ואת החנ墉 ואת הנצאר ואת הציפה ואת השינה ואת כל-כל-כל-כל וה 대하여.

8. And the table and its furniture, and the pure lampstand with all its furniture, and the altar of incense,
9. And the altar of burnt offering with all its furniture, and the basin and its pedestal,

10. And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

11. And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place; according to all that I have commanded you shall they do.

12. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

13. Speak you also to the people of Israel, saying, Truly my sabbaths you shall keep; for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am the Lord that does sanctify you.

14. You shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy to you; every one who defiles it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work in it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

15. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord; whoever does any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

16. Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant.
17. It is a sign between me and the people of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

18. And he gave to Moses, when he finished talking with him upon Mount Sinai, two tablets of Testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.
1. And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mount, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, Arise, make us gods, which shall go before us; and as for this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what became of him.

2. And Aaron said to them, Take off the golden ear rings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them to me.

3. And all the people took off the golden ear rings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron.

4. And he received them from their hand, and fashioned with a graving tool a molten calf; and they said, These are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

5. And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord.

6. And they rose up early on the next day, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7. And the Lord said to Moses, Go down; for your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves;
8. They have turned aside quickly from the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, These are your gods, O Israel, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt.

9. And the Lord said to Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people;

10. Now therefore let me alone, that my anger may burn hot against them, and that I may consume them; and I will make of you a great nation.

11. And Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why does your anger burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

12. Therefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For an evil intent did he brought them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from your fierce anger, and repent of this evil against your people.

13. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give to your seed, and they shall inherit it forever.

14. And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people.
15. And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tablets of the Testimony were in his hand; the tablets were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

16. And the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved upon the tablets.

17. And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, There is a sound like war in the camp.

18. And he said, It is not the voice of those who shout for mastery, nor is it the voice of those who cry for being overcome; but the sound of those who sing do I hear.

19. And it came to pass, as soon as he came near to the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing; and Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets from his hands, and broke them beneath the mount.

20. And he took the calf which they had made, and burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the water, and made the people of Israel drink of it.

21. And Moses said to Aaron, What did this people to you, that you have brought so great a sin upon them?
22. And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord burn hot; you know the people, that they are set on evil.

23. For they said to me, Make us gods, which shall go before us; and as for this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what became of him.

24. And I said to them, Whoever has any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me; then I casted it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25. And when Moses saw that the people were naked; for Aaron had made them naked to their shame among their enemies;

26. Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come to me. And all the Levites gathered themselves together to him.

27. And he said to them, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.

28. And the Levites did according to the word of Moses; and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.
29. For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord, every man against his son, and against his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30. And it came to pass on the next day, that Moses said to the people, You have sinned a great sin; and now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31. And Moses returned to the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32. Yet now, if you will forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I beg you, from your book which you have written.

33. And the Lord said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against me, him will I blot from my book.

34. Therefore now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold, my Angel shall go before you; nevertheless in the day when I punish I will punish their sin upon them.

35. And the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.
1. And the Lord said to Moses, Depart, and go up, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, To your seed will I give it;

2. And I will send an angel before you; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite;

3. To a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in the midst of you; for you are a stiff-necked people; lest I consume you in the way.

4. And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned; and no man put on him his ornaments.

5. For the Lord had said to Moses, Say to the people of Israel, You are a stiff-necked people; I will come up into the midst of you in a moment, and consume you; therefore take off your ornaments from you, that I may know what to do to you.

6. And the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

7. And Moses took the Tent, and pitched it outside the camp, far away from the camp, and called it the Tent of Meeting. And it came to pass, that every one who sought the Lord went out to the Tent of Meeting, which was outside the camp.
8. And it came to pass, when Moses went out to the Tent, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the Tent.

9. And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the Tent, the pillar of cloud descended, and stood at the door of the Tent, and the Lord talked with Moses.

10. And all the people saw the pillar of cloudy stand at the Tent door; and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door.

11. And the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he turned again into the camp; but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not from the Tent.

12. And Moses said to the Lord, See, you say to me, Bring up this people; and you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, I know you by name, and you have also found grace in my sight.

13. Now therefore, I beg you, if I have found grace in your sight, show me now your way, that I may know you, that I may find grace in your sight; and consider that this nation is your people.

14. And he said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.
15. And he said to him, If your presence does not go with me, carry us not from here.

16. For where shall it be known here that I and your people have found grace in your sight? Is it not in that you go with us that we are distinct, I and your people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth?

17. And the Lord said to Moses, I will do this thing also that you have spoken; for you have found grace in my sight, and I know you by name.

18. And he said, I beg you, show me your glory.

19. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

20. And he said, You can not see my face; for no man shall see me and live.

21. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and you shall stand upon a rock;

22. And it shall come to pass, while my glory passes by, that I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with my hand while I pass by;
23. And I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.
1. And the Lord said to Moses, Cut two tablets of stone like the first; and I will write upon these tablets the words that were in the first tablets, which you broke.

2. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me in the top of the mount.

3. And no man shall come up with you, nor let any man be seen throughout all the mount; nor let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

4. And he cut two tablets of stone like to the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up to Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

5. And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord.

6. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7. Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, to the third and to the fourth generation.
8. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

9. And he said, If now I have found grace in your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I beseech you, go among us; for it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.

10. And he said, Behold, I make a covenant; before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among you shall see the work of the Lord; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.


12. Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you go, lest it be for a snare in the midst of you;

13. But you shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their Asherim.

14. For you shall worship no other god; for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God;
15. Lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go to play the harlot after their gods, and sacrifice to their gods, and one calls you, and you eat of his sacrifice;

16. And you take from their daughters to your sons, and their daughters go to play the harlot after their gods, and make your sons go to play the harlot after their gods.

17. You shall make for yourself no molten gods.

18. The Feast of Unleavened Bread shall you keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the time of the month Abib; for in the month Abib you came out from Egypt.

19. All that opens the matrix is mine; and every firstling among your cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male.

20. But the firstling of an ass you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you redeem him not, then shall you break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

21. Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing and in harvest you shall rest.

22. And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.
23. Thrice in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel.

24. For I will cast out the nations before you, and enlarge your borders; nor shall any man desire your land, when you shall go up to appear before the Lord your God thrice in the year.

25. You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; nor shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be left to the morning.

26. The first of the first fruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a kid in his mother's milk.

27. And the Lord said to Moses, Write these words; for according to these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.

28. And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

29. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of Testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses knew not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.
30. And when Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come closer to him.

31. And Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them.

32. And afterward all the people of Israel came near; and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

33. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

34. But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out. And he came out, and spoke to the people of Israel that which he was commanded.

35. And the people of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone; and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.
1. And Moses gathered all the congregation of the people of Israel together, and said to them, These are the words which the Lord has commanded, that you should do them.

2. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord; whoever does work in it shall be put to death.

3. You shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.

4. And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the people of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying,

5. Take you from among you an offering to the Lord; whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and bronze,

6. And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

7. And rams' skins dyed red, and goats' skins, and shittim wood,

8. And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense,
9. And onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breastplate.

10. And every wise hearted among you shall come, and make all that the Lord has commanded;

11. The tabernacle, its tent, and its covering, its clasps, and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets,

12. The ark, and its poles, with the covering, and the veil of the screen,

13. The table, and its poles, and all its utensils, and the bread of display.

14. The lampstand also for the light, and its furniture, and its lamps, with the oil for the light,

15. And the incense altar, and its poles, and the anointing oil, and the incense of spices, and the screen for the door at the entrance of the tabernacle,

16. The altar of burnt offering, with its bronze grating, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its pedestal,

17. The hangings of the court, its pillars, and their sockets, and the screen for the door of the court,
18. The pegs of the tabernacle, and the pegs of the court, and their cords,

כ. הבראות לכל-אזרע-בניהם כל-בראשית בתר chóng ארון ההנה-[ת] ארונות הפניהם אחז- الوزراء-

לтяמה:

19. The uniforms, to do service in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

כ. ויכא לכל-бро-בני-בניהםملابשי-

20. And all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

כ. וכאתו לכל-אזרע-בניהם כל-בראשית-

21. And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the Tent of Meeting, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

כ. ויכא לכל-אזרע-בניהם כל-בראשית-

22. And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and ear rings, and rings, and bracelets, all jewels of gold; and every man who offered offered an offering of gold to the Lord.

כ. לכל-אזרע-בניהם כל-בראשית-

23. And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and goats' skins, brought them.


24. Every one who offered an offering of silver and bronze brought the Lord's offering; and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought it.
25. And all the women who were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

26. And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair.

27. And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate;

28. And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

29. The people of Israel brought a willing offering to the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for every kind of work, which the Lord had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

30. And Moses said to the people of Israel, See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

31. And he has filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in every kind of workmanship;

32. And to devise finely done works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze,
33. And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any kind of skilful work.

34. And he has put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35. Them has he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all kinds of work, of the engraver, and of the skilful workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, of those who do any work, and of those who design artistic work.
1. Then, Bezalel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all kinds of work for the service of the sanctuary, did according to all that the Lord had commanded.

2. And Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, every one whose heart stirred him up to come to the work to do it;

3. And they received of Moses all the offering, which the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary, And they still brought to him free offerings every morning.

4. And all the wise men, that did all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

5. And they spoke to Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make.

6. And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.
7. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and more.

8. And every wise hearted man among them that did the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet; with Cherubim of skilful work made he them.

9. The length of one curtain was twenty eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits; the curtains were all of one size.

10. And he coupled the five curtains one to another; and the other five curtains he coupled one to another.

11. And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain that was at the edge of the first coupling; likewise he made in the uttermost side of another curtain, in the coupling of the second.

12. Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which was in the coupling of the second; the loops held one curtain to another.

13. And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains one to another with the clasps; so it became one tabernacle.
14. And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle; eleven curtains he made them.

15. The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits was the breadth of one curtain; the eleven curtains were of one size.

16. And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves.

17. And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which couples the second.

18. And he made fifty clasps of bronze to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

19. And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of goats' skins above that.

20. And he made upright boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood.

21. The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

22. One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another; thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.
23. And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side.

24. And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

25. And for the other side of the tabernacle, which is toward the north corner, he made twenty boards,

26. And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

27. And for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards.

28. And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

29. And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at its head, to one ring; thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

30. And there were eight boards; and their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets.
31. And he made bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

32. And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.

33. And he made the middle bar to pass through the boards from one end to the other.

34. And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35. And he made a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; with Cherubim made he it of skilful work.

36. And he made four pillars of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold; their hooks were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.

37. And he made a screen for the Tent door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework;

38. And its five pillars with their hooks; and he overlaid their capitals and their joints with gold; but their five sockets were of bronze.
1. And Bezalel made the ark of shittim wood; two cubits and a half was its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height;

2. And he overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a rim of gold around it.

3. And he cast for it four rings of gold, to be set by its four corners; two rings upon one of its sides, and two rings upon its other side.

4. And he made poles of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

5. And he put the poles into the rings by the sides of the ark, to carry the ark.

6. And he made the covering of pure gold; two cubits and a half was its length, and one cubit and a half its breadth.

7. And he made two Cherubim of gold, hammered from one piece he made them, on the two ends of the covering;

8. One Cherub on the end on this side, and another Cherub on the other end on that side; from the covering made he the Cherubim on the two two ends.
9. And the Cherubim spread out their wings above, and covered with their wings over the covering, with their faces one to another; toward the covering were the faces of the Cherubim.

10. And he made the table of shittim wood; two cubits was its length, and a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height;

11. And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made a rim of gold around it.

12. Also he made there a border around, a handbreadth wide; and made a rim of gold for its surrounding border.

13. And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that were in their four feet.

14. Opposite the border were the rings, the places for the poles to bear the table.

15. And he made the poles of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.

16. And he made the utensils which were upon the table, its dishes, and its spoons, and its bowls, and its covers to cover it with, of pure gold.
17. And he made the lampstand of pure gold; of hammered workmanship made he the lampstand; its shaft, and its branch, its bowls, its bulbs, and its flowers, were of the same;

18. And six branches going from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from one of its sides, and three branches of the lampstand from its other side;

19. Three bowls made in the shape of almonds in one branch, a bulb and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a bulb and a flower; so throughout the six branches going from the lampstand.

20. And in the lampstand were four bowls made in the shape of almonds, its bulbs, and its flowers;

21. And a bulb under two branches of the same, and a bulb under two branches of the same, and a bulb under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going from it.

22. Their bulbs and their branches were of the same; all of it was one hammered workmanship of pure gold.

23. And he made its seven lamps, and its tongs, and its trays, of pure gold.

24. Of a talent of pure gold he made it, and all its utensils.
25. And he made the incense altar of shittim wood; its length was a cubit, and its breadth a cubit; it was square; and two cubits was its height; its horns were of the same.

26. And he overlaid it with pure gold, both its top, and the sides around it, and its horns; also he made for it a rim of gold around it.

27. And he made two rings of gold for it under its rim, by its two corners, upon its two sides, to be places for the carrying poles.

28. And he made the poles of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

29. And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the perfume maker.
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1. And he made the altar of burnt offering of shittim wood; five cubits was its length, and five cubits its breadth; it was square; and three cubits its height.

2. And he made it horns on its four corners; its horns were of the same; and he overlaid it with bronze.

3. And he made all the utensils of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, and the forks, and the firepans; all its utensils made he of bronze.

4. And he made for the altar a bronze grating, a network under its ledge to its middle.

5. And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grating of bronze, to be places for the poles.

6. And he made the poles of shittim wood, and overlaid them with bronze.

7. And he put the carrying poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, he made the altar hollow with boards.

8. And he made the basin of bronze, and its pedestal of bronze, from the mirrors of the women assembling, who assembled at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
9. And he made the court; on the south side the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, a hundred cubits;

10. Their pillars were twenty, and their bronze sockets twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their joints were of silver.

11. And for the north side the hangings were a hundred cubits, their pillars twenty, and their sockets of bronze twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their joints of silver.

12. And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their joints of silver.

13. And for the east side fifty cubits.

14. The hangings of the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15. And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16. All the hangings of the court around were of fine twined linen.
17. And the sockets for the pillars were of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their joints of silver; and the overlaying of their capitals of silver; and all the pillars of the court were bound with silver.

18. And the screen for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court.

19. And their pillars were four, and their sockets of bronze four; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their capitals and their joints of silver.

20. And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court around it, were of bronze.

21. This is the sum of the things of the tabernacle, of the tabernacle of Testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest.

22. And Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord commanded Moses.

23. And with him was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a skilful workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.
24. All the gold that was used for the work in all the work of the holy place, the
gold of the offering, was twenty nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty
shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

25. And the silver of those who were counted of the congregation was a
hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and seventy five shekels,
according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

26. A bekah for every man, that is, half a shekel, according to the shekel of the
sanctuary, for every one who went to be counted, from twenty years old and
upward, for six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty men.

27. And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary,
and the sockets of the veil; a hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for
a socket.

28. And of the thousand seven hundred and seventy five shekels he made hooks
for the pillars, and overlaid their capitals, and bound them.

29. And the bronze of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and
four hundred shekels.

30. And with it he made the sockets to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and the
bronze altar, and the bronze grating for it, and all the utensils of the altar,
31. And the sockets of the court around it, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court around it.
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1. And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made uniforms of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the Lord commanded Moses.

2. And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

3. And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with skilful work.

4. They made shoulder pieces for it, to couple it together; by the two edges was it coupled together.

5. And the finely done girdle of his ephod, that was upon it, was of the same, according to its work; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the Lord commanded Moses.

6. And they arranged onyx stones enclosed in fixtures of gold, engraved, as signets are engraved, with the names of the people of Israel.

7. And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, that they should be stones for a memorial to the people of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses.
8. And he made the breastplate of skilful work, like the work of the ephod; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9. It was square; they made the breastplate double; a span was its length, and a span its breadth, being doubled.

10. And they set in it four rows of stones; the first row was a ruby, a topaz, and a beryl; this was the first row.

11. And the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond.

12. And the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and a jasper.

13. And the fourth row, an emerald, an onyx, and a jade; they were enclosed in fixtures of gold in their settings.

14. And the stones were according to the names of the people of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

15. And they made upon the breastplate chains at the ends, twisted cords of pure gold.
16. And they made two fixtures of gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.

17. And they put the two corded chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

18. And the two ends of the two corded chains they fastened in the two fixtures, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, before it.

19. And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, upon its border, which was on the inward side of the ephod.

20. And they made two other golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward its front, opposite its other coupling, above the finely done girdle of the ephod.

21. And they did bind the breastplate by his rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the finely done girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not come loose from the ephod; as the Lord commanded Moses.

22. And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue.
23. And there was a hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of a suit of armor, with a band around the hole, that it should not tear.

24. And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen.

25. And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, between the pomegranates.

26. A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, around the hem of the robe to minister in; as the Lord commanded Moses.

27. And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons,

28. And a mitre of fine linen, and turbans of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen,

29. And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as the Lord commanded Moses.

30. And they made the plate of the holy rim of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like the engravings of a signet, Holiness to the Lord.
31. And they tied to it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the Lord commanded Moses.

32. Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting finished; and the people of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.

33. And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his clasps, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,

34. And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of goats' skins, and the veil of the covering,

35. The Ark of the Testimony, and its poles, and the covering,

36. The table, and all its utensils, and the bread of display,

37. The pure lampstand, with its lamps, with the lamps to be set in order, and all its utensils, and the oil for light,

38. And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the incense of spices, and the screen for the tabernacle door,
39. The bronze altar, and its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its pedestal,

40. The hangings of the court, its pillars, and its sockets, and the screen for the court gate, its cords, and its pins, and all the utensils of the service of the tabernacle, for the Tent of Meeting.

41. The uniforms of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office.

42. According to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the people of Israel made all the work.

43. And Moses looked upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the Lord had commanded, so had they done it; and Moses blessed them.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. On the first day of the first month shall you set up the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting.

3. And you shall put in it the Ark of the Testimony, and cover the ark with the veil.

4. And you shall bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and you shall bring in the lampstands, and light its lamps.

5. And you shall set the altar of gold for the incense before the Ark of the Testimony, and put the screen of the door to the tabernacle.

6. And you shall set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting.

7. And you shall set the basin between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shall put water in it.

8. And you shall set up the court around it, and hang up the screen at the court gate.
9. And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is in it, and shall consecrate it, and all its utensils; and it shall be holy.

10. And you shall anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all its utensils, and sanctify the altar; and it shall be an altar Most Holy.

11. And you shall anoint the basin and its pedestal, and sanctify it.

12. And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and wash them with water.

13. And you shall put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister to me in the priest's office.

14. And you shall bring his sons, and dress them with coats;

15. And you shall anoint them, as you did anoint their father, that they may minister to me in the priest's office; for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

16. Thus did Moses; according to all that the Lord commanded him, so did he.

17. And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was erected.
18. And Moses erected the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up its
boards, and put in its bars, and erected its pillars.

19. And he spread the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent
above it; as the Lord commanded Moses.

20. And he took and put the Testimony into the ark, and set the poles on the
ark, and put the covering above the ark;

21. And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the
covering, and covered the Ark of the Testimony; as the Lord commanded Moses.

22. And he put the table in the Tent of Meeting, upon the side of the tabernacle
northward, outside the veil.

23. And he set the bread in order upon it before the Lord; as the Lord had
commanded Moses.

24. And he put the lampstand in the Tent of the Meeting, opposite the table, on
the south side of the tabernacle.

25. And he lighted the lamps before the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moses.
26. And he put the golden altar in the Tent of the Meeting before the veil;

27. And he burned sweet incense on it; as the Lord commanded Moses.

28. And he set up the screen at the door of the tabernacle.

29. And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the Tent of the Meeting, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meal offering; as the Lord commanded Moses.

30. And he set the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water there, for washing.

31. And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet there;

32. When they went into the Tent of Meeting, and when they came near to the altar, they washed; as the Lord commanded Moses.

33. And he erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

34. Then a cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.
35. And Moses was not able to enter into the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud abode on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

36. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys;

37. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

38. For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

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1. And the Lord called to Moses, and spoke to him out of the Tent of Meeting, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, If any man of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of the cattle, of the herd, and of the flock.

3. If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the Tent of Meeting before the Lord.

4. And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

5. And he shall kill the bull before the Lord; and the priests, the sons of Aaron, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood around upon the altar that is by the door of the Tent of Meeting.

6. And he shall flay the burnt offering, and cut it into his pieces.

7. And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire;
8. And the priests, the sons of Aaron, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar;

9. But its entrails and its legs shall he wash in water; and the priest shall burn all on the altar, to be a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord.

10. And if his offering is of the flocks, namely, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice; he shall bring a male without blemish.

11. And he shall kill it on the northern side of the altar before the Lord; and the priests, the sons of Aaron, shall sprinkle his blood around upon the altar.

12. And he shall cut it in pieces, with its head and its fat; and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar;

13. But he shall wash the entrails and the legs with water; and the priest shall bring it all, and burn it upon the altar; it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord.

14. And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the Lord is of birds, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves, or of young pigeons.
15. And the priest shall bring it to the altar, and wring off its head, and burn it on the altar; and its blood shall be wrung out at the side of the altar;

16. And he shall remove its crop with its feathers, and cast it beside the altar on the east part, by the place of the ashes;

17. And he shall tear it with its wings, but shall not divide it asunder; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire; it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord.
1. And when any will offer a meal offering to the Lord, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense on it;

2. And he shall bring it to the sons of Aaron the priests; and he shall take from it his handful of its flour, and of its oil, with all its frankincense; and the priest shall burn the memorial part of it upon the altar, to be an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord;

3. And the remnant of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a thing Most Holy of the offerings of the Lord made by fire.

4. And if you bring a sacrifice of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

5. And if your sacrifice is a meal offering baked in a pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mixed with oil.

6. You shall part it in pieces, and pour oil on it; it is a meal offering.

7. And if your sacrifice is a meal offering baked in the frying pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.
8. And you shall bring the meal offering that is made of these things to the Lord; and when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar.

9. And the priest shall take from the meal offering its memorial part, and shall burn it upon the altar; it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord.

10. And that which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a thing Most Holy of the offerings of the Lord made by fire.

11. No meal offering, which you shall bring to the Lord, shall be made with leaven; for you shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the Lord made by fire.

12. As for the sacrifice of the first fruits, you shall offer them to the Lord; but they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet savor.

13. And every sacrifice of your meal offering shall you season with salt; nor shall you allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your meal offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

14. And if you offer a meal offering of your first fruits to the Lord, you shall offer for the meal offering of your first fruits green ears of grain dried by the fire, grain beaten out of fresh ears.
15. And you shall put oil upon it, and lay frankincense on it; it is a meal offering.

16. And the priest shall burn the memorial part of it, of its beaten grain, and of its oil, with all the frankincense; it is an offering made by fire to the Lord.
1. And if his offering is a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offers it of the herd; whether it is a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord.

2. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the Tent of Meeting; and the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar around.

3. And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire to the Lord; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails,

4. And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the appendage of the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he taken away.

5. And the sons of Aaron shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is upon the wood that is on the fire; it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord.

6. And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering to the Lord is of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.

7. If he offers a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the Lord.
8. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the Tent of Meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood around upon the altar.

9. And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire to the Lord; its fat, and the whole rump, he shall take it off hard by the backbone; and the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails,

10. And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the appendage of the liver, with the kidneys, which he shall take away.

11. And the priest shall burn it upon the altar; it is the food of the offering made by fire to the Lord.

12. And if his offering is a goat, then he shall offer it before the Lord.

13. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the Tent of Meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood upon the altar around.

14. And he shall offer there his offering, an offering made by fire to the Lord; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails,
15. And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the appendage of the liver, with the kidneys, which he shall take away.

16. And the priest shall burn them upon the altar; it is the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savor; all the fat is the Lord's.

17. It shall be an everlasting statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that you eat neither fat nor blood.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the Lord concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them;

3. If the priest who is anointed sins according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he has sinned, a young bull without blemish to the Lord for a sin offering.

4. And he shall bring the bull to the door of the Tent of Meeting before the Lord; and shall lay his hand upon the bull's head, and kill the bull before the Lord.

5. And the priest who is anointed shall take of the bull's blood, and bring it to the Tent of Meeting;

6. And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the Lord, before the veil of the sanctuary.

7. And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the Lord, which is in the Tent of Meeting; and shall pour all the blood of the bull at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
8. And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bull for the sin offering; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails,

9. And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the appendage of the liver, with the kidneys, which he shall take away,

10. As it was taken off from the bull of the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering.

11. And the skin of the bull, and all its flesh, with its head, and with its legs, and its entrails, and its dung,

12. The whole bull shall he carry outside the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire; where the ashes are poured out shall he be burned.

13. And if the whole congregation of Israel sins through ignorance, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done something against any of the commandments of the Lord concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty;

14. When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bull for the sin, and bring him before the Tent of Meeting.
15. And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bull before the Lord; and the bull shall be killed before the Lord.

16. And the priest who is anointed shall bring of the bull's blood to the Tent of Meeting:

17. And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, before the veil.

18. And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the Lord, that is in the Tent of Meeting, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the Tent of Meeting.

19. And he shall take all its fat from him, and burn it upon the altar.

20. And he shall do with the bull as he did with the bull for a sin offering, so shall he do with this; and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

21. And he shall carry the bull outside the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bull; it is a sin offering for the congregation.
22. When a ruler has sinned, and done something through ignorance against any of the commandments of the Lord his God concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty;

23. Or if his sin, where he has sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish;

24. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the Lord; it is a sin offering.

25. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering.

26. And he shall burn all its fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

27. And if any one of the common people sins through ignorance, when he does something against any of the commandments of the Lord concerning things which ought not to be done, and is guilty;

28. Or if his sin, which he has sinned, comes to his knowledge; then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has sinned.
29. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.

30. And the priest shall take of the blood there with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood there at the bottom of the altar.

31. And he shall take away all the fat there, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savor to the Lord; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

32. And if he brings a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish.

33. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering.

34. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood there at the bottom of the altar;

35. And he shall take away all the fat there, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire to the Lord; and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him.
1. And if a soul sins, and hears the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he has seen or known of it; if he does not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity.

2. Or if a soul touches any unclean thing, whether it is a carcass of an unclean beast, or a carcass of unclean cattle, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and if it is hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty.

3. Or if he touches the uncleanness of man, whatever uncleanness it is that a man is defiled with, and it is hidden from him; when he knows of it, then he shall be guilty.

4. Or if a soul swears, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatever it is that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it is hidden from him; when he knows of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these.

5. And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he has sinned in that thing;

6. And he shall bring his guilt offering to the Lord for his sin which he has sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.
7. And if he is not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass, which he has committed, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, to the Lord; one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering.

8. And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin offering first, and wring off its head from its neck, but shall not divide it asunder;

9. And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar; it is a sin offering.

10. And he shall offer the second for a burnt offering, according to the prescribed order; and the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he has sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

11. But if he is not able to bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he who sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil upon it, nor shall he put any frankincense on it; for it is a sin offering.

12. Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, a memorial part of it, and burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire to the Lord; it is a sin offering.
13. And the priest shall make an atonement for him in regard to his sin that he has sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him; and the remnant shall be the priest's, as a meal offering.

14. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

15. If a soul commits a trespass, and sins through ignorance, in the holy things of the Lord; then he shall bring for his trespass to the Lord a ram without blemish out of the flocks, valued by you in shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for a guilt offering.

16. And he shall make amends for the harm that he has done in the holy thing, and shall add a fifth part to it, and give it to the priest; and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

17. And if a soul sins, and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the Lord; though he knew it not, yet he is guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.

18. And he shall bring a ram without blemish from the flock, according to the valuation, for a guilt offering, to the priest; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance where he erred and knew it not, and it shall be forgiven him.

19. It is a guilt offering; he has certainly trespassed against the Lord.
20. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

21. If a soul sins, and commits a trespass against the Lord, and lies to his neighbor in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or has deceived his neighbor;

22. Or have found that which was lost, and lies concerning it, and swears falsely; in any of all these that a man does, sinning in it;

23. Then it shall be, because he has sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he has deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found,

24. Or all that about which he has sworn falsely; he shall restore it in full, and shall add a fifth part more to it, and give it to him to whom it belongs, in the day of his trespass offering.

25. And he shall bring his guilt offering to the Lord, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with your estimation, for a guilt offering, to the priest;

26. And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord; and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he has done in trespassing in it.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the Torah of the burnt offering; It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night to the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it.

3. And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire has consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.

4. And he shall take off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.

5. And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out; and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings.

6. The fire shall be burning always upon the altar; it shall never go out.

7. And this is the Torah of the meal offering; the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the Lord, before the altar.
8. And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meal offering, and of its oil, and all the frankincense which is upon the meal offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savor, the memorial part of it, to the Lord.

9. And its remainder shall Aaron and his sons eat; with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the Tent of Meeting they shall eat it.

10. It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it to them for their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is Most Holy, as is the sin offering, and the guilt offering.

11. All the males among the sons of Aaron shall eat of it. It shall be a statute forever in your generations concerning the offerings of the Lord made by fire; every one who touches them shall be holy.

12. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

13. This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer to the Lord in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for an everlasting meal offering, half of it in the morning, and half of it at night.

14. In a pan it shall be made with oil; and when it is baked, you shall bring it in; and the baked pieces of the meal offering shall you offer for a sweet savor to the Lord.
15. And the priest, who is, of his sons, anointed in his place, shall offer it; it is a statute forever to the Lord; it shall be wholly burned.

16. For every meal offering for the priest shall be wholly burned; it shall not be eaten.

17. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

18. Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the Torah of the sin offering; In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the Lord; it is Most Holy.

19. The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it; in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the Tent of Meeting.

20. What ever shall touch its flesh shall be holy; and when there is sprinkled of its blood upon any garment, you shall wash that on which it was sprinkled in the holy place.

21. But the earthen utensil in which it is boiled shall be broken; and if it is boiled in a bronze pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.

22. All the males among the priests shall eat of it; it is Most Holy.
23. And no sin offering, of which any of the blood is brought into the Tent of Meeting to be sprinkled in the holy place, shall be eaten; it shall be burned in the fire.
Likewise this is the Torah of the guilt offering; it is Most Holy.

In the place where they kill the burnt offering shall they kill the guilt offering; and its blood shall he sprinkle upon the altar.

And he shall offer of it all its fat; the rump, and the fat that covers the entrails,

And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the appendage above the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take it away;

And the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire to the Lord; it is a guilt offering.

Every male among the priests shall eat of it; it shall be eaten in the holy place; it is Most Holy.

As the sin offering is, so is the guilt offering; there is one Torah for them; the priest who makes atonement with it shall have it.

And the priest who offers any man's burnt offering, the priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has offered.
9. And all the meal offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is prepared in the frying pan, and in the pan, shall be the priest's who offers it.

10. And every meal offering, mixed with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one as much as another.

11. And this is the Torah of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer to the Lord.

12. If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mixed with oil, of fine flour, fried.

13. Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving.

14. And of it he shall offer one out of each offering for an offering to the Lord, and it shall be the priest's who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings.

15. And the meat of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.
16. But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; and on the next day also the remainder of it shall be eaten;

17. But the remainder of the meat of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire.

18. And if any of the meat of the sacrifice of his peace offerings is eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, nor shall it be credited to him who offers it; it shall be an abomination, and the soul who eats of it shall bear his iniquity.

19. And the flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burned with fire; and as for the flesh, all who are clean shall eat of it.

20. But the soul who eats of the meat of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that belongs to the Lord, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from his people.

21. Moreover the soul who shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleaness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the meat of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which belongs to the Lord, that soul shall be cut off from his people.

22. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
23. Speak to the people of Israel, saying, You shall eat no kind of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat.

24. And the fat of the beast that dies of itself, and the fat of that which is torn by beasts, may be used in any other use; but you shall in no wise eat of it.

25. For whoever eats the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire to the Lord, the soul who eats it shall be cut off from his people.

26. Moreover you shall eat no kind of blood, whether it is of bird or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

27. What ever soul it is who eats any kind of blood, that soul shall be cut off from his people.

28. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

29. Speak to the people of Israel, saying, He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings to the Lord shall bring his offering to the Lord of the sacrifice of his peace offerings.

30. His own hands shall bring the offerings of the Lord made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he brought, that the breast may be waved for a wave offering before the Lord.
31. And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar; but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'.

32. And the right shoulder shall you give to the priest for an offering of the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

33. He, among the sons of Aaron, who offers the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part.

34. For the waved breast and the offered shoulder have I taken from the people of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons by a statute forever from among the people of Israel.

35. This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, from the offerings of the Lord made by fire, in the day when he presented them to minister to the Lord in the priest's office;

36. Which the Lord commanded to be given to them by the people of Israel, in the day that he anointed them, by a statute forever throughout their generations.

37. This is the Torah of the burnt offering, of the meal offering, and of the sin offering, and of the guilt offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings;

38. Which the Lord commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the people of Israel to offer their offerings to the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bull for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;

3. And gather all the congregation together to the door of the Tent of Meeting.

4. And Moses did as the Lord commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together to the door of the Tent of Meeting.

5. And Moses said to the congregation, This is the thing which the Lord commanded to be done.

6. And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.

7. And he put on him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the finely done girdle of the ephod, and bound it to him with it.

8. And he put the breastplate on him; also he put on the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim.
9. And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, upon its front, he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the Lord commanded Moses.

10. And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the Tabernacle and all that was in it, and sanctified them.

11. And he sprinkled it upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its utensils, both the basin and its pedestal, to sanctify them.

12. And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

13. And Moses brought the sons of Aaron, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put turbans upon them; as the Lord commanded Moses.

14. And he brought the bull for the sin offering; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bull for the sin offering.

15. And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar around with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement upon it.

16. And he took all the fat that was upon the entrails, and the appendage above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned it upon the altar.
17. But the bull, and its hide, its flesh, and its dung, he burned with fire outside the camp; as the Lord commanded Moses.

18. And he brought the ram for the burnt offering; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

19. And he killed it; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

20. And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burned the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

21. And he washed the entrails and the legs in water; and Moses burned the whole ram upon the altar; it was a burnt sacrifice for a sweet savor, and an offering made by fire to the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moses.

22. And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

23. And he slew it; and Moses took of its blood, and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

24. And he brought the sons of Aaron, and Moses put blood on the tip of their right ear, and on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet; and Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar.
25. And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that was upon the entrails, and the appendage of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder;

26. And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the Lord, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder;

27. And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before the Lord.

28. And Moses took them from their hands, and burned them on the altar upon the burnt offering; they were consecrations for a sweet savor; it is an offering made by fire to the Lord.

29. And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave offering before the Lord; for of the ram of consecration it was Moses' part; as the Lord commanded Moses.

30. And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, and on his garments, and on his sons, and on his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.
31. And Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the Tent of Meeting; and eat it there with the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.

32. And that which remains of the meat and of the bread shall you burn with fire.

33. And you shall not go out of the door of the Tent of Meeting in seven days, until the days of your consecration are ended; for seven days shall he consecrate you.

34. As he has done this day, so the Lord has commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35. Therefore shall you remain at the door of the Tent of Meeting day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the Lord, that you die not; for so I am commanded.

36. So Aaron and his sons did all things which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.
1. And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel;

2. And he said to Aaron, Take a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before the Lord.

3. And to the people of Israel you shall speak, saying, Take a kid of the goats for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering;

4. Also a bull and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the Lord; and a meal offering mixed with oil; for today the Lord will appear to you.

5. And they brought that which Moses commanded before the Tent of Meeting; and all the congregation drew near and stood before the Lord.

6. And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commanded that you should do; and the glory of the Lord shall appear to you.

7. And Moses said to Aaron, Go to the altar, and offer your sin offering, and your burnt offering, and make an atonement for yourself, and for the people; and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the Lord commanded.
8. Aaron therefore went to the altar, and slew the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself.

9. And the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him; and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar;

10. But the fat, and the kidneys, and the appendage of the liver of the sin offering, he burned upon the altar; as the Lord commanded Moses.

11. And the flesh and the hide he burned with fire outside the camp.

12. And he slew the burnt offering; and the sons of Aaron presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled around upon the altar.

13. And they presented the burnt offering to him, with its pieces, and the head; and he burned them upon the altar.

14. And he washed the entrails and the legs, and burned them upon the burnt offering on the altar.

15. And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which was the sin offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.
16. And he brought the burnt offering, and offered it according to the prescribed manner.

17. And he brought the meal offering, and took a handful of it, and burned it upon the altar, beside the burnt sacrifice of the morning.

18. He slew also the bull and the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings, which was for the people; and the sons of Aaron presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar,

19. And the fat of the bull and of the ram, the rump, and that which covers the entrails, and the kidneys, and the appendage of the liver;

20. And they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burned the fat upon the altar;

21. And the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved for a wave offering before the Lord; as Moses commanded.

22. And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and peace offerings.

23. And Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of Meeting, and came out, and blessed the people; and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.
24. And there came a fire out from before the Lord, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat; which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.
1. And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took each of them his censer, and put fire in it, and put incense on it, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not.

2. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.

3. Then Moses said to Aaron, This is what the Lord spoke, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come near to me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

4. And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, Come near, carry your brothers from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

5. So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said.

6. And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, nor tear your clothes; lest you die, and lest anger come upon all the people; but let your brothers, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the Lord has kindled.
7. And you shall not go out from the door of the Tent of Meeting, lest you die; for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

8. And the Lord spoke to Aaron, saying,

9. Do not drink wine nor strong drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the Tent of Meeting, lest you die; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations;

10. And that you may differentiate between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

11. And that you may teach the people of Israel all the statutes which the Lord has spoken to them by the hand of Moses.

12. And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons, who were left, Take the meal offering that remains of the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar; for it is Most Holy;

13. And you shall eat it in the holy place, because it is your due, and your sons' due, of the sacrifices of the Lord made by fire; for so I am commanded.

14. And the waved breast and offered shoulder shall you eat in a clean place; you, and your sons, and your daughters with you; for they are your due, and your sons' due, which are given from the sacrifices of peace offerings by the people of Israel.
15. The offered shoulder and the waved breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave offering before the Lord; and it shall be yours, and your sons' with you, by a statute forever; as the Lord has commanded.

16. And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it was burned; and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron, who were left alive, saying,

17. Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, seeing it is Most Holy, and God has given it to you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the Lord?

18. Behold, its blood was not brought inside the holy place; you should indeed have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded.

19. And Aaron said to Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the Lord; and such things have befallen me; and if I had eaten the sin offering to day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the Lord?

20. And when Moses heard that, he was content.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which you shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.

3. What ever parts the hoof, and is cloven footed, and chews the cud, among the beasts, that shall you eat.

4. Nevertheless these shall you not eat of those that chew the cud, or of those that divide the hoof; the camel, because it chews the cud, but its hoof is not parted; it is unclean to you.

5. And the coney, because it chews the cud, but its hoof is not parted; it is unclean to you.

6. And the hare, because it chews the cud, but its hoof is not parted; it is unclean to you.

7. And the swine, though its hoof is parted, and is cloven footed, yet it chews not the cud; it is unclean to you.

8. Of their flesh shall you not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch; they are unclean to you.
9. These shall you eat of all that are in the waters; whatever has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, those shall you eat.

10. And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination to you;

11. They shall be abomination to you; you shall not eat of their flesh, but you shall have their carcases in abomination.

12. What ever has no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination to you.

13. And these are they which you shall have in abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination; the eagle, and the bearded vulture, and the black vulture,

14. And the kite, and the buzzard after its kind;

15. Every raven after its kind;

16. And the owl, and the falcon, and the gull, and the sparrow hawk after its kind,

17. And the little owl, and the fish owl, and the great owl,
18. And the barn owl, and the jackdaw, and the gier-eagle,

19. And the stork, the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

20. All birds that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination to you.

21. Yet these may you eat of every flying creeping thing that goes upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap with upon the earth;

22. These you may eat: the locust after its kind, and the bad locust after its kind, and the cricket after his kind, and the grasshopper after its kind.

23. But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination to you.

24. And for these you shall be unclean; whoever touches the carcass of them shall be unclean until the evening.

25. And whoever carries anything of the carcass of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening.

26. The carcasses of every beast which parts the hoof, and is not cloven footed, nor chews the cud, are unclean to you; every one who touches them shall be unclean.
27. And whatever goes upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all four, those are unclean to you; whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening.

28. And he who carries their carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening; they are unclean to you.

29. These also shall be unclean to you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the rat, and the mouse, and the tortoise after its kind,

30. And the gecko, and the monitor-lizard, and the lizard, and the snail, and the chameleon.

31. These are unclean to you among all that creep; whoever touches them, when they are dead, shall be unclean until the evening.

32. And upon whatever any of them, when they are dead, falls, it shall be unclean; whether it is any utensil of wood, or garment, or skin, or sack, whatever utensil it is, where any work is done, it must be put in water, and it shall be cleansed.

33. And every earthen utensil, in which any of them falls, whatever is in it shall be unclean; and you shall break it.

34. Of all meal which may be eaten, that on which such water comes shall be unclean; and all drink that may be drunk in every such utensil shall be unclean.
35. And every thing on which any part of their carcass falls shall be unclean; whether it is an oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down; for they are unclean, and shall be unclean to you.

36. Nevertheless a fountain or a pit, where there is plenty of water, shall be clean; but that which touches their carcass shall be unclean.

37. And if any part of their carcass falls upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it shall be clean.

38. But if any water is put upon the seed, and any part of their carcass fall on it, it shall be unclean to you.

39. And if any beast, of which you may eat, dies; he who touches its carcass shall be unclean until the evening.

40. And he who eats of the carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening; he also who carries the carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening.

41. And every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten.

42. What ever goes upon the belly, and whatever goes upon all four, or whatever has more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, those you shall not eat; for they are an abomination.
43. You shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creeps, nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, that you should be defiled by them.

44. For I am the Lord your God; you shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy; nor shall you defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

45. For I am the Lord that brings you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God; you shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

46. This is the Torah of the beasts, and of the bird, and of every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps upon the earth;

47. To differentiate between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If a woman conceives, and bears a male child; then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of her menstruation, shall she be unclean.

3. And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

4. And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying for thirty three days; she shall touch no consecrated thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

5. But if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her menstruation; and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying sixty six days.

6. And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, to the priest;

7. Who shall offer it before the Lord, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the Torah for her who has given birth to a male or a female.
8. And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2. When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a swelling, a scab, or bright spot, and it is on the skin of his flesh like the disease of leprosy; then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons the priests;

3. And the priest shall look on the disease in the skin of the flesh; and if the hair in the plague has turned white, and the disease looks deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is a disease of leprosy; and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean.

4. If the bright spot is white in the skin of his flesh, and it looks not deeper than the skin, and the hair on it has not turned white; then the priest shall shut up him who has the disease for seven days;

5. And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day; and, behold, if the disease is somewhat dark, and the disease did not spread in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is a scab; and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

6. And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day; and, behold, if the disease is somewhat dark, and the disease did not spread in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is a scab; and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.
7. But if the scab spreads out in the skin, after that he has been seen by the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen by the priest again;

8. And if the priest sees that, behold, the scab spreads in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a leprosy.

9. When the disease of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought to the priest;

10. And the priest shall see him; and, behold, if the swelling is white in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and there is quick raw flesh in the swelling,

11. It is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up; for he is unclean.

12. And if a leprosy breaks out in the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of him who has the disease from his head to his foot, wherever the priest looks;

13. Then the priest shall consider; and, behold, if the leprosy has covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce clean him who has the disease; it is all turned white; he is clean.

14. But if raw flesh appears in him, he shall be unclean.
15. And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean; for the raw flesh is unclean; it is a leprosy.

16. Or if the raw flesh turns again, and is changed to white, he shall come to the priest;

17. And the priest shall see him; and, behold, if the disease has turned white; then the priest shall pronounce clean him who has the plague; he is clean.

18. The flesh also, in which a boil was in its skin, and is healed,

19. And in the place of the boil there is a white swelling, or a bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish, and it is shown to the priest;

20. And if, when the priest sees it, behold, it looks lower than the skin, and the hair on it has turned white; the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a disease of leprosy broken out from the boil.

21. But if the priest looks on it, and, behold, there are no white hairs in it, and if it is not lower than the skin, but is somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days;

22. And if it spreads much over the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a disease.
23. But if the bright spot stays in its place, and spreads not, it is a burning boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24. Or if there is any flesh, in the skin where there is a burn caused by fire, and the raw flesh of the burn has a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white;

25. Then the priest shall look upon it; and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot has turned white, and it looks deeper than the skin; it is a leprosy broken out of the burning; therefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the disease of leprosy.

26. But if the priest look on it, and, behold, there is no white hair in the bright spot, and it is not lower than the other skin, but is somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days;

27. And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day; and if it has spread out in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the disease of leprosy.

28. And if the bright spot stays in its place, and spreads not in the skin, but it is somewhat dark; it is a swelling of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean; for it is a scar of the burn.

29. If a man or a woman has a disease on the head or the beard;
30. Then the priest shall see the disease; and, behold, if it looks deeper than the skin; and there is in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a dry patch, a leprosy on the head or beard.

31. And if the priest looks on the disease of the patch, and, behold, it does not look deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it; then the priest shall shut up him who has the disease of the patch seven days;

32. And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the disease; and, behold, if the patch has not spread, and there is in it no yellow hair, and the patch does not look deeper than the skin;

33. He shall be shaven, but the patch he shall not shave; and the priest shall shut up him who has the patch seven days more;

34. And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the patch; and, behold, if the patch has not spread in the skin, nor looks deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean; and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

35. But if the patch did spread much over the skin after his cleansing;

36. Then the priest shall look on him; and, behold, if the patch has spread over the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair; he is unclean.
37. But if the patch looks as it has stayed, and there is black hair grown up in it; the patch is healed, he is clean; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38. If a man or a woman has in the skin of the flesh bright spots, white bright spots;

39. Then the priest shall look; and, behold, if the bright spots in the skin of the flesh are dull white, it is a tetter that grows in the skin; he is clean.

40. And the man whose hair has fallen off his head, he is bald; yet he is clean.

41. And he who has his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, his forehead is bald; yet is he clean.

42. And if there is in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish sore; it is a leprosy sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead.

43. Then the priest shall look upon it; and, behold, if the swelling of the sore is white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appears in the skin of the flesh;

44. He is a leprous man, he is unclean; the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his disease is in his head.
45. And the leper in whom the disease is, his clothes shall be torn, and his head bare, and he shall put a cover upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.

46. All the days when the disease shall be in him he shall be unclean; he is unclean; he shall dwell alone; outside the camp shall his habitation be.

47. The garment also where the disease of leprosy is, whether it is a woollen garment, or a linen garment;

48. Whether it is in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in any thing made of skin;

49. And if the disease is greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a disease of leprosy, and shall be shown to the priest;

50. And the priest shall look upon the disease, and shut up it that has the disease seven days;

51. And he shall look on the disease on the seventh day; if the disease has spread over the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, or in any work that is made of skin; the disease is a malignant leprosy; it is unclean.
52. He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, where the disease is; for it is a malignant leprosy; it shall be burned in the fire.

53. And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the disease has not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin;

54. Then the priest shall command them to wash the thing where the disease is, and he shall shut it up seven days more;

55. And the priest shall look on the disease, after it is washed; and, behold, if the disease has not changed its color, and the disease has not spread; it is unclean; you shall burn it in the fire; it is a decay on the inner or outer surface.

56. And if the priest looks, and, behold, the disease is somewhat dark after being washed; then he shall tear it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof;

57. And if it appears still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a spreading disease; you shall burn where the disease is with fire.

58. And the garment, either warp, or woof, or whatever thing of skin it is, which you shall wash, if the disease has departed from it, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean.
59. This is the Torah of the disease of leprosy in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. This shall be the Torah of the leper in the day of his cleansing; He shall be brought to the priest;

3. And the priest shall go out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the disease of leprosy is healed in the leper;

4. Then shall the priest command to take for him who is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop;

5. And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen utensil over running water;

6. As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water;

7. And he shall sprinkle upon him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose in the open field.
8. And he who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean; and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay out of his tent seven days.

9. But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, all his hair he shall shave off; and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

10. And on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, and one log of oil.

11. And the priest who makes him clean shall present the man who is to be made clean, and those things, before the Lord, at the door of the Tent of Meeting;

12. And the priest shall take one male lamb, and offer him for a guilt offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before the Lord;

13. And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place; for as the sin offering is the priest's, so is the guilt offering; it is Most Holy;
14. And the priest shall take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest shall put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot:

15. And the priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand;

16. And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the Lord;

17. And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the big toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the guilt offering:

18. And the remnant of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him who is to be cleansed; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord.

19. And the priest shall offer the sin offering, and make an atonement for him who is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering;

20. And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the meal offering upon the altar; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.
21. And if he be poor, and cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb for a guilt offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth deal of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering, and a log of oil;

22. And two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering.

23. And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, before the Lord.

24. And the priest shall take the lamb of the guilt offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the Lord;

25. And he shall kill the lamb of the guilt offering, and the priest shall take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot;

26. And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand;

27. And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the Lord;
28. And the priest shall put of the oil that is in his hand on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering:

29. And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the Lord.

30. And he shall offer one of the turtledoves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can get;

31. Such as he is able to get, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, with the meal offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him who is to be cleansed before the Lord.

32. This is the Torah of him in whom is the disease of leprosy, whose means do not permit much for his cleansing.

33. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

34. When you come to the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the disease of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession;

35. And he who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seems to me there is a disease in the house;
36. Then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goes into it to see the disease, that all that is in the house be not made unclean; and afterwards the priest shall go in to see the house;

37. And he shall look on the disease, and, behold, if the disease is in the walls of the house with depressions, greenish or reddish, which in look lower than the wall;

38. Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days;

39. And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look; and, behold, if the disease has spread over the walls of the house;

40. Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the disease is, and they shall throw them into an unclean place outside the city;

41. And he shall cause the house to be scraped inside around, and they shall pour out the dust that they scraped outside the city into an unclean place;

42. And they shall take other stones, and put them in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house.
43. And if the disease comes again, and break out in the house, after he has taken away the stones, and after he has scraped the house, and after it is plastered;

44. Then the priest shall come and look, and, behold, if the disease has spread in the house, it is a malignant leprosy in the house; it is unclean.

45. And he shall break down the house, its stones, and its timber, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them out of the city into an unclean place.

46. Moreover he who goes into the house while it is shut up shall be unclean until the evening.

47. And he who lies in the house shall wash his clothes; and he who eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

48. And if the priest shall come in, and look upon it, and, behold, the disease has not spread in the house, after the house was plastered; then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the disease is healed.

49. And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop;

50. And he shall kill one of the birds in an earthen utensil over running water;
51. And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times;

52. And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet;

53. But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house; and it shall be clean.

54. This is the Torah for all kinds of disease of leprosy, and patch,

55. And for the leprosy of a garment, and of a house,

56. And for a swelling, and for a scab, and for a bright spot;

57. To teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean; this is the Torah of leprosy.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When any man has a discharge out of his flesh, because of his discharge he is unclean.

3. And this shall be his uncleanness in his discharge; whether his flesh runs with his discharge, or his flesh is stopped from his discharge, it is his uncleanness.

4. Every bed, on which he, who has the discharge, lies, is unclean; and everything, on which he sits, shall be unclean.

5. And whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

6. And he who sits on any thing on which he, who has the discharge, sat, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

7. And he who touches the flesh of him who has the discharge shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

8. And if he who has the discharge spits upon him who is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.
9. And whatever saddle he, who has the discharge, rides upon, shall be unclean.

10. And whoever touches any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the evening; and he who carries any of those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

11. And whoever he, who has the discharge, touches, and has not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

12. And the utensil of earth, that he, who has the discharge, touches, shall be broken; and every utensil of wood shall be rinsed in water.

13. And when he, who has a discharge, is cleansed of his discharge; then he shall count to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

14. And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the Lord to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and give them to the priest;

15. And the priest shall offer them, one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord for his discharge.
16. And if any man's semen goes out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the evening.

17. And every garment, and every skin, on which the semen is, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening.

18. The woman also with whom the man, with discharge of semen, shall lie, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the evening.

19. And if a woman has a discharge, and the discharge of her flesh is blood, she shall be put apart seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening.

20. And every thing that she lies upon in her separation shall be unclean; every thing also that she sits upon shall be unclean.

21. And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

22. And whoever touches any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

23. And if it is on her bed, or on any thing on which she sits, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until the evening.
24. And if any man lies with her at all, and her menstrual discharge is upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and the bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

25. And if a woman has a bloody discharge many days not during the time of her menstruation, or if it runs beyond the time of her menstruation; all the days of the discharge of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her menstruation; she shall be unclean.

26. Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her as the bed of her menstruation; and whatever she sits upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her menstruation.

27. And whoever touches those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

28. But if she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall count to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

29. And on the eighth day she shall take two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting.

30. And the priest shall offer one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the Lord for the discharge of her uncleanness.
31. Thus shall you separate the people of Israel from their uncleaness; that they die not in their uncleaness, when they defile my Tabernacle that is among them.

32. This is the Torah of him who has a discharge, and of him whose semen goes from him, and is defiled with it;

33. And of her who is sick with her menstrual discharge, and of him who has a discharge; of the man, and of the woman, and of him who lies with her who is unclean.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they came near the Lord, and died;

2. And the Lord said to Moses, Speak to Aaron your brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place inside the veil before the covering, which is upon the ark; that he die not; for I will appear in the cloud upon the covering.

3. Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place; with a young bull for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

4. He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired; these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

5. And he shall take of the congregation of the people of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

6. And Aaron shall offer his bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

7. And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the Lord at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
8. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for Azazel.

9. And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering.

10. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be for Azazel, shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go to Azazel into the wilderness.

11. And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bull of the sin offering which is for himself;

12. And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it inside the veil;

13. And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the covering that is upon the Testimony, that he die not;

14. And he shall take of the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the covering eastward; and before the covering shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.
15. Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood inside the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the covering, and before the covering;

16. And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the people of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins; and so shall he do for the Tent of Meeting, that remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

17. And there shall be no man in the Tent of Meeting when he goes in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he comes out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

18. And he shall go out to the altar that is before the Lord, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bull, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar around.

19. And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the people of Israel.

20. And when he has made an end of atoning for the holy place, and the Tent of Meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat;
21. And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of an appointed man into the wilderness;

22. And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities to a land not inhabited; and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

23. And Aaron shall come into the Tent of Meeting, and shall take off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there;

24. And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come out, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

25. And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.

26. And he who let go the goat for Azazel shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterwards come into the camp.

27. And the bull for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry outside the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.
28. And he who burns them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterwards he shall come into the camp.

29. And this shall be a statute forever to you; that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger who sojourns among you;

30. For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.

31. It shall be a sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your souls, by a statute forever.

32. And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's place, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, the holy garments;

33. And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the Tent of Meeting, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.

34. And this shall be an everlasting statute to you, to make an atonement for the people of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the Lord commanded Moses.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the people of Israel, and say to them; This is the thing which the Lord has commanded, saying,

3. Which ever man there is of the house of Israel, who kills an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or who kills it out of the camp,

4. And brings it not to the door of the Tent of Meeting, to offer an offering to the Lord before the tabernacle of the Lord; blood shall be imputed to that man; he has shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people;

5. To the end that the people of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, that they may bring them to the Lord, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, to the priest, and offer them for peace offerings to the Lord.

6. And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the Lord at the door of the Tent of Meeting, and burn the fat for a sweet savor to the Lord.

7. And they shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they play the harlot. This shall be a statute forever to them throughout their generations.
8. And you shall say to them, Whoever there is of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9. And brings it not to the door of the Tent of Meeting, to offer it to the Lord; that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10. And whoever there is of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who eats any kind of blood; I will set my face against that soul who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11. For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.

12. Therefore I said to the people of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.

13. And whoever there is of the people of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who hunts and catches any beast or bird that may be eaten; he shall pour out its blood, and cover it with dust.

14. For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for its life; therefore I said to the people of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any kind of flesh; for the life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.
15. And every soul who eats that which died of itself, or that which was torn by beasts, whether he is one of your own country, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening; then shall he be clean.

16. But if he washes them not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, I am the Lord your God.

3. After the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, shall you not do; and after the doings of the land of Canaan, where I bring you, shall you not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances.

4. You shall do my judgments, and keep my ordinances, to walk with them; I am the Lord your God.

5. You shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments; which if a man does, he shall live in them; I am the Lord.

6. None of you shall approach to any who is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness; I am the Lord.

7. The nakedness of your father, or the nakedness of your mother, shall you not uncover; she is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness.

8. The nakedness of your father's wife shall you not uncover; it is your father's nakedness.
9. The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or daughter of your mother, whether she was born at home, or born abroad, their nakedness you shall not uncover.

10. The nakedness of your son's daughter, or of your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for theirs is your own nakedness.

11. The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, fathered by your father; she is your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

12. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is your father's near kinswoman.

13. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister; for she is your mother's near kinswoman.

14. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother, you shall not approach his wife; she is your aunt.

15. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife; you shall not uncover her nakedness.

16. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness.
17. You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen; it is wickedness.

18. Neither shall you take a rival wife to her sister, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time.

19. Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her menstrual uncleanness.

20. Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her.

21. And you shall not let any of your seed pass through the fire to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I am the Lord.

22. You shall not lie with men, as with women; it is abomination.

23. Neither shall you lie with any beast to defile yourself with it; nor shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down to it; it is perversion.

24. Defile not you yourselves in any of these things; for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you;

25. And the land is defiled; therefore I do punish its iniquity upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants.
26. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; nor any of your own nation, nor any stranger who sojourns among you;

27. For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;

28. That the land should not vomit you out also, when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you.

29. For whoever shall commit any of these abominations, the souls who commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

30. Therefore shall you keep my ordinance, that you commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that you defile not yourselves in it; I am the Lord your God.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel, and say to them, You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy.

3. You shall revere every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths; I am the Lord your God.

4. Turn you not to idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods; I am the Lord your God.

5. And if you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord, you shall offer it of your own will.

6. It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day; and if anything remains until the third day, it shall be burned in the fire.

7. And if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted.

8. Therefore every one who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned the consecrated thing of the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.
9. And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

10. And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and stranger; I am the Lord your God.

11. You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie one to another.

12. And you shall not swear by my name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I am the Lord.

13. You shall not defraud your neighbor, nor rob him; the wages of he who is hired shall not remain with you all night until the morning.

14. You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God; I am the Lord.

15. You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; you shall not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

16. You shall not go up and down as a slanderer among your people; nor shall you stand against the blood of your neighbor; I am the Lord.
17. You shall not hate your brother in your heart; you shall reason with your neighbor, and not allow sin on his account.

18. You shall not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.

19. You shall keep my statutes. You shall not let your cattle breed with a different kind; you shall not sow your field with mixed seed; nor shall a garment mixed of linen and woolen come upon you.

20. And whoever lies carnally with a woman, who is a slave betrothed to a man, and not wholly redeemed, nor freEdom given her; inquiry shall be made; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

21. And he shall bring his guilt offering to the Lord, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, a ram for a guilt offering.

22. And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering before the Lord for his sin which he has done; and the sin which he has done shall be forgiven him.

23. And when you shall come into the land, and shall have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count its fruit as uncircumcised; three years shall it be uncircumcised to you; it shall not be eaten.
24. But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy for praise giving to the Lord.

25. And in the fifth year shall you eat of its fruit, that it may yield to you its produce; I am the Lord your God.

26. You shall not eat any thing with the blood; nor shall you use enchantment, nor observe times.

27. You shall not round the corners of your heads, nor shall you mar the corners of your beard.

28. You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you; I am the Lord.

29. Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot; lest the land fall to harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.

30. You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord.

31. Regard not those who are mediums, nor seek after wizards, to be defiled by them; I am the Lord your God.

32. You shall rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear your God; I am the Lord.

33. And if a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not wrong him.
34. But the stranger who dwells with you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

35. You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures of length, of weight, or quantity.

36. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall you have; I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37. Therefore shall you observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them; I am the Lord.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Again, you shall say to the people of Israel, Whoever he is of the people of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel, who gives any of his seed to Molech; he shall surely be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3. And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he has given of his seed to Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

4. And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he gives of his seed to Molech, and kill him not;

5. Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all who play the harlot after him, to commit whorEdom with Molech, from among their people.

6. And the soul who turns after those who are mediums, and after wizards, to play the harlot after them, I will set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

7. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am the Lord your God.
8. And you shall keep my statutes, and do them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

9. For every one who curses his father or his mother shall be surely put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

10. And the man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

11. And the man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

12. And if a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed unnatural sin; their blood shall be upon them.

13. If a man also lies with men, as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

14. And if a man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness; they shall be burned with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.
15. And if a man lies with a beast, he shall surely be put to death; and you shall slay the beast.

16. And if a woman approaches any beast, and lies down to it, you shall kill the woman, and the beast; they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

17. And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people; he has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

18. And if a man shall lie with a woman having her menstrual sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he has made naked her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood; and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19. And you shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, nor of your father's sister; for he uncovers his near kin; they shall bear their iniquity.

20. And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

21. And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.
22. You shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them; that the land, where I bring you to dwell in it, vomit you not out.

23. And you shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you; for they committed all these things, and therefore I loathed them.

24. But I have said to you, You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess it, a land that flows with milk and honey; I am the Lord your God, which have separated you from other people.

25. You shall therefore differentiate between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean birds and clean; and you shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by bird, or by any manner of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

26. And you shall be holy to me; for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from other people, that you should be mine.

27. A man or woman who is a medium, or who is a wizard, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them.
1. And the Lord said to Moses, Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them, There shall be none defiled for the dead among his people;

2. But for his kin, who is near to him, that is, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother,

3. And for his sister a virgin, who is near to him, which has had no husband; for her may he be defiled.

4. But he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to defile himself.

5. They shall not make bald any part of their head, nor shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any gashes in their flesh.

6. They shall be holy to their God, and not profane the name of their God; for the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and the bread of their God, they do offer; therefore they shall be holy.

7. They shall not take a wife who is a harlot, or defiled; nor shall they take a woman put away from her husband; for he is holy to his God.
8. You shall sanctify him therefore; for he offers the bread of your God; he shall be holy to you; for I the Lord, which sanctify you, am holy.

9. And the daughter of any priest, if she defiles herself by playing the harlot, she defiles her father; she shall be burned with fire.

10. And he who is the high priest among his brothers, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and who is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor tear his clothes;

11. Neither shall he go to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother;

12. Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him; I am the Lord.

13. And he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14. A widow, or a divorced woman, or defiled, or a harlot, these shall he not take; but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

15. Neither shall he defile his seed among his people; for I the Lord do sanctify him.

16. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
17. Speak to Aaron, saying, Whoever he is of your seed in their generations who has any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God.

18. For whichever man he is who has a blemish, he shall not approach; a blind man, or a lame, or he who has a flat nose, or any thing superfluous,

19. Or a man who is broken footed, or broken handed,

20. Or crook backed, or a dwarf, or who has a blemish in his eye, or is scurvy, or scabbed, or has his stones broken;

21. No man, of the seed of Aaron the priest, who has a blemish shall come close to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire; he has a blemish; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.

22. He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the Most Holy, and of the holy.

23. Only he shall not go in to the veil, nor come near to the altar, because he has a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries; for I the Lord do sanctify them.

24. And Moses told it to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the people of Israel.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the people of Israel, and that they profane not my holy name in those things which they hallow to me; I am the Lord.

3. Say to them, Whoever he is of all your seed among your generations, who goes to the holy things, which the people of Israel hallow to the Lord, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence; I am the Lord.

4. Whoever, of the seed of Aaron, is a leper, or has a discharge; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he is clean. And whoever touches any thing that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed issues from him;

5. Or whoever touches any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatever uncleanness he has;

6. The soul who has touched any such shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he washes his flesh with water.

7. And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterwards eat of the holy things; because it is his food.
8. That which dies of itself, or is torn by beasts, he shall not eat to defile himself with it; I am the Lord.

9. They shall therefore keep my ordinance, lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it; I the Lord do sanctify them.

10. There shall no stranger eat of the holy thing; a sojourner of the priest, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing.

11. But if the priest buys any soul with his money, he shall eat of it, and he who is born in his house; they shall eat of his bread.

12. If the priest's daughter also is married to a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things.

13. But if the priest's daughter is a widow, or divorced, and has no child, and has returned to her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's bread; but there shall no stranger eat it.

14. And if a man eats of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put its fifth part, and shall give it to the priest with the holy thing.

15. And they shall not profane the holy things of the people of Israel, which they offer to the Lord;
16. Or allow them to bear the iniquity of trespass, when they eat their holy things; for I the Lord do sanctify them.

17. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

18. Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the people of Israel, and say to them, Whoever he is, of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his offering for all his vows, and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer to the Lord for a burnt offering;

19. You shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the oxen, of the sheep, or of the goats.

20. But whatever has a blemish, that shall you not offer; for it shall not be acceptable for you.

21. And whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in oxen or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish in it.

22. Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a growth, or scurvy, or scabbed, you shall not offer these to the Lord, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar to the Lord.
23. Either a bull or a lamb that has any thing superfluous or lacking in its parts, that may you offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24. You shall not offer to the Lord that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; nor shall you make any offering of it in your land.

25. Neither from a stranger's hand shall you offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, and blemishes are in them; they shall not be accepted for you.

26. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

27. When a bull, or a sheep, or a goat, is born, then it shall be seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day on it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire to the Lord.

28. And whether it is a cow or an ewe, you shall not kill it and her young both in one day.

29. And when you will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, offer it by your own will.

30. On the same day it shall be eaten up; you shall leave none of it until the next day; I am the Lord.

31. Therefore shall you keep my commandments, and do them; I am the Lord.
32. Neither shall you profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the people of Israel; I am the Lord who hallow you,

33. Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God; I am the Lord.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy gatherings, these are my feasts.

3. Six days shall work be done; but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, a holy gathering; you shall do no work in it; it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.

4. These are the feasts of the Lord, holy gatherings, which you shall proclaim in their seasons.

5. In the fourteenth day of the first month at evening is the Lord's Passover.

6. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread.

7. In the first day you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no labor in it.

8. But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord seven days; in the seventh day is a holy gathering; you shall do no labor in it.
9. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

10. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When you come to the land which I give to you, and shall reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest;

11. And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you; on the next day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12. And you shall offer that day when you wave the sheaf a male lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering to the Lord.

13. And the meal offering of it shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the Lord for a sweet savor; and the drink offering of it shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hin.

14. And you shall eat nor bread, nor parched grain, nor green ears, until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

15. And you shall count from the next day after the sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete;

16. To the next day after the seventh sabbath shall you count fifty days; and you shall offer a new meal offering to the Lord.
17. You shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the first fruits to the Lord.

18. And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bull, and two rams; they shall be for a burnt offering to the Lord, with their meal offering, and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire, of sweet savor to the Lord.

19. Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

20. And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering before the Lord with the two lambs; they shall be holy to the Lord for the priest.

21. And you shall proclaim on the same day, that it may be a holy gathering to you; you shall do no labor in it; it shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22. And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not make clean riddance up to the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning of your harvest; you shall leave them to the poor, and to the stranger; I am the Lord your God.

23. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
24. Speak to the people of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall you have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of horns, a holy gathering.

25. You shall do no labor in it; but you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.

26. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

27. Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement; it shall be a holy gathering to you; and you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.

28. And you shall do no work in that same day; for it is a Day of Atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God.

29. For whatever soul it is who shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

30. And whatever soul it is who does any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31. You shall do no kind of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
32. It shall be to you a sabbath of rest, and you shall afflict your souls; in the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, shall you celebrate your sabbath.

33. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

34. Speak to the people of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Booths for seven days to the Lord.

35. On the first day shall be a holy gathering; you shall do no labor in it.

36. Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord; on the eighth day shall be a holy gathering to you; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord; it is a solemn assembly; and you shall do no labor in it.

37. These are the feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy gatherings, to offer an offering made by fire to the Lord, a burnt offering, and a meal offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day;

38. Beside the sabbaths of the Lord, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which you give to the Lord.
39. Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep a feast to the Lord seven days; on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

40. And you shall take on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days.

41. And you shall keep it a feast to the Lord seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42. You shall dwell in booths seven days; all who are Israelites born shall dwell in booths;

43. That your generations may know that I made the people of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

44. And Moses declared to the people of Israel the feasts of the Lord.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Command the people of Israel, that they bring to you pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.

3. Inside the veil of the Testimony, in the Tent of Meeting, shall Aaron order it from the evening to the morning before the Lord continually; it shall be a statute forever in your generations.

4. He shall order the lamps upon the pure lampstands before the Lord continually.

5. And you shall take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes of it; two tenth deals shall be in one cake.

6. And you shall set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the Lord.

7. And you shall put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the Lord.

8. Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the Lord continually, being taken from the people of Israel by an everlasting covenant.
9. And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place; for it is Most Holy to him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire by an everlasting statute.

10. And the son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the people of Israel; and this son of the Israelite woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;

11. And the Israelite woman's son blasphemed the name of the Lord, and cursed. And they brought him to Moses; and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan;

12. And they put him in custody, that the mind of the Lord might be shown to them.

13. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

14. Bring forth him who has cursed outside the camp; and let all who heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

15. And you shall speak to the people of Israel, saying, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin.
16. And he who blasphemes the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him; as well the stranger, as he who is born in the land, when he blasphemes the name of the Lord, shall be put to death.

17. And he who kills any man shall surely be put to death.

18. And he who kills a beast shall make it good; beast for beast.

19. And if a man causes a blemish in his neighbor; as he has done, so shall it be done back to him.

20. Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done back to him.

21. And he who kills a beast, he shall restore it; and he who kills a man, he shall be put to death.

22. You shall have one kind of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country; for I am the Lord your God.

23. And Moses spoke to the people of Israel, that they should bring forth him who had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the people of Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount Sinai, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath to the Lord.

3. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in its fruit;

4. But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest to the land, a sabbath for the Lord; you shall not sow your field, nor prune your vineyard.

5. That which grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your vine undressed; for it is a year of rest to the land.

6. And the sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you; for you, and for your servant, and for your maid, and for your hired servant, and for the stranger who sojourns with you,

7. And for your cattle, and for the beast that are in your land, shall all its produce be food.
8. And you shall count seven sabbaths of years to you, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty and nine years.

9. Then shall you cause the shofar to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement shall you sound the shofar throughout all your land.

10. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants of it; it shall be a jubilee to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his family.

11. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be to you; you shall not sow, nor reap that which grows of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of your vine undressed.

12. For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat the produce of it out of the field.

13. In the year of this jubilee you shall return every man to his possession.

14. And if you sell something to your neighbor, or buy something from your neighbor's hand, you shall not defraud one another;

15. According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of the fruits he shall sell to you;
16. According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and if the years are few, you shall accordingly diminish its price; for according to the number of the years of the fruits does he sell to you.

17. You shall not therefore defraud one another; but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

18. Therefore you shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety.

19. And the land shall yield her fruit, and you shall eat your fill, and dwell in it in safety.

20. And if you shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our produce;

21. Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

22. And you shall sow the eighth year, and eat still of old fruit until the ninth year; until its fruits come in you shall eat of the old store.

23. The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me.
24. And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land.

25. If your brother becomes poor, and has sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin comes to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.

26. And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself is able to redeem it;

27. Then let him count the years since he sold it, and restore the overpayment to the man to whom he sold it; that he may return to his possession.

28. But if he is not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him who has bought it until the year of jubilee; and in the jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.

29. And if a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; within a full year may he redeem it.

30. And if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall become the permanent property of he who bought it throughout his generations; it shall not go out in the jubilee.
31. But the houses of the villages which have no wall around them shall be counted as the fields of the country; they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee.

32. However the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time.

33. And if a man buys from the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall be released in the year of jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the people of Israel.

34. But the field of the pasture lands of their cities may not be sold; for it is their everlasting possession.

35. And if your brother has become poor, and his means fail with you; then you shall relieve him; though he may be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with you.

36. Take no interest from him, or increase; but fear your God; that your brother may live with you.

37. You shall not give him your money for interest, nor lend him your food for profit.

38. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.
39. And if your brother who dwells by you becomes poor, and is sold to you; you shall not compel him to serve as a slave;

40. But as a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with you, and shall serve you to the year of jubilee;

41. And then shall he depart from you, both he and his children with him, and shall return to his own family, and to the possession of his fathers shall he return.

42. For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.

43. You shall not rule over him with rigor; but shall fear your God.

44. Both your male slaves, and your female slaves, which you shall have, shall be of the nations that are around you; of them shall you buy male slaves and female slaves.

45. Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall you buy, and of their families that are with you, which they fathered in your land; and they shall be your possession.

46. And you shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your slaves for ever; but over your brothers, the people of Israel, you shall not rule one over another with rigor.
47. And if a sojourner or stranger becomes rich by you, and your brother who
dwells by him becomes poor, and sell himself to the stranger or sojourner by
you, or to the offspring of the stranger's family;

48. After he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brothers may redeem
him;

49. Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any who is near of
kin to him of his family may redeem him; or if he is able, he may redeem
himself.

50. And he shall reckon with him who bought him from the year that he was
sold to him to the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall be according to
the number of years, according to the time of a hired servant shall it be with him.

51. If there are yet many years, according to them he shall give again the price
of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.

52. And if there remain but few years to the year of jubilee, then he shall count
with him, and according to his years shall he give him again the price of his
redemption.

53. And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him; and the other shall not
rule with rigor over him in your sight.
54. And if he is not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, both he, and his children with him.

55. For to me the people of Israel are servants; they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.
1. You shall make no idols nor graven image, nor erect a pillar, nor shall you set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God.

2. You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord.

3. If you walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4. Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5. And your threshing shall last to the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last to the sowing time; and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

6. And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; and I will remove evil beasts from the land, nor shall the sword go through your land.

7. And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.
8. And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9. For I will turn myself to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

10. And you shall eat old store, and remove the old because of the new.

11. And I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not loathe you.

12. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

13. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright.

14. But if you will not listen to me, and will not do all these commandments;

15. And if you shall despise my statutes, or if your soul loathes my judgments, so that you will not do all my commandments, but that you break my covenant;

16. I also will do this to you; I will appoint over you terror, consumption, and fever, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart; and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.
17. And I will set my face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies; they who hate you shall reign over you; and you shall flee when none pursues you.

18. And if you will not yet for all this listen to me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

19. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your skies like iron, and your earth like bronze;

20. And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield her produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

21. And if you walk contrary to me, and will not listen to me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

22. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate.

23. And if you will not be admonished by me by these things, but will walk contrary to me;

24. Then will I also walk contrary to you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.
25. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge my covenant; and when you are gathered together inside your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26. And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight; and you shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27. And if you will not for all this listen to me, but walk contrary to me;

28. Then I will walk contrary to you also in fury; and I will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29. And you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall you eat.

30. And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall loathe you.

31. And I will lay your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors.

32. And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.
33. And I will scatter you among the nations, and will draw out a sword after you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities laid waste.

34. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lies desolate, and you are in your enemies' land; then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.

35. As long as it lies desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when you dwelt upon it.

36. And upon those who are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursues.

37. And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursues; and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

38. And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

39. And those who are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.
If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their
trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked
goingry to me;

And that I also have walked contrary to them, and have brought them into
the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and
they accept of the punishment of their iniquity;

Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with
Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will
remember the land.

The land also shall be left by them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she
lies desolate without them; and they shall accept the punishment of their
iniquity; because, because they despised my judgments, and because their soul
loathed my statutes.

And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not
cast them away, nor will I loathe them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my
covenant with them; for I am the Lord their God.

But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I
brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be
their God; I am the Lord.
46. These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the Lord made between him and the people of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, If a man shall make a special vow to give to the Lord the estimated value of persons,

3. Then the estimation shall be: of a male from twenty years old to sixty years old, fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

4. And if a female, then the estimation shall be thirty shekels.

5. And if from five years old to twenty years old, then the estimation shall be: of the male twenty shekels, and of the female ten shekels.

6. And if from a month old to five years old, then the estimation shall be: of the male five shekels of silver, and of the three shekels of silver.

7. And if from sixty years old and above: if a male, then the estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and if a female ten shekels.
8. But if he is poorer than your estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him who vowed shall the priest value him.

9. And if it is a beast, of which men bring an offering to the Lord, all that any man gives of such to the Lord shall be holy.

10. He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange of it shall be holy.

11. And if it is any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice to the Lord, then he shall present the beast before the priest;

12. And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad; as you, who are the priest, will value it, so shall it stand.

13. But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth part to your estimation.

14. And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy to the Lord, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it is good or bad; as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.
15. And if he who sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be his.

16. And if a man shall sanctify to the Lord some part of a field of his possession, then your estimation shall be according to its seed; a homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

17. If he sanctifies his field from the year of jubilee, according to your estimation it shall stand.

18. But if he sanctifies his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain to the year of the jubilee, and it shall be deducted from your estimation.

19. And if he who sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be remain his.

20. And if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.

21. But the field, when it is released in the jubilee, shall be holy to the Lord, as a field that has been devoted; the possession of it shall be the priest's.

22. And if a man sanctifies to the Lord a field which he has bought, which is not of the fields of his possession;
23. Then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of the estimation, to the year of the jubilee; and he shall give the estimation in that day, as a holy thing to the Lord.

24. In the year of the jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to him to whom the possession of the land did belong.

25. And all your estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26. Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the Lord's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it is an ox, or sheep; it is the Lord's.

27. And if it is of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to your estimation, and shall add a fifth part to it; or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to the estimation.

28. However no devoted thing, that a man shall devote to the Lord of all that he has, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is Most Holy to the Lord.

29. None devoted of men, which shall be doomed to death, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.
30. And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.

31. And if a man will at all redeem any of his tithes, he shall add to it a fifth part.

32. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to the Lord.

33. He shall not search whether it is good or bad, nor shall he change it; and if he changes it at all, then both it and its change shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34. These are the commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel in Mount Sinai.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they came out from the land of Egypt, saying,

2. Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, by families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of names, every male by their polls;

3. From twenty years old and upward, all who are able to go forth to war in Israel; you and Aaron shall count them by their armies.

4. And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one chief of the house of his fathers.

5. And these are the names of the men who shall stand with you; from the tribe of Reuben: Elizur the son of Shedeur.

6. From Shimeon: Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

7. From Judah: Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

8. From Issachar: Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

10. From the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim: Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh: Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

11. From Benjamin: Abidan the son of Gideoni.

12. From Dan: Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

13. From Asher: Pagiel the son of Ocran.

14. From Gad: Eliasaph the son of Dehuel.

15. From Naphtali: Ahira the son of Enan.

16. These were the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, chiefs of thousands in Israel.

17. And Moses and Aaron took these men who were pointed out by their names.

18. And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they registered by families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.
19. As the Lord commanded Moses, so he counted them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20. And the sons of Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

21. Those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Reuben, were forty six thousand and five hundred.

22. From the sons of Shimeon, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, those who were counted of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

23. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Shimeon, were fifty nine thousand and three hundred.

24. From the children of Gad, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

25. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Gad, were forty five thousand six hundred and fifty.
26. From the sons of Judah, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

27. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Judah, were seventy four thousand and six hundred.

28. From the sons of Issachar, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of then names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

29. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Issachar, were fifty four thousand and four hundred.

30. From the sons of Zebulun, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

31. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty seven thousand and four hundred.

32. From the sons of Joseph, namely, from the sons of Ephraim, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;
33. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred.

34. From the sons of Manasseh, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

35. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty two thousand and two hundred.

36. From the sons of Benjamin, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

37. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty five thousand and four hundred.

38. From the sons of Dan, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

39. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Dan, were sixty two thousand and seven hundred.
40. From the sons of Asher, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

41. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Asher, were forty one thousand and five hundred.

42. From the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

43. Those who were counted of them, from the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty three thousand and four hundred.

44. These are those who were counted, which Moses and Aaron counted, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men; each one was for the house of his fathers.

45. So were all those who were counted of the people of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war in Israel;

46. All those who were counted were six hundred three thousand and five hundred and fifty.
47. But the Levites, according to the tribe of their fathers, were not counted among them.

48. For the Lord had spoken to Moses, saying,

49. Only shall you not count the tribe of Levi, nor take a census of them among the people of Israel;

50. But you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of Testimony, and over all its utensils, and over all things that belong to it; they shall carry the tabernacle, and all its utensils; and they shall minister to it, and shall camp around the tabernacle.

51. And when the tabernacle is to set forward, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up; and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

52. And the people of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their camps.

53. But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of Testimony, so that there should be no anger upon the congregation of the people of Israel; and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of Testimony.

54. And the people of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses; so did they.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2. Every man of the people of Israel shall camp by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house; far from the Tent of Meeting shall they camp.

3. And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah camp their armies; and Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, shall be captain of the sons of Judah.

4. And his army, and those who were counted of them, were seventy four thousand and six hundred.

5. And those who camp next to him shall be of the tribe of Issachar; and Nethaneel, the son of Zuar, shall be captain of the sons of Issachar.

6. And his army, and those who were counted of it, were fifty four thousand and four hundred.

7. Then the tribe of Zebulun; and Eliab the son of Helon shall be captain of the sons of Zebulun.

8. And his army, and those who were counted of it, were fifty seven thousand and four hundred.
9. All who were counted in the camp of Judah were a hundred thousand eighty six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall first set forth.

10. On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies; and the captain of the sons of Reuben shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur.

11. And his army, and those who were counted of it, were forty six thousand and five hundred.

12. And those who camp by him shall be the tribe of Shimeon; and the captain of the sons of Shimeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

13. And his army, and those who were counted of them, were fifty nine thousand and three hundred.

14. Then the tribe of Gad; and the captain of the sons of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Rehuel.

15. And his army, and those who were counted of them, were forty five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

16. All who were counted in the camp of Reuben were a hundred thousand and fifty one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the second rank.
17. Then the Tent of Meeting shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp; as they camp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

18. On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies; and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud.

19. And his army, and those who were counted of them, were forty thousand and five hundred.

20. And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh; and the captain of the sons of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

21. And his army, and those who were counted of them, were thirty two thousand and two hundred.

22. Then the tribe of Benjamin; and the captain of the sons of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideoni.

23. And his army, and those who were counted of them, were thirty five thousand and four hundred.

24. All who were counted of the camp of Ephraim were one hundred eight thousand and one hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank.
25. The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies; and the captain of the sons of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26. And his army, and those who were counted of them, were sixty two thousand and seven hundred.

27. And those who camp by him shall be the tribe of Asher; and the captain of the sons of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ocran.

28. And his army, and those who were counted of them, were forty one thousand and five hundred.

29. Then the tribe of Naphtali; and the captain of the sons of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan.

30. And his army, and those who were counted of them, were fifty three thousand and four hundred.

31. All those who were counted in the camp of Dan were a hundred fifty seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go last with their standards.

32. These are those who were counted of the people of Israel by the house of their fathers; all those who were counted of the camps throughout their armies were six hundred three thousand five hundred.
33. But the Levites were not counted among the people of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses.

34. And the people of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses; and they camped by their standards, and so they set forward, every one according to their families, according to the house of their fathers.
1. These are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the Lord spoke with Moses in Mount Sinai.

2. And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3. These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests who were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office.

4. And Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord, when they offered strange fire before the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children; and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the presence of Aaron their father.

5. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

6. Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him.

7. And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the Tent of Meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle.

8. And they shall keep all the instruments of the Tent of Meeting, and the charge of the people of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.
9. And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given to him out of the people of Israel.

10. And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall keep their priest's office; and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

11. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

12. And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of all the firstborn who open the matrix among the people of Israel; therefore the Levites shall be mine;

13. Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I consecrated to me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast; mine shall they be; I am the Lord.

14. And the Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15. Count the sons of Levi according to the house of their fathers, by their families; every male from a month old and upward shall you count them.

16. And Moses counted them according to the word of the Lord, as he was commanded.

17. And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kehath, and Merari.
18. And these are the names of the sons of Gershom by their families; Libni, and Shimei.

19. And the sons of Kehath by their families; Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20. And the sons of Merari by their families; Mahli, and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

21. From Gershom was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimhites; these are the families of the Gershonites.

22. Those who were counted of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, those who were counted of them were seven thousand and five hundred.

23. The families of the Gershonites shall camp behind the tabernacle westward.

24. And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael.

25. And the charge of the sons of Gershom in the Tent of Meeting shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, its covering, and the screen for the door of the Tent of Meeting.

26. And the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and around the altar, and its cords for all its service.
27. And of Kehath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites; these are the families of the Kehathites.

28. In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

29. The families of the sons of Kehath shall camp on the side of the tabernacle southward.

30. And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kehathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31. And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the altars, and the utensils of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all its service.

32. And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be chief over the chiefs of the Levites, and will supervise those who keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33. From Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites; these are the families of Merari.

34. And those who were counted of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred.
35. And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail; these shall camp on the side of the tabernacle northward.

36. And under the custody and charge of the sons of Merari shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and all its utensils, and all that belongs to it.

37. And the pillars of the court around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38. But those who camp before the tabernacle toward the east, before the Tent of Meeting eastward, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the people of Israel; and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

39. All who were counted of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron counted at the commandment of the Lord, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty two thousand.

40. And the Lord said to Moses, Count all the firstborn of the males of the people of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.
41. And you shall take the Levites for me, I am the Lord, instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of Israel.

42. And Moses counted, as the Lord commanded him, all the firstborn among the people of Israel.

43. And all the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those who were counted of them, were twenty two thousand two hundred and seventy three.

44. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

45. Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine; I am the Lord.

46. And for those who are to be redeemed of the two hundred and seventy three of the firstborn of the people of Israel, who are more than the Levites;

47. You shall take five shekels apiece by the poll, according to the shekel of the sanctuary shall you take them; the shekel is twenty gerahs;

48. And you shall give the money, with which the surplus of them is to be redeemed, to Aaron and to his sons.
49. And Moses took the redemption money of them who were over and above those who were redeemed by the Levites;

50. From the firstborn of the people of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and sixty five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

51. And Moses gave the money of them who were redeemed to Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2. Take a census of the sons of Kehath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers,

3. From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all who enter into the army, to do the work in the Tent of Meeting.

4. This shall be the service of the sons of Kehath in the Tent of Meeting, about the Most Holy things;

5. And when the camp sets forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the covering veil, and cover the ark of Testimony with it;

6. And shall put on it the covering of goats' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in its poles.

7. And upon the table of the bread of display they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put on it the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and the jars for pouring out; and the continual bread shall be on it;

8. And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of goats' skins, and shall put in its poles.
9. And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the lampstand of the light, and its lamps, and its tongs, and its pans, and all its oil utensils, with which they minister to it;

10. And they shall put it and all its utensils inside a covering of goats' skins, and shall put it upon a bar.

11. And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of goats' skins, and shall put its poles;

12. And they shall take all the instruments of ministry, with which they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of goats' skins, and shall put them on a bar;

13. And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth on it;

14. And they shall put upon it all its utensils, with which they minister about it, the censers, the forks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the utensils of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of goats' skins, and put its poles.

15. And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary, and all the utensils of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kehath shall come to carry it; but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kehath in the Tent of Meeting.
16. And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest belong the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meal offering, and the anointing oil, and the supervision of all the tabernacle, and of all that is in it, in the sanctuary, and in its utensils.

17. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

18. Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kehathites from among the Levites;

19. But thus do to them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach the Most Holy things; Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them each to his service and to his burden;

20. But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.

21. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

22. Take also a census of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families;

23. From thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shall you count them; all who enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the Tent of Meeting.
24. This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve, and to carry;

25. And they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle, and the Tent of Meeting, its covering, and the covering of the goats' skins that is above upon it, and the screen for the door of the Tent of Meeting.

26. And the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and around the altar, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them; so shall they serve.

27. By the order of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service; and you shall appoint them in charge of all their burdens.

28. This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the Tent of Meeting; and their charge shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

29. As for the sons of Merari, you shall count them according to their families, by the house of their fathers;

30. From thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old shall you count them, every one who enters into the service, to do the work of the Tent of Meeting.
31. And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the Tent of Meeting; the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets,

32. And the pillars of the court around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service; and by name you shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.

33. This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the Tent of Meeting, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

34. And Moses and Aaron and the chief of the congregation counted the sons of the Kehathites according to their families, and after the house of their fathers,

35. From thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, every one that enters into the service, for the work in the Tent of Meeting;

36. And those who were counted of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

37. These were those who were counted of the families of the Kehathites, all who might do service in the Tent of Meeting, which Moses and Aaron counted according to the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.
38. And those who were counted of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers,

39. From thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, every one who enters into the service, for the work in the Tent of Meeting,

40. Those who were counted of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.

41. These are those who were counted of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all who might do service in the Tent of Meeting, whom whom Moses and Aaron counted according to the commandment of the Lord.

42. And those who were counted of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers,

43. From thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, every one who enters into the service, for the work in the Tent of Meeting,

44. Those who were counted of them according to their families, were three thousand and two hundred.

45. These are those who were counted of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron counted according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.
46. All those who were counted of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chiefs of Israel counted, according to their families, and after the house of their fathers,

47. From thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, every one who came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the Tent of Meeting,

48. Those who were counted of them, were eight thousand and five hundred.

49. According to the commandment of the Lord they were counted by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden; thus were they counted by him, as the Lord commanded Moses.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Command the people of Israel, that they take out of the camp every leper, and every one who has a bodily discharge, and whoever is defiled by the dead;

3. Both male and female shall you take out, outside the camp shall you take them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst of which I dwell.

4. And the people of Israel did so, and took them out outside the camp; as the Lord spoke to Moses, so did the people of Israel.

5. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

6. Speak to the people of Israel, When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the Lord, and if that person is guilty;

7. Then they shall confess their sin which they have done; and he shall make restitution for his trespass in full, and add to it its fifth part, and give it to him against whom he has trespassed.
8. But if the man has no kinsman to make restitution to for the trespass, let the restitution for the trespass be made to the Lord, to the priest; beside the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.

9. And every offering of all the holy things of the people of Israel, which they bring to the priest, shall be his.

10. And every man's consecrated things shall be his; whatever any man gives the priest, it shall be his.

11. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

12. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, If any man's wife goes astray, and commits a trespass against him,

13. And a man lies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and this is kept undetected, and she is defiled, and there is no witness against her, since she was not caught in the act;

14. And the spirit of jealousy comes upon him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she is defiled; or if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she is not defiled;
15. Then shall the man bring his wife to the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense on it; for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16. And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the Lord;

17. And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen utensil; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water;

18. And the priest shall set the woman before the Lord, and loosen the hair of the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the meal offering of jealousy; and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causes the curse;

19. And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say to the woman, If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone astray to uncleanness with another instead of your husband, be you free from this bitter water that causes the curse;

20. But if you have gone astray with another instead of your husband, and if you are defiled, and some man has lain with you other than your husband;
21. Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say to the woman, The Lord make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the Lord makes your thigh fall away, and your belly swell;

22. And this water that causes the curse shall go into your bowels, to make your belly swell, and your thigh to fall away; And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

23. And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out with the bitter water;

24. And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causes the curse; and the water that causes the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter.

25. Then the priest shall take the meal offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the Lord, and offer it upon the altar;

26. And the priest shall take a handful of the offering, its memorial, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.

27. And when he has made her drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she is defiled, and has trespassed against her husband, that the water that causes the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall; and the woman shall be a curse among her people.
28. And if the woman is not defiled, but is clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

29. This is the Torah of jealousies, when a wife goes astray with another instead of her husband, and is defiled;

30. Or when the spirit of jealousy comes upon him, and he is jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the Lord, and the priest shall execute upon her all this Torah.

31. Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazirite, to separate themselves for the Lord;

3. He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, nor shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.

4. All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is produced from the grape vine, from the seeds to the grape skin.

5. All the days of the vow of his separation no razor shall come upon his head; until the days are fulfilled, during which he separates himself for the Lord, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

6. All the days that he separates himself for the Lord he shall not come near a dead body.

7. He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die; because the consecration of his God is upon his head.
8. All the days of his separation he is holy to the Lord.

9. And if any man dies very suddenly beside him, and he has defiled his consecrated head; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

10. And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting;

11. And the priest shall offer one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make an atonement for him, because he sinned by the dead, and shall consecrate his head that same day.

12. And he shall consecrate to the Lord the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a guilt offering; but the days who were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

13. And this is the Torah of the Nazirite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled; he shall be brought to the door of the Tent of Meeting;

14. And he shall offer his offering to the Lord, one male lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings,
15. And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings.

16. And the priest shall bring them before the Lord, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering;

17. And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest shall offer also his meal offering, and his drink offering.

18. And the Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.

19. And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazirite, after the hair of his separation is shaven;

20. And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the Lord; this is holy for the priest, with the waved breast and the offered shoulder; and after that the Nazirite may drink wine.
21. This is the Torah of the Nazirite who has vowed, and of his offering to the Lord for his separation, beside that which his means allow; according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the Torah of his separation.

22. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

23. Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, On this wise you shall bless the people of Israel, saying to them,

24. The Lord bless you, and keep you;

25. The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

26. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

27. And they shall put my name upon the people of Israel; and I will bless them.
1. And it came to pass on the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all its instruments, both the altar and all its utensils, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;

2. That the princes of Israel, chiefs of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes, and who were over them who were counted, offered;

3. And they brought their offering before the Lord, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox; and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

5. Take it from them, that they may be to do the service of the Tent of Meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, to every man according to his service.

6. And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites.

7. Two wagons and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service;
8. And four wagons and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9. But to the sons of Kehath he gave none; because the service of the sanctuary belonging to them was that they should carry upon their shoulders.

10. And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed; the princes offered their offering before the altar.

11. And the Lord said to Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12. And he who offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah;

13. And his offering was one silver dish, the weight of it was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

14. One spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense;

15. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

16. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;
17. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

18. On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer;

19. He offered for his offering one silver dish, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

20. One spoon of gold of ten shekels, full of incense;

21. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

22. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

23. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

24. On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the sons of Zebulun, did offer;
25. His offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering:

כ. בשקל שישים וחמש ימים שוליות סフラ בפלותASF שבעים שקלים.

26. One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

כ. בעשיות. עימוש עשה קראתם.

27. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

כ. שעירה-עזים עשה קראתם.

28. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

כ. ולואים שלמה עכבר עשלים עשה-עזים עשה עשתה בפירות ברוש עشبه ע_semaphore.

29. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

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30. On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the sons of Reuben, did offer;


31. His offering was one silver dish of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering:

ל. בשקל שישים וחמש ימים שוליות סフラ בפלותASF שבעים שקלים.

32. One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

ל. בעשיות. עימוש עשה קראתם.

33. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;
34. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

35. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36. On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the sons of Shimeon, did offer;

37. His offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

38. One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

39. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

40. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

41. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

42. On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Dehuel, prince of the sons of Gad, offered;
43. His offering was one silver dish of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering:

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44. One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

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45. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

בשם הפר ישרא-עם כל-אה עדשת למשאת

46. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

בשם גַּם הם IllegalArgumentException בֵּשָׁה בֶּן-אֱשֶׂשק בּוֹ-שֶׁמות

47. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Dehuel.

בשם בּוֹיֲם קִנְבִּיָּה בָּשָׁה בִּנְבַיָּה אָבָנָיָה בּוֹ-שֶׁמות

48. On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, offered;

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49. His offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering:

בשם כף אתה ששתה בּוֹב מִלְשָׁה קָמאָה

50. One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

בשם פר אחר וכל-בἑזר אחר ע tabela נבש-אשה-כן-שעתו CAMERA

51. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;
52. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

53. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

54. On the eighth day offered Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the sons of Manasseh;

55. His offering was one silver dish of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

56. One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

57. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

58. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

59. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60. On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the sons of Benjamin, offered;
61. His offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering:

62. One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

63. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

64. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

65. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66. On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the sons of Dan, offered;

67. His offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

68. One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

69. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;
70. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

71. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72. On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the sons of Asher, offered;

73. His offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering;

74. One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

75. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

76. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

77. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

78. On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the sons of Naphtali, offered;
79. His offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering:

פ. כה אוחש עשר הכב 닛לאה קשת:

80. One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense;

פא. פר אוחש בכסף עוף עשר יוס- Açח-ışıן בין-شاهט סעל:

81. One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

פכ. שער-יזים אוחש ללהתא:

82. One kid of the goats for a sin offering;

פג. נחלות ישלימה ככר-שנפ בר יישראל השמיד והמית יתומר eslושו הכניש כניש בני-שנה המישה הזק שכבר עדו:

83. And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

פד. את חgetUser התقبض קצת יושמה אוחש מקיא יישראיל קערת כוכ-שנים

84. This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel; twelve dishes of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold;

פ. שלשים וארבע מאת מכות נאהת כוכב ישבטי ירושלם נאהת כל כוכב חודים

85. Each dish of silver weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, each bowl seventy; all the silver utensils weighed two thousand and four hundred shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

פ. כפות דוב עשים-עשרים מלקאת כפות עשרים עשרים כפות בפשבל מכות כל-יוחב

86. The golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the spoons was a hundred and twenty shekels.
87. All the oxen for the burnt offering were twelve bulls, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meal offering; and the kids of the goats for sin offering twelve.

88. And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings were twenty four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after it was anointed.

89. And when Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking to him from the covering that was upon the ark of Testimony, from between the two Cherubim; and he spoke to him.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to Aaron, and say to him, When you light the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand.

3. And Aaron did so; he lighted its lamps to give light in front of the lampstand, as the Lord commanded Moses.

4. And the workmanship of the lampstand was of hammered gold, its shaft, its flowers, was hammered work; according to the pattern which the Lord had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.

5. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

6. Take the Levites from among the people of Israel, and cleanse them.

7. And thus shall you do to them, to cleanse them; Sprinkle purifying water upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.

8. Then let them take a young bull with its meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, and another young bull shall you take for a sin offering.
9. And you shall bring the Levites before the Tent of Meeting; and you shall gather the whole assembly of the people of Israel together;

10. And you shall bring the Levites before the Lord; and the people of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites;

11. And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord for an offering of the people of Israel, that they may execute the service of the Lord.

12. And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bulls; and you shall offer one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, to the Lord, to make an atonement for the Levites.

13. And you shall set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering to the Lord.

14. Thus shall you separate the Levites from among the people of Israel; and the Levites shall be mine.

15. And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the Tent of Meeting; and you shall cleanse them, and offer them for an offering.

16. For they are wholly given to me from among the people of Israel; instead of those who open every womb, instead of the firstborn of all the people of Israel, have I taken them to me.
17. For all the firstborn of the people of Israel are mine, both man and beast; on the day that I struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself.

18. And I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn of the people of Israel.

19. And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the people of Israel, to do the service of the people of Israel in the Tent of Meeting, and to make an atonement for the people of Israel; that there should be no plague among the children of Israel, when the people of Israel come near to the sanctuary.

20. And Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the people of Israel, did to the Levites according to all that the Lord commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they to them.

21. And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them as an offering before the Lord; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.

22. And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the Tent of Meeting before Aaron, and before his sons; as the Lord had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they to them.
23. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

24. This is it what concerns the Levites: from twenty five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the Tent of Meeting;

25. And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon its service, and shall serve no more;

26. But shall minister with their brothers in the Tent of Meeting, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shall you do to the Levites concerning their charge.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they came out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2. Let the people of Israel also keep the Passover at its appointed season.

3. In the fourteenth day of this month, at evening you shall keep it in its appointed season; according to all its rites, and according to all its ceremonies, shall you keep it.

4. And Moses spoke to the people of Israel, that they should keep the Passover.

5. And they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at evening in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did the people of Israel.

6. And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the Passover on that day; and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day;

7. And those men said to him, We are defiled by the dead body of a man; Why are we kept back, so that we may not offer an offering to the Lord in his appointed season among the people of Israel?
8. And Moses said to them, Wait, and I will hear what the Lord will command concerning you.

9. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

10. Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean because of a dead body, or is in a journey far away, he shall still keep the Passover to the Lord.

11. The fourteenth day of the second month at evening they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12. They shall leave none of it to the morning, nor break any bone of it; according to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.

13. But the man who is clean, and is not in a journey, and refrains from keeping the Passover, that same soul shall be cut off from among his people; because he brought not the offering of the Lord in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

14. And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the Passover to the Lord; according to the ordinance of the Passover, and according to its prescribed ordinance, so shall he do; you shall have one ordinance, for the stranger, and for him who was born in the land.
15. And on the day that the tabernacle was erected the cloud covered the tabernacle, the Tent of the Testimony; and at the evening there was upon the tabernacle like the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16. So it was always; the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

17. And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the people of Israel journeyed; and in the place where the cloud abode, there the people of Israel pitched their tents.

18. At the commandment of the Lord the people of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they camped; as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.

19. And when the cloud remained long upon the tabernacle many days, then the people of Israel kept the charge of the Lord, and journeyed not.

20. And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the Lord they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the Lord they journeyed.

21. And so it was, when the cloud abode from evening to the morning, and the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed; whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.
22. Or whether it was two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud stayed upon the tabernacle, remaining on it, the people of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not; but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23. At the commandment of the Lord they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed; they kept the charge of the Lord, at the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Make two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shall you make them; that you may use them for calling the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

3. And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble to you at the door of the Tent of Meeting.

4. And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are chiefs of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves to you.

5. When you blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

6. When you blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey; they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7. But when the congregation is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm.

8. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance forever throughout your generations.
9. And if you go to war in your land against an enemy who oppresses you, then you shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and you shall be remembered before the Lord your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies.

10. Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, you shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God; I am the Lord your God.

11. And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle of the Testimony.

12. And the people of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

13. And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

14. In the first place went the standard of the camp of the sons of Judah according to their armies; and over his army was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

15. And over the army of the tribe of Issachar was Nethaneel, the son of Zuar.

16. And over the army of the tribe of Zebulun was Eliab, the son of Helon.
17. And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, carrying the tabernacle.

18. And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies; and over his army was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19. And over the army of the tribe of Shimeon was Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai.

20. And over the army of the tribe of Gad was Eliasaph, the son of Dehuel.

21. And the Kehathites set forward, carrying the sanctuary; that the tabernacle should be set up before they arrived.

22. And the standard of the camp of the sons of Ephraim set forward according to their armies; and over his army was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

23. And over the army of the tribe of Manasseh was Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur.

24. And over the army of the tribe of Benjamin was Abidan, the son of Gideoni.

25. And the standard of the camp of the sons of Dan set forward, which was the rear guard of all the camps throughout their armies; and over his army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.
26. And over the army of the tribe of Asher was Pagiel, the son of Ocran.

27. And over the army of the tribe of Naphtali was Ahira, the son of Enan.

28. Thus were the journeys of the people of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward.

29. And Moses said to Hobab, the son of Rehuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, We are journeying to the place about which the Lord said, I will give it you; come with us, and we will do you good; for the Lord has spoken good concerning Israel.

30. And he said to him, I will not go; but I will depart to my own land, and to my kindred.

31. And he said, Leave us not, I pray you; for you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and you may be to us instead of eyes.

32. And it shall be, if you go with us, it shall be, that whatever goodness the Lord shall do to us, the same will we do to you.

33. And they departed from the mount of the Lord three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.
34. And the cloud of the Lord was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35. And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let your enemies be scattered; and let them who hate you flee before you.

36. And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, to the many thousands of Israel.
1. And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord; and the Lord heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed those who were in the outlying parts of the camp.

2. And the people cried to Moses; and when Moses prayed to the Lord, the fire was quenched.

3. And he called the name of the place Taberah; because the fire of the Lord burnt among them.

4. And the mixed multitude that was among them had a strong craving; and the people of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us meat to eat?

5. We remember the fish, which we ate in Egypt for nothing; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic;

6. But now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

7. And the manna was as coriander seed, and its color as the color of bdellium.
8. And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and the taste of it was like the taste of fresh oil.

9. And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10. Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent; and the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; and Moses also was displeased.

11. And Moses said to the Lord, Why have you afflicted your servant? and why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people upon me?

12. Have I conceived all this people? Have I fathered them, that you should say to me, carry them in your bosom, like a nursing father carries the sucking child, to the land which you swore to their fathers?

13. From where should I have meat to give to all this people? for they weep to me, saying, Give us meat, that we may eat.

14. I am not able to carry all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.

15. And if you deal thus with me, kill me, I pray you, at once, if I have found favor in your sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.
16. And the Lord said to Moses, Gather to me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

17. And I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take of the spirit which is upon you, and will put it upon them; and they shall carry the burden of the people with you, that you carry it not yourself alone.

18. And say to the people, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the ears of the Lord, saying, Who shall give us meat to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt; therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat.

19. You shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

20. But a whole month, until it comes out from your nostrils, and it becomes loathsome to you; because you have despised the Lord who is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why did we come out of Egypt?

21. And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and you have said, I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month.
22. Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all
the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23. And the Lord said to Moses, Has the Lord's hand become short? You shall
see now whether my word shall come to pass to you or not.

24. And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the Lord, and
gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them around the
Tent.

25. And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the
spirit that was upon him, and gave it to the seventy elders; and it came to pass,
that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

26. But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of one was Eldad,
and the name of the other Medad; and the spirit rested upon them; and they
were among those who were registered, but went not to the Tent; and they
prophesied in the camp.

27. And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad are
prophesying in the camp.

28. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men,
answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.
29. And Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!

30. And Moses returned to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

31. And there went forth a wind from the Lord, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, about a day's journey on this side, and about a day's journey on the other side, around the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth.

32. And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails; he who least gathered gathered ten homers; and they spread them all abroad for themselves around the camp.

33. And while the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord struck the people with a very great plague.

34. And he called the name of that place Kibroth-Hattaavah; because there they buried the people who had the craving.

35. And the people journeyed from Kibroth-Hattaavah to Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.
1. And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman.

2. And they said, Has the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? has he not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it.

3. And the man Moses was very humble, more than any other men which were upon the face of the earth.

4. And the Lord spoke suddenly to Moses, and to Aaron, and to Miriam, Come out you three to the Tent of Meeting. And the three came out.

5. And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forth.

6. And he said, Hear now my words; If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known to him in a vision, and will speak to him in a dream.

7. Not so with my servant Moses, for he is the trusted one in all my house.

8. With him I speak mouth to mouth, manifestly, and not in dark speech; and he behold the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?
9. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed.

10. And the cloud departed from off the Tent; and, behold, Miriam had become leprous, white as snow; and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

11. And Aaron said to Moses, Oh, my lord, I beg you, lay not the sin upon us, because we have done foolishly, and because we have sinned.

12. Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb.

13. And Moses cried to the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech you.

14. And the Lord said to Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? Let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.

15. And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days; and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.

16. And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and camped in the wilderness of Paran.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Send men, that they may spy the land of Canaan, which I give to the people of Israel; of every tribe of their fathers shall you send a man, every one a leader among them.

3. And Moses by the commandment of the Lord sent them from the wilderness of Paran; all those men were chiefs of the people of Israel.

4. And these were their names; from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.

5. From the tribe of Shimeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.

6. From the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

7. From the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.

8. From the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun.

9. From the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.

10. From the tribe of Zebulun, Gadiel the son of Sodi.
11. From the tribe of Joseph, that is, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gadi the son of Susi.

12. From the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.

13. From the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.

14. From the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.

15. From the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16. These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua.

17. And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, Go up this way southward, and go up into the mountain;

18. And see the land, what it is; and the people who live in it, whether they are strong or weak, few or many;

19. And what the land is that they live in, whether it is good or bad; and what cities they are that they live in, whether in tents, or in fortresses;
20. And what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is wood in it, or not. And be you of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.

21. So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

22. And they ascended by the south, and came to Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the sons of Anak, were. Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.

23. And they came to the brook of Eshkol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bore it between two on a pole; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24. The place was called the brook Eshkol, because of the cluster of grapes which the people of Israel cut down from there.

25. And they returned from searching the land after forty days.

26. And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the people of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word to them, and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.
27. And they told him, and said, We came to the land where you sent us, and surely it flows with milk and honey; and this is its fruit.

28. Nevertheless the people, who live in the land, are strong, and the cities are walled, and very great; and moreover we saw the natives of Anak there.

29. The Amalekites live in the land of the Negev; and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, live in the mountains; and the Canaanites live by the sea, and by the side of the Jordan.

30. And Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31. But the men who went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied to the people of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to spy, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

33. And there we saw the Nefilim, the sons of Anak, who come from the Nefilim; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so were we in their sight.
1. And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2. And all the people of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

3. And why has the Lord brought us to this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4. And they said one to another, Let us choose a chief, and let us return to Egypt.

5. Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel.

6. And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of those who spied the land, tore their clothes;

7. And they spoke to all the company of the people of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to spy, is an exceedingly good land.
8. If the Lord delights in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it to us; a land which flows with milk and honey.

9. Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land; for they are bread for us; their defense is departed from them, and the Lord is with us; fear them not.

10. But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. And the glory of the Lord appeared in the Tent of Meeting before all the people of Israel.

11. And the Lord said to Moses, How long will this people provoke me? And how long will it be before they believe me, for all the signs which I have shown among them?

12. I will afflict them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of you a greater nation and mightier than they.

13. And Moses said to the Lord, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, for you brought up this people in your might from among them;

14. And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land; for they have heard that you Lord are among this people, that you Lord are seen face to face, and that your cloud stands over them, and that you go before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.
15. Now if you shall kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard your fame will speak, saying,

16. Because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore to them, therefore he has slain them in the wilderness.

17. And now, I beseech you, let the power of my Lord be great, according to what you have spoken, saying,

18. The Lord is long suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation.

19. Pardon, I beseech you, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of your mercy, and as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.

20. And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to your word;

21. But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

22. Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not listened to my voice;
23. Surely they shall not see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of them who provoked me see it;

24. But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and has followed me fully, him will I bring into the land where he went; and his seed shall possess it.

25. Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valley. Tomorrow turn, and go to the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

26. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

27. How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the people of Israel, which they murmur against me.

28. Say to them, As truly as I live, said the Lord, as you have spoken in my ears, so will I do to you;

29. Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all who were counted of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against me,

30. Shall by no means come into the land, concerning which I swore to make you live in it, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.
31. But your little ones, which you said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised.

32. But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

33. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your backslidings, until your carcasses are wasted in the wilderness.

34. According to the number of the days in which you spied the land, forty days, each day for a year, shall you bear your iniquities, forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.

35. I the Lord have said, I will surely do it to all this evil congregation, who are gathered together against me; in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36. And the men, which Moses sent to spy the land, who returned, and caused all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,

37. Those men that brought up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the Lord.
38. But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were of the men who went to spy the land, lived still.

39. And Moses told these sayings to all the people of Israel; and the people mourned greatly.

40. And they rose up early in the morning, and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, Behold, we are here, and will go up to the place of which the Lord has spoken; for we have sinned.

41. And Moses said, Why do you now transgress the commandment of the Lord? But it shall not succeed.

42. Do not go up, for the Lord is not among you; so that you should not be struck before your enemies.

43. For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and you shall fall by the sword; because you are turned away from the Lord, therefore the Lord will not be with you.

44. But they presumed to go up to the hill top; nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and Moses, departed not from the camp.

45. Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites who lived in that hill, and defeated them, and pursued them, even to Hormah.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land of your habitations, which I give to you,

3. And will make an offering by fire to the Lord, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a freewill offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savor to the Lord, of the herd, or of the flock;

4. Then shall he who offers his offering to the Lord bring a meal offering of a tenth measure of flour mixed with the fourth part of an hin of oil.

5. And the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink offering shall you prepare with the burnt offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.

6. Or for a ram, you shall prepare for a meal offering two tenth measures of flour mixed with the third part of a hin of oil.

7. And for a drink offering you shall offer the third part of a hin of wine, for a sweet savor to the Lord.

8. And when you prepare a bull for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace offerings to the Lord;
9. Then shall he bring with a bull a meal offering of three tenth measures of flour mixed with half a hin of oil.

10. And you shall bring for a drink offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord.

11. Thus shall it be done for one bull, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

12. According to the number that you shall prepare, so shall you do to every one according to their number.

13. All who are native born shall do these things after this ordinance, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord.

14. And if a stranger sojourns with you, or whoever is among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord; as you do, so he shall do.

15. One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger who sojourns with you, an ordinance forever in your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the Lord.

16. One Torah and one code shall be for you, and for the stranger who sojourns with you.

17. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
18. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land where I bring you,

19. Then it shall be, that, when you eat of the bread of the land, you shall offer up an offering to the Lord.

20. You shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough for an offering; as you do the offering of the threshing floor, so shall you present it.

21. From the first of your dough you shall give to the Lord an offering in your generations.

22. And if you have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the Lord has spoken to Moses,

23. All that the Lord has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the Lord commanded Moses, and onward through your generations;

24. Then it shall be, if anything is committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bull for a burnt offering, for a sweet savor to the Lord, with its meal offering, and its drink offering, according to the prescribed ordinance, and one kid of the goats for a sin offering.
25. And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the people of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance; and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire to the Lord, and their sin offering before the Lord, for their ignorance;

26. And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the people of Israel, and the stranger who sojourns among them; seeing all the people were in ignorance.

27. And if any soul sins through ignorance, then he shall bring a female goat of the first year for a sin offering.

28. And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul who sins ignorantly, when he sins by ignorance before the Lord, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29. You shall have one Torah for him who sins through ignorance, both for him who is born among the people of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them.

30. But the soul who does anything presumptuously, whether he is born in the land, or a stranger, that person dishonors the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

31. Because he has despised the word of the Lord, and has broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.
32. And while the people of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man who gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

33. And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation.

34. And they put him in custody, because it was not told what should be done to him.

35. And the Lord said to Moses, The man shall be surely put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp.

36. And all the congregation brought him outside the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses.

37. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

38. Speak to the people of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a thread of blue;

39. And it shall be to you for a fringe, that you may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that you seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, which incline you to go astray;
40. That you may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.

41. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God; I am the Lord your God.
Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kehath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the people of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, regularly summoned to the congregation, men of renown; and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, You take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you lift up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord?

And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face; and he spoke to Korah and to all his company, saying, Tomorrow the Lord will show who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near to him; him whom he has chosen, he shall cause to come near to him.

This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company; and put fire in it, and put incense in them before the Lord tomorrow; and it shall be that the man whom the Lord chooses, he shall be holy; you take too much upon you, you sons of Levi.
8. And Moses said to Korah, Hear, I beg you, you sons of Levi;

9. Does it seem but a small thing to you, that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them?

10. And he has brought you near to him, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you; and do you also seek the priesthood?

11. For which cause both you and all your company are gathered together against the Lord; and what is Aaron, that you murmur against him?

12. And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; which said, We will not come up;

13. Is it a small thing that you have brought us out of a land that flows with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you also make yourself a prince over us?

14. Moreover you have not brought us into a land that flows with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you take out the eyes of these men? We will not come up.
15. And Moses was very angry, and said to the Lord, Do not respect their offering; I have not taken one ass from them, nor have I hurt one of them.

16. And Moses said to Korah, Be you and all your company before the Lord, you, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow;

17. And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring before the Lord every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; you also, and Aaron, each of you his censer.

18. And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense on it, and stood in the door of the Tent of Meeting with Moses and Aaron.

19. And Korah gathered all the congregation against them to the door of the Tent of Meeting; and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation.

20. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

21. Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

22. And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will you be angry with all the congregation?
23. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

24. Speak to the congregation, saying, Get away from around the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25. And Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

26. And he spoke to the congregation, saying, Depart, I beg you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins.

27. So they got away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side; and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

28. And Moses said, Hereby you shall know that the Lord has sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of my own mind.

29. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they are visited by the fate of all men; then the Lord has not sent me.

30. But if the Lord creates a new thing, and the earth opens her mouth, and swallows them up, with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol; then you shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord.
31. And it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split beneath them;

32. And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men who belonged to Korah, and all their goods.

33. They, and all that belonged to them, went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed upon them; and they perished from among the congregation.

34. And all Israel who were around them fled at their cry; for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.

35. And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who offered incense.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter you the fire yonder; for they are consecrated.

3. As for the censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them into hammered plates for a covering of the altar; for they offered them before the Lord, therefore they are consecrated; and they shall be a sign to the people of Israel.

4. And Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, with which those who were burned had offered; and they were made into hammered plates for a covering of the altar;

5. To be a memorial to the people of Israel, that no stranger, who is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the Lord; that he be not as Korah, and as his company; as the Lord said to him by the hand of Moses.

6. But on the next day all the congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, You have killed the people of the Lord.
7. And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the Tent of Meeting; and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared.

8. And Moses and Aaron came before the Tent of Meeting.

9. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

10. Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

11. And Moses said to Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire in it from the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly to the congregation, and make an atonement for them; for anger has come out from the Lord; the plague has begun.

12. And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague had begun among the people; and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

13. And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stopped.

14. And those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside those who died about the matter of Korah.
15. And Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the Tent of Meeting; and the plague was stopped.

16. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

17. Speak to the people of Israel, and take from every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, from all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods; write every man's name upon his rod.

18. And you shall write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi; for one rod shall be for the chief of the house of their fathers.

19. And you shall lay them up in the Tent of Meeting before the Testimony, where I will meet with you.

20. And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom; and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the people of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.

21. And Moses spoke to the people of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, from each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.

22. And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the Tent of Testimony.
23. And it came to pass, that on the next day Moses went into the Tent of Testimony; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

24. And Moses brought out all the rods from before the Lord to all the people of Israel; and they looked, and took every man his rod.

25. And the Lord said to Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the Testimony, to be kept for a sign against the rebels; that there may be an ending of their murmurings against me, that they die not.

26. And Moses did so; as the Lord commanded him, so did he.

27. And the people of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.

28. Who ever comes at all near the tabernacle of the Lord shall die. Shall we totally perish?
1. And the Lord said to Aaron, You and your sons and your father's house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2. And your brothers also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, bring with you, that they may be joined to you, and minister to you; but you and your sons with you shall minister before the Tent of Testimony.

3. And they shall keep your charge, and the charge of all the Tent; only they shall not come near the utensils of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor you also, die.

4. And they shall be joined to you, and keep the charge of the Tent of Meeting, for all the service of the Tent; and a stranger shall not come near you.

5. And you shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar; that there should be no anger any more upon the people of Israel;

6. And I, behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the people of Israel; to you they are given as a gift for the Lord, to do the service of the Tent of Meeting.
7. Therefore you and your sons with you shall keep your priest's office for everything that concerns the altar, and inside the veil; and you shall serve. I have given your priest's office to you as a service of gift; and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

8. And the Lord spoke to Aaron, Behold, I also have given you the charge of my offerings of all the consecrated things of the people of Israel; to you have I given them because of the anointing, and to your sons, by an ordinance forever.

9. This shall be yours of the Most Holy things, reserved from the fire; every offering of theirs, every meal offering of theirs and every sin offering of theirs, and every guilt offering of theirs, which they shall render to me, shall be Most Holy for you and for your sons.

10. In the Most Holy place shall you eat it; every male shall eat it; it shall be holy to you.

11. And this is yours; the offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the people of Israel; I have given them to you, and to your sons and to your daughters with you, by a statute forever; everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it.

12. All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first fruits of them which they shall offer to the Lord, these have I given you.

13. And whatever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring to the Lord, shall be yours; everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it.
14. Everything devoted in Israel shall be yours.

15. Every thing that opens the womb in all flesh, which they bring to the Lord, whether it is of men or beasts, shall be yours; nevertheless the first born of man shall you surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shall you redeem.

16. And those who are to be redeemed from a month old shall you redeem, according to your estimation, for the money of five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.

17. But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, you shall not redeem; they are holy; you shall sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shall burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savor to the Lord.

18. And the flesh of them shall be yours, as the wave breast and as the right shoulder are yours.

19. All the offerings of the holy things, which the people of Israel offer to the Lord, have I given you, and your sons and your daughters with you, by a statute forever; it is a covenant of salt forever before the Lord to you and to your seed with you.

20. And the Lord spoke to Aaron, You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any part among them; I am your part and your inheritance among the people of Israel.
21. And, behold, I have given the sons of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an
inheritance, for their service which they serve, the service of the Tent of Meeting.

22. Neither must the people of Israel henceforth come near the Tent of Meeting,
lest they bear sin, and die.

23. But the Levites shall do the service of the Tent of Meeting, and they shall
bear their iniquity; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, that
among the people of Israel they have no inheritance.

24. But the tithes of the people of Israel, which they offer as an offering to the
Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit; therefore I have said to them, Among
the people of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

25. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

26. Thus speak to the Levites, and say to them, When you take of the people of
Israel the tithes which I have given you for your inheritance, then you
shall offer up an offering of it for the Lord, a tenth part of the tithe.

27. And this your offering shall be reckoned to you, as though it were the grain
of the threshing floor, and as the fullness of the winepress.
28. Thus you also shall offer an offering to the Lord of all your tithes, which you receive from the people of Israel; and you shall give from it the Lord's gift to Aaron the priest.

29. Out of all that is given to you you shall set aside all that is due as a gift to the Lord, of all the best of it, even its consecrated part.

30. Therefore you shall say to them, When you have set aside the best of it, then it shall be counted to the Levites as the produce of the threshing floor, and as the produce of the winepress.

31. And you shall eat it in every place, you and your households; for it is your reward for your service in the Tent of Meeting.

32. And you shall bear no sin because of it, when you have set aside the best of it; neither shall you pollute the holy things of the people of Israel, lest you die.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2. This is the ordinance of the Torah which the Lord has commanded, saying, Speak to the people of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without spot, which has no blemish, and upon which never came yoke;

3. And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest, that he may bring it forth outside the camp, and one shall slay it before his face;

4. And Eleazar the priest shall take of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle of its blood directly before the Tent of Meeting seven times;

5. And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; its skin, and its flesh, and its blood, with its dung, shall he burn;

6. And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7. Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening.
8. And he who burns it shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening.

9. And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up outside the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the people of Israel for a water of sprinkling; it is a purification offering.

10. And he who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening; and it shall be to the people of Israel, and to the stranger who sojourns among them, for a statute forever.

11. He who touches the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.

12. He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean; but if he does not purify himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

13. Whoever touches the dead body of any man who is dead, and purifies not himself, defiles the tabernacle of the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel; because the water of sprinkling was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

14. This is the Torah, when a man dies in a tent; all who come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.
15. And every open utensil, which has no covering upon it, is unclean.

16. And whoever touches one who was slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17. And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put there in a utensil;

18. And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the utensils, and upon the persons who were there, and upon him who touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave;

19. And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening.

20. But the man who shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the Lord; the water of sprinkling has not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.

21. And it shall be an everlasting statute to them, that he who sprinkles the water of sprinkling shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of sprinkling shall be unclean until evening.
22. And whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the soul who touches it shall be unclean until evening.
1. Then came the people of Israel, the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month; and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2. And there was no water for the congregation; and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

3. And the people quarrelled with Moses, and spoke, saying, Would God that we had died when our brothers died before the Lord!

4. And why have you brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5. And why have you made us come out of Egypt, to bring us in to this evil place? This is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; nor is there any water to drink.

6. And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and they fell upon their faces; and the glory of the Lord appeared to them.

7. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
8. Take the rod, and gather the assembly together, you, and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and you shall bring forth to them water out of the rock; so you shall give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9. And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him.

10. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said to them, Hear now, you rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11. And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he struck the rock twice; and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

12. And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, Because you did not believe me to sanctify me in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13. This is the water of Meribah, because the people of Israel strove with the Lord, and he was sanctified in them.

14. And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, Thus said your brother Israel, You know all the adversity that has befallen us;
15. How our fathers went down to Egypt, and we have lived in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians dealt harshly with us, and with our fathers;

16. And when we cried to the Lord, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and has brought us out of Egypt; and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the edge of your border;

17. Let us pass, I pray you, through your country; we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, nor will we drink of the water of the wells; we will go by the king's highway, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed your borders.

18. And Edom said to him, You shall not pass by me, lest I come out against you with the sword.

19. And the people of Israel said to him, We will go by the highway; and if I and my cattle drink of your water, then I will pay for it; I will do you no injury, only pass through by foot.

20. And he said, You shall not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand.

21. Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border; therefore Israel turned away from him.
22. And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came to Mount Hor.

23. And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, saying,

24. Aaron shall be gathered to his people; for he shall not enter into the land which I have given to the people of Israel, because you rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.

25. Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor;

26. And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron shall be gathered to his people, and shall die there.

27. And Moses did as the Lord commanded; and they went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28. And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount; and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29. And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, all the house of Israel.
1. And when king Arad the Canaanite, who lived in the Negev, heard tell that Israel came by the way of Atarim; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners.

2. And Israel vowed a vow to the Lord, and said, If you will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

3. And the Lord listened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities; and he called the name of the place Hormah.

4. And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

5. And the people spoke against God, and against Moses, Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, nor is there any water; and our soul loathes this light bread.

6. And the Lord sent venomous serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many people of Israel died.
7. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against you; pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8. And the Lord said to Moses, Make a venomous serpent, and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks upon it, shall live.

9. And Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked at the serpent of bronze, he lived.

10. And the people of Israel set forward, and camped in Oboth.

11. And they journeyed from Oboth, and camped at jeabarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sunrise.

12. From there they moved, and camped in the valley of Zared.

13. From there they moved, and camped on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness that comes out of the borders of the Amorites; for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14. Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the Lord, Vahef in Sufa and in the brooks of Arnon,
15. And at the stream of the brooks that goes down to the dwelling of Ar, and lies upon the border of Moab.

16. And from there they went to Beer; that is the well of which the Lord spoke to Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17. Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing you to it;

18. The princes dug the well, the nobles of the people excavated, with the scepter, with their poles. And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah;

19. And from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth;

20. And from Bamoth in the valley that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looks toward Jeshimon.

21. And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

22. Let me pass through your land; we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well; but we will go along by the king's highway, until we are past your borders.

23. And Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness; and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.
24. And Israel struck him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon to Jabbok, to the sons of Ammon; for the border of the sons of Ammon was strong.

25. And Israel took all these cities; and Israel lived in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its villages.

26. For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, to Arnon.

27. Therefore those who speak in proverbs say, Come to Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared;

28. For there is a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon; it has consumed Ar of Moab, and the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29. Woe to you, Moab! you are undone, O people of Chemosh; he has given his sons as fugitives, and his daughters, into captivity to Sihon king of the Amorites.

30. We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even to Dibon, and we have laid them waste even to Nophah, which reaches to Medeba.

31. Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites.
32. And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took its villages, and drove out the Amorites who were there.

33. And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan; and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.

34. And the Lord said to Moses, Fear him not; for I have delivered him into your hand, and all his people, and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon.

35. So they struck him, and his sons, and all his people, until none was left alive; and they possessed his land.
1. And the people of Israel set forward, and camped in the plains of Moab on this side of the Jordan by Jericho.

2. And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3. And Moab was very afraid of the people, because they were many; and Moab was distressed because of the people of Israel.

4. And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all who are around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

5. He sent messengers therefore to Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me;

6. Come now therefore, I pray you, curse this people for me; for they are too mighty for me; perhaps I shall prevail, that we may defeat them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.
7. And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balak.

8. And he said to them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring back word to you, as the Lord shall speak to me; and the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.

9. And God came to Balaam, and said, What men are these with you?

10. And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent for me, saying,

11. Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covers the face of the earth; come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

12. And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed.

13. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, Go to your land; for the Lord refuses to give me leave to go with you.

14. And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went to Balak, and said, Balaam refuses to come with us.
15. And Balak sent again princes, more, and more honorable than they.

16. And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus said Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I beg you, hinder you from coming to me;

17. For I will promote you to very great honor, and I will do whatever you say to me; come therefore, I beg you, curse this people for me.

18. And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more.

19. Now therefore, I beg you, remain you also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say further to me.

20. And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, If the men come to call you, rise up, and go with them; but only that word which I shall say to you, that shall you do.

21. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

22. And God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of the Lord stood in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.
23. And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field; and Balaam struck the ass, to turn it to the way.

24. But the angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.

25. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it pushed itself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; and he struck her again.

26. And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it fell down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with a staff.

28. And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and it said to Balaam, What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?

29. And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have mocked me; I wished there was a sword in my hand, for now would I kill you.

30. And the ass said to Balaam, Am not I your ass, upon which you have ridden ever since I was yours to this day? Was I ever wont to do so to you? And he said, No.
31. Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed down his head, and fell on his face.

32. And the angel of the Lord said to him, Why did you strike your ass these three times? Behold, I went out to withstand you, because your way is perverse before me;

33. And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times; if it had not turned aside from me, surely now also I would have slain you, and let her live.

34. And Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for I knew not that you stood in the way against me; now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again.

35. And the angel of the Lord said to Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36. And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him to a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost border.

37. And Balak said to Balaam, Did I not send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?
38. And Balaam said to Balak, Behold, I have come to you. Have I now any power at all to say any thing? The word that God puts in my mouth, that shall I speak.

39. And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-Huzoth.

40. And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes who were with him.

41. And it came to pass on the next day, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to the high places of Baal, that there he might see the utmost part of the people.
1. And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

2. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bull and a ram.

3. And Balaam said to Balak, Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the Lord will come to meet me; and whatever he shows me I will tell you. And he went to a high place.

4. And God met Balaam; and he said to him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bull and a ram.

5. And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak.

6. And he returned to him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7. And he took up his discourse, and said, Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram, from the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, defy Israel.
8. How shall I curse, he whom God has not cursed? or how shall I defy, he whom the Lord has not defied?

9. For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; lo, the people shall live alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10. Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

11. And Balak said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them.

12. And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the Lord has put in my mouth?

13. And Balak said to him, Come with me, I beg you, to another place, from where you may see them; you shall see but the utmost part of them, and shall not see them all; and curse them for me from there.

14. And he brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar.

15. And he said to Balak, Stand here by your burnt offering, while I meet the Lord yonder.
16. And the Lord met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again to Balak, and say thus.

17. And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, What has the Lord spoken?

18. And he took up his discourse, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; listen to me, you son of Zippor;

19. God is not a man, that he should lie; nor the son of man, that he should repent. Has he said, and shall he not do it? or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

20. Behold, I have received a command to bless; and he has blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

21. He has not seen iniquity in Jacob, nor has he seen perverseness in Israel; the Lord his God is with him, and the trumpet blast of a king is among them.

22. God brought them out of Egypt; he has as it were the strength of a wild ox.

23. Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, nor is there any divination against Israel; according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel what God has done.
24. Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion; he shall not lie down until he eats of the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain.

25. And Balak said to Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

26. But Balaam answered and said to Balak, Did I not tell you, saying, All that the Lord speaks, that I must do?

27. And Balak said to Balaam, Come, I beg you, I will bring you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there.

28. And Balak brought Balaam to the top of Peor, that looks toward Jeshimon.

29. And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams.

30. And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar.
And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.

And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son of Beor; the speech of a man whose eyes are open;

The speech of him who heard the words of God, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;

How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, and your tabernacles, O Israel!

Like winding brooks, like gardens by the river's side, as aloes which the Lord has planted, and like cedar trees beside the waters.

He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

God brought him out of Egypt; he has as it were the strength of a wild ox; he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.
9. He crouches, he lies down like a lion, and as a great lion. Who shall stir him up? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.

10. And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them these three times.

11. Therefore now flee to your place; I thought to promote you to great honor; but the Lord has kept you back from honor.

12. And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not speak also to your messengers which you sent me, saying,

13. If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the command of the Lord, to do either good or bad of my own mind; but what the Lord said, that will I speak?

14. And now, behold, I go to my people; come therefore, and I will advise you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days.

15. And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son Beor, and the speech of a man whose eyes are open;

16. The speech of one who heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the Most High, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;
17. I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near; there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall strike the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of Seth.

18. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession; and Israel shall do bravely.

19. Out of Jacob shall come a ruler, and shall destroy he who remains of the city.

20. And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his discourse, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that of everlasting perdition.

21. And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his discourse, and said, Strong is your dwelling place, and you put your nest in a rock.

22. Nevertheless the Kenite shall be destroyed. Where shall Assyria carry you away captive?

23. And he took up his discourse, and said, Alas, who shall live when God does this!

24. And ships shall come from the border of Kittim, and shall afflict Assyria, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish forever.

25. And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.
1. And Israel stayed in Shittim, and the people began to commit harlotry with the daughters of Moab.

2. And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods.

3. And Israel attached himself to Baal-Peor; and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.

4. And the Lord said to Moses, Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them up before the Lord in the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel.

5. And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Slay you every one his men who were attached to Baal-Peor.

6. And, behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the people of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the Tent of Meeting.

7. And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;
8. And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague ceased from the people of Israel.

9. And those who died in the plague were twenty four thousand.

10. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

11. Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my anger away from the people of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the people of Israel in my jealousy.

12. Therefore say, Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace;

13. And he shall have it, and his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the people of Israel.

14. And the name of the Israelite who was slain, who was slain with the Midianite woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a father's house among the Simeonites.

15. And the name of the Midianite woman who was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was chief over the people of a father's house in Midian.
16. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

17. Harass the Midianites, and strike them;

18. For they harassed you with their wiles, with which they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.
1. And it came to pass after the plague, that the Lord spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2. Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all who are able to go to war in Israel.

3. And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan near Jericho, saying,

4. Take a census of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as the Lord commanded Moses and the people of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

5. Reuben, the eldest son of Israel; the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, from whom comes the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites;

6. From Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; from Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7. These are the families of the Reubenites; and those who were counted of them were forty three thousand seven hundred and thirty.
8. And the sons of Pallu; Eliab.

9. And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are the Dathan and Abiram, who were regularly summoned to the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the Lord;

10. And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, the time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men; and they became a sign.

11. And the sons of Korah did not die.

12. The sons of Shimeon according to their families; from Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; from Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; from Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;

13. From Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; from Saul, the family of the Saulites.

14. These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty two thousand and two hundred.

15. The sons of Gad according to their families; from Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; from Haggi, the family of the Haggites; from Shuni, the family of the Shunites;
16. From Ozni, the family of the Oznites; from Eri, the family of the Erites;

17. From Arod, the family of the Arodites; from Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18. These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were counted of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

19. The sons of Judah were Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20. And the sons of Judah according to their families were: from Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; from Perez, the family of the Perezites; from Zerah, the family of the Zerahites.

21. And the sons of Perez were: from Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; from Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22. These are the families of Judah according to those who were counted of them, seventy six thousand and five hundred.

23. From the sons of Issachar according to their families; from Tola, the family of the Tolaites; from Puvah, the family of the Punites;

24. From Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; from Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.
25. These are the families of Issachar according to those who were counted of them, sixty four thousand and three hundred.

26. From the sons of Zebulun according to their families; of Sered, the family of the Sardites; from Elon, the family of the Elonites; from Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27. These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were counted of them, sixty thousand and five hundred.

28. The sons of Joseph according to their families were Manasseh and Ephraim.

29. From the sons of Manasseh; from Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir fathered Gilead; from Gilead come the family of the Gileadites.

30. These are the sons of Gilead; from lezer, the family of the lezerites; from Helek, the family of the Helekites;

31. And from Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and from Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

32. And from Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and from Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.
33. And Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34. These are the families of Manasseh, and those who were counted of them, fifty two thousand and seven hundred.

35. These are the sons of Ephraim according to their families; from Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; from Becher, the family of the Becherites; from Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36. And these are the sons of Shuthelah; from Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37. These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were counted of them, thirty two thousand and five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph according to their families.

38. The sons of Benjamin according to their families; from Belah, the family of the Belahites; from Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; from Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;

39. From Shephupham, the family of the Shephuphamites; from Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.
40. And the sons of Belah were Ard and Naaman; from Ard, the family of the Ardites; and from Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41. These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those who were counted of them were forty five thousand and six hundred.

42. These are the sons of Dan according to their families; from Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan according to their families.

43. All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were counted of them, were sixty four thousand and four hundred.

44. From the sons of Asher according to their families; from Jimnah, the family of the Jimnites; from Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; from Beriah, the family of the Beriahites.

45. From the sons of Beriah; from Heber, the family of the Heberites; from Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46. And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.

47. These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were counted of them; who were fifty three thousand and four hundred.
48. From the sons of Naphtali according to their families; from Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; from Guni, the family of the Gunites:

49. From Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; from Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50. These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were counted of them were forty five thousand and four hundred.

51. These were the counted of the people of Israel, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

53. To these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

54. To the more numerous you shall give a larger inheritance, and to the fewer you shall give a smaller inheritance; to every one shall his inheritance be given according to those who were counted by him.

55. However the land shall be divided by lot; according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.

56. According to the lot its possession shall be divided between many and few.
57. And these are those who were counted of the Levites according to their families; from Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; from Kehath, the family of the Kehathites; from Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58. These are the families of the Levites; the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. And Kehath fathered Amram.

59. And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bore to Levi in Egypt; and she bore to Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

60. And to Aaron was born Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

61. And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the Lord.

62. And those who were counted of them were twenty three thousand, all males from a month old and upward; for they were not counted among the people of Israel, because there was no inheritance given to them among the people of Israel.

63. These are those who were counted by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who counted the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan near Jericho.
64. But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest counted, when they counted the people of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

65. For the Lord had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.
1. Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

2. And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, by the door of the Tent of Meeting, saying,

3. Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of those who gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4. Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he had no sons? Give to us therefore a possession among the brothers of our father.

5. And Moses brought their cause before the Lord.

6. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

7. The daughters of Zelophehad speak right; you shall surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brothers; and you shall cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them.
8. And you shall speak to the people of Israel, saying, If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.

9. And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

10. And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers.

11. And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his kinsman who is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it; and it shall be to the people of Israel a statute of judgment, as the Lord commanded Moses.

12. And the Lord said to Moses, Get up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the people of Israel.

13. And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered.

14. For you rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes; that is the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

15. And Moses spoke to the Lord, saying,
16. Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

17. Who may go out before them, and who may go in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

18. And the Lord said to Moses, Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is spirit, and lay your hand upon him;

19. And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.

20. And you shall put some of your honor upon him, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may be obedient.

21. And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him according to the judgment of Urim before the Lord; at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the people of Israel with him, all the congregation.

22. And Moses did as the Lord commanded him; and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation;

23. And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Command the people of Israel, and say to them, My offering, and my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, for a sweet savor to me, shall you observe to offer to me in their due season.

3. And you shall say to them, This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to the Lord; two lambs of the first year, without spot, day by day, for a continual burnt offering.

4. One lamb shall you offer in the morning, and the other lamb shall you offer at evening;

5. And a tenth part of an ephah of flour for a meal offering, mixed with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil.

6. It is a continual burnt offering, which was ordained in Mount Sinai for a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire to the Lord.

7. And the drink offering of it shall be the fourth part of a hin for one lamb; in the holy place shall you cause the strong wine to be poured to the Lord for a drink offering.
8. And the other lamb shall you offer at evening; as the meal offering of the morning, and as the drink offering of it, you shall offer it, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord.

9. And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth measures of flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, and the drink offering of it;

10. This is the burnt offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.

11. And in the beginnings of your months you shall offer a burnt offering to the Lord; two young bulls, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot;

12. And three tenth measures of flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, for one bull; and two tenth measures of flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, for one ram;

13. And a tenth measure of flour mixed with oil for a meal offering for one lamb; for a burnt offering of a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire to the Lord.

14. And their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, and the third part of a hin for a ram, and a fourth part of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year.
15. And one kid of the goats for a sin offering to the Lord shall be offered, beside the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering.

16. And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the Lord.

17. And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast; seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

18. In the first day shall be a holy gathering; you shall do no manner of labor in it;

19. But you shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt offering to the Lord; two young bulls, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year; they shall be to you without blemish;

20. And their meal offering shall be of flour mixed with oil; three tenth measures shall you offer for a bull, and two tenth measures for a ram;

21. A tenth measure shall you offer for every lamb, for the seven lambs.

22. And one goat for a sin offering, to make an atonement for you.

23. You shall offer these beside the burnt offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering.
24. After this ordinance you shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the food of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord; it shall be offered beside the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering.

25. And on the seventh day you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no labor.

26. Also in the day of the firstfruits, when you bring a new meal offering to the Lord, in your feast of weeks, you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no labor;

27. But you shall offer the burnt offering for a sweet savor to the Lord; two young bulls, one ram, seven lambs of the first year;

28. And their meal offering of flour mixed with oil, three tenth measures for one bull, two tenth measures for one ram,

29. A tenth measure for one lamb, for the seven lambs;

30. And one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you.

31. You shall offer them beside the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering, they shall be to you without blemish, and their drink offerings.
1. And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have an holy gathering; you shall do no labor; it is a day of blowing the horn for you.

2. And you shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savor to the Lord; one young bull, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year without blemish;

3. And their meal offering shall be of flour mixed with oil, three tenth measures for a bull, and two tenth measures for a ram,

4. And one tenth measure for one lamb, for the seven lambs;

5. And one kid of the goats for a sin offering, to make an atonement for you;

6. Beside the burnt offering of the month, and its meal offering, and the daily burnt offering, and its meal offering, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, for a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire to the Lord.

7. And you shall have on the tenth day of this seventh month a holy gathering; and you shall afflict your souls; you shall not do any work in it;
8. But you shall offer a burnt offering to the Lord for a sweet savor; one young bull, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year; they shall be to you without blemish;

9. And their meal offering shall be of flour mixed with oil, three tenth measures for a bull, and two tenth measures for one ram,

10. A several tenth measure for one lamb, for the seven lambs;

11. One kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering of it, and their drink offerings.

12. And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no labor, and you shall keep a feast to the Lord seven days;

13. And you shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord; thirteen young bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish;

14. And their meal offering shall be of flour mixed with oil, three tenth measures for every bull of the thirteen bulls, two tenth measures for each ram of the two rams,

15. And a tenth measure for each lamb of the fourteen lambs;
16. And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering.

17. And on the second day you shall offer twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot;

18. And their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the ordinance;

19. And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering, and their drink offerings.

20. And on the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;

21. And their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the ordinance;

22. And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering, and its drink offering.

23. And on the fourth day ten bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;
24. Their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the ordinance;

25. And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering.

26. And on the fifth day nine bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without spot;

27. And their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the ordinance;

28. And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering, and its drink offering.

29. And on the sixth day eight bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;

30. And their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the ordinance;

31. And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering.

32. And on the seventh day seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;
33. And their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the ordinance:

34. And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering.

35. On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly; you shall do no labor in it;

36. But you shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor to the Lord; one bull, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish;

37. Their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the ordinance;

38. And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering, and its drink offering.

39. These things you shall do to the Lord in your set feasts, beside your vows, and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meal offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.
1. And Moses told the people of Israel according to all that the Lord commanded Moses.

2. And Moses spoke to the chiefs of the tribes concerning the people of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord has commanded.

3. If a man vows a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

4. If a woman also vows a vow to the Lord, and binds herself by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth;

5. And her father hears her vow, and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand.

6. But if her father disallows her in the day that he hears; not one of her vows, or of her bonds with which she has bound her soul, shall stand; and the Lord shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

7. And if she had a husband, when she vowed, or uttered anything out of her lips, with which she bound her soul;
8. And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard it; then her vows shall stand, and her bonds with which she bound her soul shall stand.

9. But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, with which she bound her soul, of no effect; and the Lord shall forgive her.

10. But every vow of a widow, and of her who is divorced, with which they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

11. And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;

12. And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she bound her soul shall stand.

13. But if her husband has utterly made them void on the day he heard them; then whatever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand; her husband has made them void; and the Lord shall forgive her.

14. Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.
15. But if her husband altogether holds his peace at her from day to day; then he establishes all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her; he confirms them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them.

16. But if he shall in any way make them void after he has heard them; then he shall bear her iniquity.

17. These are the statutes, which the Lord commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, being yet in her youth in her father's house.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Avenge the people of Israel of the Midianites; afterwards shall you be gathered to your people.

3. And Moses spoke to the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves for the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and do the Lord's vengeance in Midian.

4. From every tribe a thousand, for all the tribes of Israel, shall you send to the war.

5. So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6. And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and in his hand the trumpets to blow.

7. And they warred against the Midianites, as the Lord commanded Moses; and they slew all the males.

8. And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them who were slain; that is, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian; Balaam, the son of Beor, they also slew with the sword.
9. And the people of Israel took captive all the women of Midian, and their little ones, and took the booty of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.

10. And they burned all their cities where they lived, and all their encampments, with fire.

11. And they took all the booty, and all the plunder, both of men and of beasts.

12. And they brought the captives, and the booty, and the plunder, to Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the people of Israel, to the camp in the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan near Jericho.

13. And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them outside the camp.

14. And Moses was angry with the officers of the army, with the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, who came from the battle.

15. And Moses said to them, Have you kept all the women alive?

16. Behold, these caused the people of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the Lord.
17. Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that has known man by lying with him.

18. But all the young women, who have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.

19. And stay outside the camp seven days; whoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify both yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day.

20. And purify all your garments, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood.

21. And Eleazar the priest said to the men of war which went to the battle, This is the ordinance of the Torah which the Lord commanded Moses;

22. Only the gold, and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23. Every thing that can stand the fire, you shall make it go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of sprinkling; and all that can not stand the fire you shall make go through the water.

24. And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean, and afterwards you shall come into the camp.
25. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

26. Take a census of the booty that was taken, both of man and of beast, you, and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation;

27. And divide the booty into two parts; between those who took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation;

28. And levy a tribute to the Lord of the men of war who went out to battle; one soul of five hundred, both of the persons, and of the cattle, and of the asses, and of the sheep;

29. Take it of their half, and give it to Eleazar the priest, for an offering of the Lord.

30. And of the people of Israel's half, you shall take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the cattle, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all kinds of beasts, and give them to the Levites, who keep the charge of the tabernacle of the Lord.

31. And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the Lord commanded Moses.

32. And the booty, being the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep.
33. And seventy two thousand cattle,

34. And sixty one thousand asses,

35. And thirty two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.

36. And the half, which was the portion of those who went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep;

37. And the Lord's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and seventy five.

38. And the cattle were thirty six thousand; of which the Lord's tribute was seventy two.

39. And the asses were thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the Lord's tribute was sixty one.

40. And the persons were sixteen thousand; of which the Lord's tribute was thirty two persons.

41. And Moses gave the tribute, which was the Lord's gift, to Eleazar, the priest, as the Lord commanded Moses.

42. And of the people of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men who went to war,
43. And the half that belonged to the congregation was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven thousand and five hundred sheep,

44. And thirty six thousand cattle,

45. And thirty thousand asses and five hundred,

46. And sixteen thousand persons;

47. From the people of Israel's half, Moses took one portion of fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them to the Levites, who kept the charge of the tabernacle of the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moses.

48. And the officers who were over thousands of the army, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near to Moses;

49. And they said to Moses, Your servants have taken a census of the men of war which are under our charge, and there lacks not one man of us.

50. We have therefore brought an offering for the Lord, what every man has found, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, ear rings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the Lord.
51. And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, all finely done jewels.

52. And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the Lord, from the captains of thousands, and from the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.

53. For the men of war had taken booty every man for himself.

54. And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the Tent of Meeting, for a memorial for the people of Israel before the Lord.
1. And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle; and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle;

2. The sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the princes of the congregation, saying,

3. Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,

4. The country which the Lord struck before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and your servants have cattle;

5. Therefore, said they, if we have found grace in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession, and bring us not over the Jordan.

6. And Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, Shall your brothers go to war, and shall you sit here?

7. And why do you discourage the heart of the people of Israel from going over to the land which the Lord has given them?
8. Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-Barnea to see the land.

9. For when they went up to the valley of Eshkol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the people of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the Lord had given them.

10. And the Lord's anger was kindled the same time, and he swore, saying,

11. Surely none of the men who came out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me;

12. Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite, and Joshua the son of Nun; for they have wholly followed the Lord.

13. And the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the Lord, was consumed.

14. And, behold, you are risen in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to increase still more the fierce anger of the Lord toward Israel.

15. For if you turn away from him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and you shall destroy all this people.
16. And they came near to him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones;

17. But we ourselves will go ready armed before the people of Israel, until we have brought them to their place; and our little ones shall live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18. We will not return to our houses, until the people of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance.

19. For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan, and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this east side of the Jordan.

20. And Moses said to them, If you will do this thing, if you will go armed before the Lord to war,

21. And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the Lord, until he has driven out his enemies from before him,

22. And the land be subdued before the Lord; then afterwards you shall return, and be guiltless before the Lord, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the Lord.

23. But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out.
24. Build cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which has proceeded out of your mouth.

25. And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, Your servants will do as my lord commands.

26. Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead;

27. But your servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the Lord to battle, as my lord said.

28. So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel;

29. And Moses said to them, If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the Lord, and the land shall be subdued before you; then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession;

30. But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

31. And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben answered, saying, As the Lord has said to your servants, so will we do.
32. We will pass over armed before the Lord into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side of the Jordan may be ours.

33. And Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad, and to the sons of Reuben, and to half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with its cities in the borders, even the cities of the country around.

34. And the sons of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

35. And Atroth, Shophan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah,

36. And Beth-Nimrah, and Beth-Haran, fortified cities; and folds for sheep.

37. And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriatayim,

38. And Nebo, and Baal-Meon, their names being changed, and Sibmah; and gave other names to the cities which they built.

39. And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite who was in it.

40. And Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh; and he lived in it.
41. And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took its small towns, and called them Havoth-Jair.

42. And Nobah went and took Kenath, and its villages, and called it Nobah, after his own name.
1. These are the journeys of the people of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2. And Moses wrote their starting places according to their journeys by the commandment of the Lord; and these are their journeys according to their starting places.

3. And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the next day after the Passover the children of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

4. For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the Lord had struck among them; upon their gods also the Lord executed judgments.

5. And the people of Israel moved from Rameses, and camped in Succoth.

6. And they departed from Succoth, and camped in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness.

7. And they moved from Etham, and turned back to Pihahiroth, which is before Baal-Zephon; and they camped before Migdol.
8. And they departed from before Pihahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and camped in Marah.

9. And they moved from Marah, and came to Elim; and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and seventy palm trees; and they camped there.

10. And they moved from Elim, and camped by the Red Sea.

11. And they moved from the Red Sea, and camped in the wilderness of Sin.

12. And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and camped in Dophkah.

13. And they departed from Dophkah, and camped in Alush.

14. And they moved from Alush, and camped in Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.

15. And they departed from Rephidim, and camped in the wilderness of Sinai.

16. And they moved from the desert of Sinai, and camped in Kibroth-Hattaavah.

17. And they departed from Kibroth-Hattaavah, and camped in Hazeroth.
18. And they departed from Hazeroth, and camped in Rithmah.

19. And they departed from Rithmah, and camped at Rimmon-Perez.

20. And they departed from Rimmon-Perez, and camped in Libnah.

21. And they moved from Libnah, and camped at Rissah.

22. And they journeyed from Rissah, and camped in Kehelathah.

23. And they went from Kehelathah, and camped in Mount Shapher.

24. And they moved from Mount Shapher, and camped in Haradah.

25. And they moved from Haradah, and camped in Makheloth.

26. And they moved from Makheloth, and camped in Tahath.

27. And they departed from Tahath, and camped at Terah.

28. And they moved from Terah, and camped in Mithcah.

29. And they went from Mithcah, and camped in Hashmonah.
30. And they departed from Hashmonah, and camped in Moseroth.

31. And they departed from Moseroth, and camped in Bnei-Jaakan.

32. And they moved from Bnei-Jaakan, and camped in Horhagidgad.

33. And they went from Horhagidgad, and camped in Jotbathah.

34. And they moved from Jotbathah, and camped in Ebronah.

35. And they departed from Ebronah, and camped in Ezion-Geber.

36. And they moved from Ezion-Geber, and camped in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.

37. And they moved from Kadesh, and camped in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38. And Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the commandment of the Lord, and died there, in the fortieth year after the people of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month.

39. And Aaron was a hundred and twenty three years old when he died in Mount Hor.
40. And king Arad the Canaanite, who lived in the Negev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the people of Israel.

41. And they departed from Mount Hor, and camped in Zalmonah.

42. And they departed from Zalmonah, and camped in Punon.

43. And they departed from Punon, and camped in Oboth.

44. And they departed from Oboth, and camped in Ijeabarim, in the border of Moab.

45. And they moved from Dibon-Gad, and camped in Almondiblathaim.

46. And they moved from Almondiblathaim, and camped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

47. And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan near Jericho.

48. And they camped by the Jordan, from Beth-HaJeshimoth to Abel-Hashittim in the plains of Moab.
50. And the Lord spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan near Jericho, saying,

51. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When you have passed over the Jordan into the land of Canaan;

52. Then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their figured pavements, and destroy all their molten images, and devastate all their high places;

53. And you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and live in it; for I have given you the land to possess it.

54. And you shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families; and to the more you shall give more inheritance, and to the fewer you shall give less inheritance; every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falls; according to the tribes of your fathers you shall inherit.

55. But if you will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those whom you allow to remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall harass you in the land where you live.

56. Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do to you, as I thought to do to them.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Command the people of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land of Canaan; this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, the land of Canaan with its borders;

3. Then the Negev quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the border of Edom, and your south border shall be the end of the Sea of Salt on the east;

4. And your border shall turn from the Negev to Maale-Akrabbim, and pass on to Zin; and its limits shall be from the south to Kadesh-Barnea, and shall go on to Hazar-Addar, and pass on to Azmon;

5. And the border shall turn from Azmon to the brook of Egypt and the limits shall be at the sea.

6. And as for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea for a border; this shall be your west border.

7. And this shall be your north border; from the Great Sea you mark your line to Mount Hor;
8. From Mount Hor you shall mark your line to the entrance of Hamath; and the limits of the border shall be to Zedad:

9. And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and its limits shall be at Hazar-Enan; this shall be your north border.

10. And you shall point out your east border from Hazar-Enan to Shepham;

11. And the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach the side of the Sea of Chinnereth eastward;

12. And the border shall go down to the Jordan, and its limits shall be at the Sea of Salt; this shall be your land with its borders around.

13. And Moses commanded the people of Israel, saying, This is the land which you shall inherit by lot, which the Lord commanded to give to the nine tribes, and to the half tribe;

14. For the tribe of the sons of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the sons of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received their inheritance; and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance;
15. The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side of the Jordan near Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise.

16. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

17. These are the names of the men which shall divide the land to you; Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun.

18. And you shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance.

19. And the names of the men are these; From the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

20. And from the tribe of the sons of Shimeon, Samuel the son of Ammihud.

21. From the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

22. And the prince of the tribe of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli.

23. The prince of the sons of Joseph, for the tribe of the sons of Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

24. And the prince of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan.
25. And the prince of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.

26. And the prince of the tribe of the sons of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan.

27. And the prince of the tribe of the sons of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.

28. And the prince of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud.

29. These are they whom the Lord commanded to divide the inheritance to the people of Israel in the land of Canaan.
1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying:

2. Command the people of Israel, that they give to the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to live in; and you shall also give to the Levites an open ground around the cities.

3. And they shall have the cities to live in; and their open ground shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts.

4. And the open ground around the cities, that you shall give to the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city outward a thousand cubits around.

5. And you shall measure from outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits, and the city shall be in the midst. This shall be to them the open ground of the cities.

6. And the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be six cities of refuge, which you shall appoint for the man slayer that he may flee there; and to them you shall add forty two cities.
7. So all the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be forty eight cities; both them and their open grounds.

8. And the cities that you shall give shall be from the possession of the people of Israel; from those who have many you shall give many; and from those who have few you shall give few. Each one shall give of the cities to the Levites according to his inheritance which he inherits.

9. And the Lord spoke to Moses saying;

10. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them; When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

11. Then you shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the man slayer who kills any person unawares may flee there.

12. And they shall be to you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the man slayer should not die, until he stands before the congregation in judgement.

13. And the cities which you shall give shall be six cities for refuge.

14. You shall give three cities in this side of the Jordan, and three cities you shall give in the land of Canaan. They shall be cities of refuge.
15. These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the people of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, that everyone who kills any person without intent may flee there.

16. But if he hits him with an instrument of iron, so that he dies, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17. And if he hits him by hand with a stone, whereby he may die, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18. Or if he hits him with a weapon of wood in his hand, whereby he may die, and he dies, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19. The avenger of blood shall himself slay the murderer; when he meets him, he shall slay him.

20. And if he stabbed him out of hatred, or hurled something at him while lying in wait, that he died;

21. Or if in enmity he hits him with his hand, so that he dies; he who hit him shall surely be put to death, for he is a murderer. The avenger of blood shall slay the murderer when he meets him.

22. But if he stabbed him suddenly without enmity, or hurled upon him anything without lying in wait;
23. Or with any stone, whereby a man may die, without seeing him, and cast upon him, that he died, and he was not his enemy, nor sought his harm;

24. Then the congregation shall judge between the man slayer and the avenger of blood, according to these judgments.

25. And the congregation shall deliver the slayer from the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge, where he had fled; and he shall live there until the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil.

26. But if the man slayer shall at any time go outside the border of the city of his refuge, where he had fled.

27. And the avenger of blood finds him outside the borders of the city of his refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the slayer, he shall not be guilty of blood.

28. Because he must remain in his city of refuge, until the death of the high priest; but after the death of the high priest the man slayer may return to the land of his possession.

29. And these things shall be for a statute of judgement to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
30. Whoever kills any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the evidence of witnesses, but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die.

31. Moreover, you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer, who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.

32. And you shall take no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he should come back to live in the land, until the death of the priest.

33. So you shall not pollute the land in which you are, for blood pollutes the land; and the land can not be cleansed of the blood that is shed there, but by the blood of him who shed it.

34. And you shall not defile the land which you shall inhabit, in which I dwell; for I the Lord dwell among the people of Israel.
1. And the chief fathers of the families of the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spoke before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the people of Israel;

2. And they said, The Lord commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the people of Israel; and my lord was commanded by the Lord to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters.

3. And if they are married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the people of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be given to the inheritance of the tribe where they are received; so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

4. And when the jubilee of the people of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be given to the inheritance of the tribe where they are received; so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5. And Moses commanded the people of Israel according to the word of the Lord, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph has said well.

6. This is the thing which the Lord does command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry.
7. So shall not the inheritance of the people of Israel move from tribe to tribe; for every one of the people of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8. And every daughter, who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the people of Israel, shall be the wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the people of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9. Neither shall the inheritance move from one tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the people of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

10. As the Lord commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad;

11. For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to their father's brothers' sons;

12. And they were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13. These are the commandments and the judgments, which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses to the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan near Jericho.

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Deuteronomy Chapter 1

1. These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite the Red Sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

2. There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir to Kadesh-Barnea.

3. And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke to the people of Israel, according to all that the Lord had given him in commandment to them;

4. After he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived at Ashtaroth in Edrei;

5. On this side of the Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this Torah, saying,

6. The Lord our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, You have lived long enough

7. Turn, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and to all the places near there, to the Arabah, to the hills, and to the lowlands, and to the Negev, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and to Lebanon, to the great river, the river Euphrates.
8. Behold, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them.

9. And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone;

10. The Lord your God has multiplied you, and, behold, you are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11. The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as you are, and bless you, as he has promised you!

12. How can I myself alone bear your weight, and your burden, and your strife?

13. Choose wise and understanding men, known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.

14. And you answered me, and said, The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.

15. So I took the chiefs of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them chiefs over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.
16. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brothers, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger who is with him.

17. You shall not respect persons in judgment; but you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's; and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it to me, and I will hear it.

18. And I commanded you at that time all the things which you should do.

19. And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which you saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-Barnea.

20. And I said to you, You have come to the mountain of the Amorites, which the Lord our God gives to us.

21. Behold, the Lord your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the Lord God of your fathers has said to you; fear not, nor be discouraged.

22. And you came near me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by which way we must go up, and to what cities we shall come.
23. And the saying pleased me well; and I took twelve men of you, one from each tribe;

24. And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came to the valley of Eshkol, and searched it out.

25. And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down to us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the Lord our God does give us.

26. However you would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God;

27. And you murmured in your tents, and said, Because the Lord hated us, he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28. Where shall we go? our brothers have discouraged our heart, saying, The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.

29. Then I said to you, Dread not, nor be afraid of them.

30. The Lord your God who goes before you, he shall fight for you, according to all what he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;
31. And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, like a man carries his son, in all the way that you went, until you came to this place.

32. Yet in this thing you did not believe the Lord your God,

33. Who went in the way before you, to search out a place for you to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by which way you should go, and in a cloud by day.

34. And the Lord heard the voice of your words, and was angry, and swore, saying,

35. Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I swore to give to your fathers,

36. Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he has trodden upon, and to his children, because he has wholly followed the Lord.

37. Also the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, saying, You also shall not go in there.

38. But Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there; encourage him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.
39. Moreover your little ones, which you said should be a prey, and your children, who in that day had no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in there, and to them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

40. But as for you, turn, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

41. Then you answered and said to me, We have sinned against the Lord, we will go up and fight, according to all that the Lord our God commanded us. And when you had girded on every man his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the hill.

42. And the Lord said to me, Say to them, Do not go up, nor fight; for I am not among you; lest you be struck before your enemies.

43. So I spoke to you; and you would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

44. And the Amorites, who lived in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, even unto Hormah.

45. And you returned and wept before the Lord; but the Lord would not listen to your voice, nor give ear to you.

46. So you abode in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you abode there.
1. Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, as the Lord spoke to me; and we went about Mount Seir many days.

2. And the Lord spoke to me, saying,

3. You have wandered around this mountain long enough; turn northward.

4. And command the people, saying, You are to pass through the border of your brothers the sons of Esau, who live in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you; take you good heed to yourselves therefore;

5. Contend not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given Mount Seir to Esau for a possession.

6. You shall buy food from them for money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them for money, that you may drink.

7. For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the works of your hand; he knows your walking through this great wilderness; these forty years the Lord your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing.
8. And when we passed by our brothers the sons of Esau, who lived in Seir, through the way of the Arabah from Elath, and from Ezion-Geber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9. And the Lord said to me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give you of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot for a possession.

10. The Emim lived there in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim;

11. Who also were considered Raphaim, like the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim.

12. The Horim also lived in Seir formerly; but the sons of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place; as Israel did to the land of his possession, which the Lord gave to them.

13. Now rise up, said I, and go over the brook Zared. And we went over the brook Zered.

14. And the time from our leaving Kadesh-Barnea, until we came over the brook Zered, was thirty eight years; until all the generation of the men of war had perished from the camp, as the Lord swore to them.
15. For indeed the hand of the Lord was against them, to destroy them from the camp, until they had perished.

16. So it came to pass, when all the men of war had perished and died from among the people,

17. That the Lord spoke to me, saying,

18. You are to pass over through Ar, the border of Moab, this day;

19. And when you come near opposite the sons of Ammon, harass them not, nor contend with them; for I will not give you of the land of the sons of Ammon any possession; because I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.

20. That also was considered a land of Raphaim; Raphaim lived there in old times; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummim;

21. A people great, and many, and tall, like the Anakim; but the Lord destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place;

22. Like he did to the sons of Esau, who lived in Seir, when he destroyed the Horim from before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place even to this day;
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23. And the Avim who lived in Hazerim, even to Gaza, the Caphtorim, who came out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and lived in their place.

24. Rise, take your journey, and pass over the brook Arnon; behold, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.

25. This day will I begin to put the dread of you and the fear of you upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of you.

26. And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying,

27. Let me pass through your land; I will go along by the highway, I will neither turn to the right hand nor to the left.

28. You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink; only I will pass through on foot;

29. Like the sons of Esau who live in Seir, and the Moabites who live in in Ar, did to me; until I shall pass over the Jordan to the land which the Lord our God gives us.

30. But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him; for the Lord your God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into your hand, as is apparent this day.
31. And the Lord said to me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before you; begin to possess, that you may inherit his land.

32. Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

33. And the Lord our God delivered him before us; and we struck him, and his sons, and all his people.

34. And we took all his cities at that time, and completely destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain;

35. Only the cattle we took for a booty to ourselves, and the plunder of the cities which we took.

36. From Aroer, which is by the edge of the brook of Arnon, and from the city that is by the brook, as far as Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us; the Lord our God delivered all to us;

37. Only to the land of the sons of Ammon you did not come, nor to any place of the brook Jabbok, nor to the cities in the mountains, nor to whatever the Lord our God forbade us.
1. Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan; and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

2. And the Lord said to me, Fear him not; for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into your hand; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.

3. So the Lord our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people; and we struck him until none was left remaining.

4. And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5. All these cities were fortified with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled towns a great many.

6. And we completely destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, completely destroying the men, women, and children, of every city.

7. But all the cattle, and the plunder of the cities, we took for a booty to ourselves.
8. And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that was on this side of the Jordan, from the brook of Arnon to Mount Hermon;

9. Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir;

10. All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, to Salcah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11. For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of Raphaim; behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbath of the sons of Ammon? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the cubit of a man.

12. And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the brook Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and its cities, gave I to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13. And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I to the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the Land of Raphaim.

14. Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob to the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites; and called the Bashan after his own name Havoth-Jair, to this day.
15. And I gave Gilead to Machir.

16. And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even to the brook Arnon half the valley, and the border even to the brook Jabbok, which is the border of the sons of Ammon;

17. The Arabah also, and the Jordan, as a border, from Chinnereth to the sea of the Arabah, the Sea of Salt, from the slopes of Pisgah eastward.

18. And I commanded you at that time, saying, The Lord your God has given you this land to possess it; you shall pass over armed before your brothers the people of Israel, all who are fit for the war.

19. But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, for I know that you have much cattle, shall remain in your cities which I have given you;

20. Until the Lord has given rest to your brothers, as well as to you, and until they also possess the land which the Lord your God has given them beyond the Jordan; and then shall you return every man to his possession, which I have given you.

21. And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Your eyes have seen all that the Lord your God has done to these two kings; so shall the Lord do to all the kingdoms which you pass.
22. You shall not fear them; for the Lord your God shall fight for you.

23. And I pleaded with the Lord at that time, saying,

24. O Lord God, you have begun to show your servant your greatness, and your mighty hand; for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to your works, and according to your might?

25. I beg you, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that goodly mountain region, and Lebanon.

26. But the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and would not hear me; and the Lord said to me, Let it suffice you; speak no more to me of this matter.

27. Get up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with your eyes; for you shall not go over this Jordan.

28. But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you shall see.

29. So we remained in the valley opposite Beth-Peor.
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1. Now therefore give heed, O Israel, to the statutes and to the judgments, which I teach you, to do them, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers gives you.

2. You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish nothing from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

3. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-Peor, to all the men who followed Baal-Peor; the Lord your God has destroyed them from among you.

4. But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day.

5. Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do so in the land where you go to take possession of it.

6. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, who, when they shall hear all these statutes, shall say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.
7. For what nation is there so great, who has God so near to them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8. And what nation is there so great, who has statutes and judgments so righteous as all this Torah, which I set before you this day?

9. Only take heed to yourself, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; but teach them to your sons, and to your grandsons;

10. The day when you stood before the Lord your God in Horeb, when the Lord said to me, Gather the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

11. And you came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

12. And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice.

13. And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tablets of stone.
14. And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it.

15. Take therefore good heed to yourselves; for you saw no manner of form on the day when the Lord spoke to you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire;

16. Lest you corrupt yourselves, and make you an engraved image, the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

17. The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air,

18. The likeness of any thing that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth;

19. And lest you lift up your eyes to the skies, and when you see the sun, and the moon, and the stars, all the host of the skies, should you be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord your God has allotted to all nations under the whole sky.

20. But the Lord has taken you, and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be for him a people of inheritance, as you are this day.
21. And the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go into that good land, which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance;  

22. But I must die in this land, I must not go over the Jordan; but you shall go over, and possess that good land.  

23. Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make you an engraved image, or the likeness of any thing, which the Lord your God has forbidden you.  

24. For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.  

25. When you shall father children, and grandchildren, and you shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make an engraved image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the Lord your God, to provoke him to anger;  

26. I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you shall soon completely perish from the land which you are going over the Jordan, to possess; you shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall completely be destroyed.  

27. And the Lord shall scatter you among the nations, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where the Lord shall lead you.
28. And there you shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

29. But if from there you shall seek the Lord your God, you shall find him, if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.

30. When you are in distress, and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days, if you turn to the Lord your God, and shall be obedient to his voice;

31. For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not forsake you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which he swore to them.

32. For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether there has been any such thing as this great thing is, or has been heard of?

33. Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?

34. Or has God ventured to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?
35. To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord is God; there is no other beside him.

36. From heaven he made you hear his voice, that he might instruct you; and upon earth he showed you his great fire; and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire.

37. And because he loved your fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought you out, he himself being present, with his mighty power, out of Egypt;

38. To drive out nations from before you greater and mightier than you are, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

39. Know therefore this day, and consider it in your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath; there is no other.

40. You shall keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command you this day, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days upon the land, which the Lord your God gives you, forever.

41. Then Moses set apart three cities on this side of the Jordan toward the rising sun;
42. That the slayer, who killed his neighbor unintentionally, and did not hate
him in times past, might flee there; and that by fleeing to one of these cities he
might live;

43. Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth
in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

44. And this is the Torah which Moses set before the people of Israel;

45. These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses
spoke to the people of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt,

46. On this side of the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth-Peor, in the land of
Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the people
of Israel defeated, after they came out of Egypt;

47. And they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings
of the Amorites, who were on this side of the Jordan toward the rising sun;

48. From Arroer, which is by the bank of the brook Arnon, to Mount Sion, which
is Hermon,

49. And all the Arabah on this side of the Jordan eastward, to the sea of the
Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.
1. And Moses called all Israel, and said to them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that you may learn them, and keep, and do them.

2. The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, who are all of us here alive this day.

4. The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,

5. I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to tell you the word of the Lord; for you were afraid because of the fire, and went not up into the mount, saying,

6. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

7. You shall have no other gods before me.

8. You shall not make any engraved image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth;
9. You shall not bow down to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

10. And showing mercy to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

11. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold guiltless him who takes his name in vain.

12. Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord your God has commanded you.

13. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work;

14. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your ox, nor your ass, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is inside your gates; that your manservant and your maidservant may rest as well as you.

15. And remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and with a stretched out arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.
16. Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you; that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you, in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

17. You shall not kill. Nor shall you commit adultery. Nor shall you steal. Nor shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.

18. Nor shall you desire your neighbor's wife, nor shall you covet your neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is your neighbor's.

19. These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice which was not heard again. And he wrote them in two tablets of stone, and delivered them to me.

20. And it came to pass, when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, for the mountain burned with fire, that you came near me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

21. And you said, Behold, the Lord our God has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire; we have seen this day that God talks with man, and he lives.
22. Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, then we shall die.

23. For who is there of all flesh, who has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

24. Go near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say; and speak to us all that the Lord our God shall speak to you; and we will hear it, and do it.

25. And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when you spoke to me; and the Lord said to me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you; they have well said all that they have spoken.

26. O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!

27. Go say to them, Return again into your tents.

28. But as for you, stand here by me, and I will speak to you all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess.
29. You shall take care to do it therefore as the Lord your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

30. You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.
1. Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that you might do them in the land to which you are going to possess;

2. That you might fear the Lord your God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, you, and your son, and your grandson, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged.

3. Hear therefore, O Israel, and take care to do it; that it may be well with you, and that you may increase mightily, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, in the land that flows with milk and honey.

4. Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord;

5. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

6. And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart;

7. And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.
8. And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

9. And you shall write them upon the posts of your house, and on your gates.

10. And it shall be, when the Lord your God shall have brought you into the land which he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you great and goodly cities, which you did not build,

11. And houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, and wells dug, which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees, which you did not plant; when you shall have eaten and be full;

12. Then beware lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

13. You shall fear the Lord your God, and serve him, and shall swear by his name.

14. You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people who are round about you;

15. For the Lord your God is a jealous God among you, lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and destroy you from the face of the earth.
16. You shall not tempt the Lord your God, as you tempted him in Massah.

17. You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded you.

18. And you shall do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord; that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which the Lord swore to your fathers.

19. To cast out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has spoken.

20. And when your son asks you in time to come, saying, What do the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, mean, which the Lord our God has commanded you?

21. Then you shall say to your son, We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;

22. And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes;

23. And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore to our fathers.
24. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

25. And it shall be accounted virtue in us, if we take care to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.
1. When the Lord your God shall bring you into the land which you are entering to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you;

2. And when the Lord your God shall deliver them before you; you shall strike them, and completely destroy them; you shall make no covenant with them, nor show mercy to them;

3. And you shall not make marriages with them; your daughter you shall not give to his son, nor his daughter shall you take to your son.

4. For they will turn away your son from following me, that they may serve other gods; so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy you speedily.

5. But thus shall you deal with them; you shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their Asherim, and burn their carved idols with fire.

6. For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a special people to himself, above all peoples that are upon the face of the earth.
7. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all peoples;

8. But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn to your fathers, has the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of slaves, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9. Know therefore that the Lord your God, he is God, the faithful God, which keeps covenant and mercy with those who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

10. And repays those who hate him to their face, to destroy them; he will not be slack to him who hates him, he will repay him to his face.

11. You shall therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command you this day, to do them.

12. Therefore it shall come to pass, if you give heed to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord your God shall keep with you the covenant and the mercy which he swore to your fathers;

13. And he will love you, and bless you, and multiply you; he will also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your grain, and your wine, and your oil, the produce of your cows, and the flocks of your sheep, in the land which he swore to your fathers to give you.
14. You shall be blessed above all people; there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

15. And the Lord will take away from you all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you know, upon you; but will lay them upon all those who hate you.

16. And you shall destroy all the people which the Lord your God shall deliver you; your eye shall have no pity upon them; neither shall you serve their gods; for that will be a snare to you.

17. If you shall say in your heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?

18. You shall not be afraid of them; but shall well remember what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh, and to all Egypt;

19. The great trials which your eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the Lord your God brought you out; so shall the Lord your God do to all the people of whom you are afraid.

20. Moreover the Lord your God will send the hornet among them, until those who are left, and hide themselves from you, are destroyed.

21. You shall not be frightened by them; for the Lord your God is among you, a mighty God and awesome.
22. And the Lord your God will clear away those nations before you, little by little; you may not destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field grow numerous upon you.

23. But the Lord your God shall deliver them to you, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they are destroyed.

24. And he shall deliver their kings into your hand, and you shall destroy their name from under heaven; there shall no man be able to stand before you, until you have destroyed them.

25. The engraved images of their gods shall you burn with fire; you shall not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it to you, lest you be snared there; for it is an abomination to the Lord your God.

26. Neither shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you become accursed like it; but you shall utterly detest it, and loathe it; for it is a cursed thing.
1. All the commandments which I command you this day shall you take care to do, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers.

2. And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, and to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not.

3. And he humbled you, and let you hunger, and fed you with manna, which you knew not, neither did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord does man live.

4. Your garment did not grow old upon you, nor did your foot swell, these forty years.

5. You shall also consider in your heart, that, as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastened you.

6. Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7. For the Lord your God brings you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;
8. A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil, and honey;

9. A land where you shall eat bread without scarceness, you shall not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you may dig bronze.

10. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which he has given you.

11. Beware that you forget not the Lord your God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command you this day;

12. Lest when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses, and lived there;

13. And when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied;

14. Then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery;

15. Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, where were venomous serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought you water out of the rock of flint;
16. Who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers knew not, that he might humble you, and that he might test you, to do you good in the end;

17. And you say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth.

18. And you shall remember the Lord your God; for he is who gives you power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

19. And it shall be, if you do forget the Lord your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I warn you solemnly this day that you shall surely perish.

20. Like the nations which the Lord destroys before your face, so shall you perish; because you would not be obedient to the voice of the Lord your God.
1. Hear, O Israel; You are to pass over the Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven,

2. A people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard say, Who can stand before the sons of Anak!

3. Understand therefore this day, that the Lord your God is he who goes over before you; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before your face; so shall you drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the Lord has said to you.

4. Do not say in your heart, after the Lord your God has cast them out before you, For my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land; but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God drives them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word which the Lord swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

5. Not for your righteousness, or for the uprightness of your heart, do you go to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God drives them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word which the Lord swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

6. Understand therefore, that the Lord your God gives you not this good land to possess it for your righteousness; for you are a stiffnecked people.
7. Remember, and forget not, how you provoked the Lord your God to anger in the wilderness; from the day when you departed out of the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the Lord.

8. Also in Horeb you provoked the Lord to wrath, so that the Lord was so angry with you that he was ready to destroy you.

9. When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the Lord made with you, then I stayed in the mount forty days and forty nights, I did not eat bread nor drink water;

10. And the Lord delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the Lord spoke with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

11. And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the Lord gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

12. And the Lord said to me, Arise, get down quickly from here; for your people, which you have brought out of Egypt, have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made themselves a molten image.

13. Furthermore the Lord spoke to me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people;
14. Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.

15. So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire; and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.

16. And I looked, and, behold, you had sinned against the Lord your God, and had made yourselves a molten calf; you had turned aside quickly from the way which the Lord had commanded you.

17. And I took the two tablets, and threw them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes.

18. And I fell down before the Lord, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I did not eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which you sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

19. For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, with which the Lord was angry against you to destroy you. But the Lord listened to me at that time also.

20. And the Lord was so very angry with Aaron that he was ready to destroy him; and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.
21. And I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire, and crushed it, and ground it very small, until it was as small as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that descended from the mount.

22. And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-Hattaavah, you provoked the Lord to anger.

23. Likewise when the Lord sent you from Kadesh-Barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then you rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God, and you believed him not, nor listened to his voice.

24. You have been rebellious against the Lord from the day that I knew you.

25. Thus I fell down before the Lord forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because the Lord had said he would destroy you.

26. I prayed therefore to the Lord, and said, O Lord God, destroy not your people and your inheritance, whom you have redeemed through your greatness, whom you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27. Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not to the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin;
28. Lest the land from which you brought us out say, Because the Lord was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

29. Yet they are your people and your inheritance, which you brought out by your mighty power and by your stretched out arm.
Deuteronomy Chapter 10

1. At that time the Lord said to me, Cut two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me into the mount, and make an ark of wood.

2. And I will write on the tablets the words that were in the first tablets which you broke, and you shall put them in the Ark.

3. And I made an ark of shittim wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up to the mount, having the two tablets in my hand.

4. And he wrote on the tablets, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spoke to you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and the Lord gave them to me.

5. And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, as the Lord commanded me.

6. And the people of Israel took their journey from Beeroth Bnei-Jaakan to Mosera; there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his place.
7. From there they journeyed to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of streaming brooks.

8. At that time the Lord set apart the tribe of Levi, to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister to him, and to bless in his name, to this day.

9. Therefore Levi has no part nor inheritance with his brothers; the Lord is his inheritance, according to what the Lord your God promised him.

10. And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the Lord listened to me at that time also, and the Lord would not destroy you.

11. And the Lord said to me, Arise, go on your journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give to them.

12. And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

13. To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command you this day for your good?
14. Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's your God, the earth also, with all that is in it.

15. Only the Lord took delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, you above all people, as it is this day.

16. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

17. For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, mighty and awesome, which favors no person, nor takes bribes;

18. He executes the judgment of the orphan and widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and garment.

19. Love you therefore the stranger; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20. You shall fear the Lord your God; him shall you serve, and to him shall you hold fast, and swear by his name.

21. He is your praise, and he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things, which your eyes have seen.

22. Your fathers went down into Egypt with seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as the stars of heaven for multitude.
Deuteronomy Chapter 11

1. Therefore you shall love the Lord your God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.

2. And know this day; for I speak not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the Lord your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm,

3. And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and to all his land;

4. And what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red Sea overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the Lord has destroyed them till this day;

5. And what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came into this place;

6. And what he did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben; how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the goods that were in their possession, in the midst of all Israel;

7. But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did.
8. Therefore shall you keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land, which you are going over to possess;

9. And that you may prolong your days in the land, which the Lord swore to your fathers to give to them and to their seed, a land that flows with milk and honey.

10. For the land, which you enter to possess, is not as the land of Egypt, from where you came out, where you sowed your seed, and watered it with your foot, as a garden of vegetables;

11. But the land, which you are going over to possess, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinks water from the rain of the skies;

12. A land which the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

13. And it shall come to pass, if you shall give heed diligently to my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

14. That I will give you the rain of your land in its due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, and your wine, and your oil.
15. And I will send grass in your fields for your cattle, that you may eat and be full.

16. Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

17. And then the Lord's anger be kindled against you, and he closed the skies, that there should be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest you perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord gives you.

18. Therefore shall you lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19. And you shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

20. And you shall write them upon the door posts of your house, and upon your gates;

21. That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.
22. For if you shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to hold fast to him;

23. Then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

24. Every place where the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours; from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, to the uttermost sea shall be your border.

25. There shall no man be able to stand before you; for the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that you shall tread upon, as he has said to you.

26. Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

27. A blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day;

28. And a curse, if you will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which you have not known.
29. And it shall come to pass, when the Lord your God has brought you in to the land which you are entering to possess, that you shall put the blessing upon Mount Gerizim, and the curse upon Mount Ebal.

30. Are they not on the other side of the Jordan, by the way where the sun goes down, in the land of the Canaanites, who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the terebinths of Moreh?

31. For you shall pass over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God gives you, and you shall possess it, and dwell in it.

32. And you shall take care to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.
Deuteronomy Chapter 12

1. These are the statutes and judgments, which you shall take care to do, in the land, which the Lord God of your fathers gives you to possess all the days that you live upon the earth.

2. You shall completely destroy all the places, where the nations which you shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree;

3. And you shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their Asherim with fire; and you shall cut down the carved images of their gods, and destroy their names out of that place.

4. You shall not do so to the Lord your God.

5. But to the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, to his habitation shall you seek, and there you shall come;

6. And there you shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks;
7. And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, because the Lord your God has blessed you.

8. You shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatever is right in his own eyes.

9. For you are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord your God gives you.

10. But when you go over the Jordan, and live in the land which the Lord your God gives you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety;

11. Then there shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; there shall you bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which you vow to the Lord;

12. And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite who is inside your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you.

13. Take heed to yourself that you offer not your burnt offerings in every place that you see;
14. But only in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

15. However you may slaughter animals and eat their meat in all your gates, to your heart's desire, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God which he has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, as they do of the gazelle and the deer.

16. Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it upon the earth like water.

17. You may not eat inside your gates the tithe of your grain, or of your wine, or of your oil, or the firstlings of your herds or of your flock, nor any of your vows which you vow, nor your freewill offerings, or offering of your hand;

18. But you must eat them before the Lord your God in the place which the Lord your God shall choose, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite who is inside your gates; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God in all that you put your hands to.

19. Take heed to yourself that you forsake not the Levite as long as you live upon the earth.
20. When the Lord your God shall enlarge your border, as he has promised you, and you shall say, I will eat meat, because your soul longs to eat meat; you may eat meat, to your heart's desire.

21. If the place which the Lord your God has chosen to put his name there is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock, which the Lord has given you, as I have commanded you, and you shall eat in your gates, to your heart's desire.

22. Like the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you shall eat them; the unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike.

23. Only be sure that you eat not the blood; for the blood is the life; and you may not eat the life with the flesh.

24. You shall not eat it; you shall pour it upon the earth as water.

25. You shall not eat it; that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, when you shall do that which is right in the sight of the Lord.

26. Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take, and go to the place which the Lord shall choose.

27. And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, upon the altar of the Lord your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the Lord your God, and you shall eat the meat.
28. Observe and hear all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you forever, when you do that which is good and right in the sight of the Lord your God.

29. When the Lord your God shall cut off the nations from before you, where you go to dispossess them, and live in their land;

30. Take heed to yourself that you be not snared by following them, after they are destroyed from before you; and that you inquire not about their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? that I may also do likewise.

31. You shall not do so to the Lord your God; for every abomination to the Lord, which he hates, have they done to their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods.
Deuteronomy Chapter 13

1. What ever I command you, take care to do it; you shall not add to it, nor diminish from it.

2. If there arises among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder,

3. And the sign or the wonder, comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, Let us go after other gods, which you have not known, and let us serve them;

4. You shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God tests you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

5. You shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and hold fast to him.

6. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he has spoken to turn you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to thrust you out of the way which the Lord your God commanded you to walk in. So shall you purge the evil away from the midst of you.
7. If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend, which is as your own soul, entice you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known, you, nor your fathers;

8. Of the gods of the people who are around you, near you, or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth;

9. You shall not yield to him, nor listen to him; nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him;

10. But you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

11. And you shall stone him with stones, that he die; because he has sought to thrust you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

12. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

13. If you shall hear say in one of your cities, which the Lord your God has given you to live there, saying,
14. Certain men, wicked persons, have gone out from among you, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known;

15. Then shall you inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it is true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is done among you;

16. You shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it completely, and all that is in it, and its cattle, with the edge of the sword.

17. And you shall gather all the plunder of it into the midst of the street and shall burn with fire the city, and all the plunder from it, for the Lord your God; and it shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built again.

18. And nothing of that which was devoted to destruction shall remain in your hand; that the Lord may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show you mercy, and have compassion upon you, and multiply you, as he has sworn to your fathers;

19. When you shall give heed to the voice of the Lord your God, to keep all his commandments which I command you this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the Lord your God.
Deuteronomy Chapter 14

1. You are the children of the Lord your God; you shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

2. For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a special people to himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

3. You shall not eat any abominable thing.

4. These are the beasts which you shall eat; the ox, the sheep, and the goat,

5. The deer, and the gazelle, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the adax, and the wild ox, and the wild sheep.

6. And every beast that parts the hoof, and has the hoof cloven into two, and chews the cud among the beasts, that you shall eat.

7. Nevertheless these you shall not eat of those that chew the cud, or of those which divide the cloven hoof: the camel, and the hare, and the coney; for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are unclean to you.

8. And the swine, because it divides the hoof, yet chews not the cud, it is unclean to you; you shall not eat of their meat, nor touch their carcases.
9. These you shall eat of all that are in the waters; all that have fins and scales shall you eat;

10. And whatever has not fins and scales you may not eat; it is unclean to you.

11. Of all clean birds you shall eat.

12. But these are they of which you shall not eat; the eagle, and the vulture, and the osprey,

13. And the kite, and the hawk, after their kind,

14. And every raven after its kind,

15. And the owl, and the kestrel, and the gull, and the hawk after its kind,

16. The little owl, and the great owl, and the barn owl,

17. And the night prowler, and the gier-eagle, and the fish owl,

18. And the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

19. And every creeping thing that flies is unclean to you; they shall not be eaten.
20. But of all clean birds you may eat.

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21. You shall not eat of any thing that dies of itself; you shall give it to the stranger that is in your gates, that he may eat it; or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to the Lord your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

22. You shall truly tithe all the produce of your seed, that the field brings forth year by year.

23. And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks; that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.

24. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry it; or if the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God shall choose to set his name there, when the Lord your God has blessed you;

25. Then shall you turn it into money, and bind up the money in your hand, and you shall go to the place which the Lord your God shall choose;

26. And you shall bestow that money for whatever your soul desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatever your soul desires; and you shall eat there before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice, you, and your household,
27. And the Levite who is inside your gates; you shall not forsake him; for he has no part nor inheritance with you.

28. At the end of three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall lay it up inside your gates;

29. And the Levite, because he has no part nor inheritance with you, and the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow, who are inside your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.
Deuteronomy Chapter 15

1. At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release.

2. And this is the manner of the release; Every creditor who lends anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbor, or of his brother; because it is called the Lord's release.

3. Of a foreigner you may exact it again; but that which is yours with your brother your hand shall release;

4. But there shall be no poor among you; for the Lord shall greatly bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance to possess it;

5. Only if you carefully listen to the voice of the Lord your God, to take care to do all these commandments which I command you this day.

6. For the Lord your God blesses you, as he promised you; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.

7. If there is among you a poor man of one of your brothers inside any of your gates in your land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your poor brother;
8. But you shall open your hand wide to him, and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he lacks.

9. Beware that there be not a thought in your wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and your eye be evil against your poor brother, and you give him nothing; and he cry to the Lord against you, and it be sin to you.

10. You shall surely give him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him; because for this thing the Lord your God shall bless you in all your works, and in all that you put your hand to.

11. For the poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, saying, You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor, and to your needy, in your land.

12. And if your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, and serves you six years; then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you.

13. And when you send him out free from you, you shall not let him go away empty;

14. You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, and out of your threshing floor, and out of your winepress; of that with which the Lord your God has blessed you you shall give to him.
15. And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this thing today.

16. And it shall be, if he says to you, I will not go away from you; because he loves you and your house, because he is well with you;

17. Then you shall take an awl, and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. And also to your female slave you shall do likewise.

18. It shall not seem hard to you, when you send him away free from you; for he has been worth a double hired servant to you, in serving you six years; and the Lord your God shall bless you in all that you do.

19. All the firstling males that come of your herd and of your flock you shall sanctify to the Lord your God; you shall do no work with the firstling of your bulls, nor shear the firstling of your sheep.

20. You shall eat it before the Lord your God year by year in the place which the Lord shall choose, you and your household.

21. And if there is any blemish in it, if it is lame, or blind, or it has any ill blemish, you shall not sacrifice it to the Lord your God.
22. You shall eat it inside your gates; the unclean and the clean person shall eat it alike, like the gazelle, and the deer.

23. Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it upon the ground as water.
1. Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to the Lord your God; for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

2. You shall therefore sacrifice the Passover to the Lord your God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the Lord shall choose to place his name there.

3. You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shall you eat unleavened bread with it, the bread of affliction; for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste; that you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life.

4. And there shall be no leavened bread seen with you in all your border seven days; neither shall there any thing of the meat, which you sacrificed the first day at the evening, remain all night until the morning.

5. You may not sacrifice the Passover inside any of your gates, which the Lord your God gives you;

6. But at the place which the Lord your God shall choose to place his name in, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at the evening, at the going down of the sun, in the season when you came out of Egypt.
7. And you shall roast and eat it in the place which the Lord your God shall choose; and you shall turn in the morning, and go to your tents.

8. Six days you shall eat unleavened bread; and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the Lord your God; you shall do no work in it.

9. Seven weeks shall you count; begin to number the seven weeks from such time as you begin to put the sickle to the grain.

10. And you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give according as the Lord your God has blessed you.

11. And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite who is inside your gates, and the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow, who are among you, in the place which the Lord your God has chosen to place his name there.

12. And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt; and you shall observe and do these statutes.

13. You shall observe the Feast of Booths seven days, after you have gathered in your grain and your wine;
14. And you shall rejoice in your feast, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow, who are inside your gates.

15. Seven days shall you keep a solemn feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord shall choose; because the Lord your God shall bless you in all your produce, and in all the works of your hands, therefore you shall surely rejoice.

16. Three times in a year shall all your males appear before the Lord your God in the place which he shall choose; in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Booths; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty;

17. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you.

18. Judges and officers shall you appoint in all your gates, which the Lord your God gives you, throughout your tribes; and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

19. You shall not pervert judgment; you shall not respect persons, nor take a bribe; for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous.
20. Justice, only justice shall you pursue, that you may live, and inherit the land which the Lord your God gives you.

21. You shall not plant you an Ashera of any tree near the altar of the Lord your God, which you shall make.

22. Neither shall you set you up any image; which the Lord your God hates.
1. You shall not sacrifice to the Lord your God any bull, or sheep, where there is a blemish, or anything evil; for that is an abomination to the Lord your God.

2. If there is found among you, inside any of your gates which the Lord your God gives you, man or woman, who has done wickedness in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing his covenant,

3. And has gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;

4. And it is told you, and you heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it is true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is done in Israel;

5. Then shall you bring forth that man or that woman, which has committed that wicked thing, to your gates, that man or that woman, and shall stone them with stones, till they die.

6. By the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he who deserves death be put to death; but by the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.
7. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people. So you shall put the evil away from among you.

8. If there arises a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between plague and plague, being matters of controversy inside your gates; then shall you arise, and get to the place which the Lord your God shall choose;

9. And you shall come to the priests the Levites, and to the judge who shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall declare to you the sentence of judgment;

10. And you shall do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the Lord shall choose shall declare to you; and you shall take care to do according to all that they inform you;

11. According to the sentence of the Torah which they shall teach you, and according to the judgment which they shall tell you, you shall do; you shall not decline from the sentence which they shall declare to you, to the right hand, nor to the left.

12. And the man who will act presumptuously, and will not listen to the priest who stands to minister there before the Lord your God, or to the judge, that man shall die; and you shall put away the evil from Israel.
13. And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14. When you come to the land which the Lord your God gives you, and shall possess it, and shall live in it, and shall say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me;

15. You shall set him king over you, whom the Lord your God shall choose; one from among your brothers shall you set king over you; you may not set a stranger over you, who is not your brother.

16. But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses; for as much as the Lord has said to you, You shall henceforth return no more that way.

17. Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away; nor shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18. And it shall be, when he sits upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this Torah in a book from that which is before the priests the Levites;

19. And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life; that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this Torah and these statutes, to do them;
20. That his heart be not lifted up above his brothers, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left; to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.
Deuteronomy Chapter 18

1. The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and his inheritance.

2. Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brothers; the Lord is their inheritance, as he has said to them.

3. And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether it is ox or sheep; and they shall give to the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the stomach.

4. The firstfruit also of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, shall you give him.

5. For the Lord your God has chosen him out of all your tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons forever.

6. And if a Levite comes from any of your gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind to the place which the Lord shall choose;

7. Then he shall minister in the name of the Lord his God, as all his brothers the Levites do, who stand there before the Lord.
8. They shall have equal portions to eat, beside that which comes from the sale of his patrimony.

9. When you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10. There shall not be found among you any one who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or who uses divination, or a soothsayer, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11. Or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12. For all that do these things are an abomination to the Lord; and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.

13. You shall be perfect with the Lord your God.

14. For these nations, which you shall possess, listened to soothsayers, and to diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you so to do.

15. The Lord your God will raise to you a Prophet from your midst, from your brothers, like me; to him you shall listen;
16. According to all that you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17. And the Lord said to me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

18. I will raise them a Prophet from among their brothers, like you, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him.

19. And it shall come to pass, that whoever will not listen to my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

20. But the prophet, who shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who shall speak in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

21. And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?

22. When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing follows not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken, and the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.
Deuteronomy Chapter 19

1. When the Lord your God has cut off the nations, whose land the Lord your God gives you, and you dispossess them, and live in their cities, and in their houses;

2. You shall set apart three cities for you in the midst of your land, which the Lord your God gives you to possess it.

3. You shall prepare a way, and divide the border of your land, which the Lord your God gives you to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee there.

4. And this is the case of the slayer, who shall flee there, that he may live; Who ever kills his neighbor unintentionally, whom he hated not in times past;

5. As when a man goes into the wood with his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand fetches a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle, and strikes his neighbor, so that he dies; he shall flee to one of those cities, and live;

6. Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; though he was not deserving of death, since in times past he did not hate him.

7. Therefore I command you, saying, You shall set apart three cities for you.
8. And if the Lord your God enlarges your border, as he has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which he promised to give to your fathers;

9. If you shall keep all these commandments to do them, which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to walk always in his ways, then shall you add three cities more for you, beside these three;

10. That innocent blood be not shed in your land, which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, and so blood be upon you.

11. But if any man hates his neighbor, and lies in wait for him, and rises up against him, and strikes him mortally so that he dies, and flees to one of these cities;

12. Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him there, and deliver him to the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

13. Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you.

14. You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land that the Lord your God gives you to possess it.
15. One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins; by the mouth of two witnesses, or by the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

16. If a false witness rises up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong;

17. Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges, who shall be in those days;

18. And the judges shall make diligent inquiries; and, behold, if the witness is a false witness, and has testified falsely against his brother;

19. Then shall you do to him, as he had thought to have done to his brother; so shall you put the evil away from among you.

20. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

21. And your eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.
Deuteronomy Chapter 20

1. When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses, and chariots, and a people more numerous than you, be not afraid of them; for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

2. And it shall be, when you have come near the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people,

3. And shall say to them, Hear, O Israel, you approach this day to battle against your enemies; let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, nor be you terrified because of them;

4. For the Lord your God is he who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

5. And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, What man is there who has built a new house, and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicates it.

6. And what man is he who has planted a vineyard, and has not yet eaten of it? Let him also go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eats of it.
7. And what man is there who has betrothed a wife, and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man takes her.

8. And the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, What man is there who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest his brothers' heart faint as well as his heart.

9. And it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall appoint captains of the armies to lead the people.

10. When you come near a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace to it.

11. And it shall be, if it gives you answer of peace, and opens to you, then it shall be, that all the people that are found in it shall be tributaries to you, and they shall serve you.

12. And if it will make no peace with you, but will make war against you, then you shall besiege it;

13. And when the Lord your God has delivered it into your hands, you shall strike its every male with the edge of the sword;
14. But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, all the plunder from it, shall you take for yourself; and you shall eat the plunder of your enemies, which the Lord your God has given you.

15. Thus shall you do to all the cities which are very far off from you, which are not of the cities of these nations.

16. But of the cities of these people, which the Lord your God does give you for an inheritance, you shall not keep alive anything that breathes;

17. But you shall completely destroy them: the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the Lord your God has commanded you;

18. That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done to their gods; so should you sin against the Lord your God.

19. When you shall besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by forcing an ax against them; for you may eat of them, and you shall not cut them down. For is the tree of the field a man that it should besieged by you?

20. Only the trees which you know are not trees for food, you shall destroy and cut them down; and you shall build siege works against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.
Deuteronomy Chapter 21

1. If one is found slain in the land which the Lord your God gives you to possess, lying in the field, and it is not known who has slain him;

2. Then your elders and your judges shall come forth, and they shall measure the distance to the cities which are around him who is slain;

3. And it shall be, that the city which is nearest to the slain man, the elders of that city shall take a heifer, which has not been worked with, and which has not pulled in the yoke;

4. And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer to a rough ravine, which is neither plowed nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the ravine;

5. And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near; for them the Lord your God has chosen to minister to him, and to bless in the name of the Lord; and by their word shall every controversy and every assault be tried;

6. And all the elders of that city, which is nearest to the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley;
7. And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it.

8. Be merciful, O Lord, to your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, and lay not innocent blood to your people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

9. So shall you put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when you shall do that which is right in the sight of the Lord.

10. When you go forth to war against your enemies, and the Lord your God has delivered them into your hands, and you have taken them captive,

11. And see among the captives a beautiful woman, and desire her, that you would have her as your wife;

12. Then you shall bring her home to your house; and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails;

13. And she shall take off the garment of her captivity, and shall remain in your house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month; and after that you shall go in to her, and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.

14. And it shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall let her go where she will; but you shall not sell her at all for money, you shall not treat her as a slave, because you have humbled her.
15. If a man has two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son is hers who was hated;

16. Then it shall be, when he makes his sons inherit that which he has, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, who is indeed the firstborn;

17. But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he has; for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

18. If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son, who will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not listen to them;

19. Then shall his father and his mother lay hold of him, and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place;

20. And they shall say to the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard.

21. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die; so shall you put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.
22. And if a man has committed a sin deserving death, and he is to be put to death, and you hang him on a tree;

23. His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but you shall bury him that day; for he who is hanged is accursed by God; that your land, which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, be not defiled.
Deuteronomy Chapter 22

1. You shall not watch your brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide yourself from them; you shall in any case bring them again to your brother.

2. And if your brother is not near you, or if you know him not, then you shall bring it to your own house, and it shall be with you until your brother seeks after it, and you shall restore back to him.

3. In like manner shall you do with his ass; and so shall you do with his garment; and with every lost thing of your brother's, which he has lost, and you have found, shall you do likewise; you may not hide yourself.

4. You shall not watch your brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide yourself from them; you shall surely help him to lift them up again.

5. The woman shall not wear that which belongs to a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for all who do so are abomination to the Lord your God.

6. If a bird's nest chances to be before you in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they are young ones, or eggs, and the mother sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young;
7. But you shall let the mother go, and take the young to you; that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days.

8. When you build a new house, then you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you should not bring any blood upon your house, if any man falls from there.

9. You shall not sow your vineyard with different seeds; lest the fruit of your seed which you have sown, and the fruit of your vineyard, be defiled.

10. You shall not plow with an ox and an ass together.

11. You shall not wear a garment of different sorts, like woollen and linen together.

12. You shall make fringes upon the four quarters of your cloak, with which you cover yourself.

13. If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and hates her,

14. And gives accusing speeches against her, and brings an evil name upon her, and says, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I did not find in her the signs of virginity;

15. Then shall the father of the girl, and her mother, take and bring forth the signs of the girl's virginity to the elders of the city in the gate;
16. And the girl's father shall say to the elders, I gave my daughter to this man to wife, and he hates her;

17. And, behold, he has given accusing speeches against her, saying, I found not your daughter a virgin; and yet these are the signs of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18. And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;

19. And they shall fine him a hundred shekels of silver, and give them to the father of the girl, because he has brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel; and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

20. But if this thing is true, and the signs of virginity are not found for the girl;

21. Then they shall bring out the girl to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die; because she has perpetrated wantonness in Israel, to play the harlot in her father's house; so shall you put evil away from among you.

22. If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; so shall you put away evil from Israel.
23. If a girl who is a virgin is betrothed to a husband, and a man finds her in the city, and lies with her;

24. Then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them with stones that they die; the girl, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he has humbled his neighbor's wife; so you shall put away evil from among you.

25. But if a man finds a betrothed girl in the field, and the man forces her, and lies with her; then the man only who lay with her shall die;

26. But to the girl you shall do nothing; there is in the girl no sin deserving death; for as when a man rises against his neighbor, and slays him, so is this matter;

27. For he found her in the field, and the betrothed girl cried, and there was no one to save her.

28. If a man finds a girl who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and lays hold of her, and lies with her, and they are found;

29. Then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he has humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.
Deuteronomy Chapter 23

א. לָא-יָכִּה אִישׁ אָנָשׁ אֶפְשָׂח אֵבִּיָּהּ לָא יָנֵּל בִּקָּלָה בִּנְתָּהּ.

1. A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's skirt.

ב. לָא-יָכְּבִּיוּ לִפְעְרָן-כֶּרֶם וְכֶרֶם שְׁפָּקָה בִּקְּרָאָה בִּקָּלָה בּוֹוָהּ.

2. He who is wounded in the testicles, or has his male member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord.

ג. לָא-יָכְּבִּיוּ מְפֹּאֲרִי בְּקוּמִיָּהּ בֵּי דֹּרֶשֶׁי לָא-יָכְּבִּיוּ לָא בִּקְּרָאָה בִּקָּלָה בּוֹוָהּ.

3. A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord.


4. An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the Lord forever;

ה. תַּל-כְּבֵר כְּכַר-אָכָּהָ כְּכַר-אָכָּה כְַכַּכַּכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַc

5. Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when you came out of Egypt; and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

ו. תַּל-כְּבֵר כְּכַר-אָכָּה כְַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַכַַc

6. Nevertheless the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam; but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing to you, because the Lord your God loved you.

לָא-יָכְּבִּיוּ מְפֹּאֲרִי בְּקוּמִיָּהּ בֵּי דֹּרֶשֶׁי לָא-יָכְּבִּיוּ לָא בִּקְּרָאָה בִּקָּלָה בּוֹוָהּ.

7. You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days for ever.

ו. תַּל-כְּבֵר כְּכַר-אָכָּה כְַכַַכַַc

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8. You shall not loathe an Edomite; for he is your brother; you shall not loathe an Egyptian; because you were a stranger in his land.

9. The children who are fathered by them shall enter into the congregation of the Lord in their third generation.

10. When you go out to encamp against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing.

11. If there is among you any man, who is not clean because of uncleanness that chances him by night, then shall he go out of the camp, he shall not come inside the camp;

12. But it shall be, when evening comes on, he shall wash himself with water; and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp again.

13. You shall have a place also outside the camp, where you shall go out to it;

14. And you shall have a spade among your weapons; and it shall be, when you will ease yourself outside, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back and cover your excrement;

15. For the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp, to save you, and to give your enemies before you; therefore shall your camp be holy; that he should see no unclean thing in you, and turn away from you.
16. You shall not deliver to his master the slave who has escaped from his master to you;

17. He shall live with you, among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of your gates, where it pleases him best; you shall not oppress him.

18. There shall not be cult prostitutes among the daughters of Israel, nor among the sons of Israel.

19. You shall not bring the hire of a harlot, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Lord your God for any vow; for these are both abomination to the Lord your God.

20. You shall not lend upon interest to your brother; interest of money, interest of foodstuff, interest of any thing that is lent upon interest;

21. To a stranger you may lend upon interest; but to your brother you shall not lend upon interest; that the Lord your God may bless you in all that you set your hand to in the land where you are entering to possess.

22. When you shall vow a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not be slack to pay it; for the Lord your God will surely require it of you; and it would be sin in you.

23. But if you shall forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in you.
24. That which is gone out of your lips you shall keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according to what you have vowed to the Lord your God, which you have promised with your mouth.

25. When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat your fill of grapes at your own pleasure; but you shall not put any in your utensil.

26. When you come into the standing grain of your neighbor, then you may pluck the ears with your hand; but you shall not put a sickle to your neighbor's standing grain.
Deuteronomy Chapter 24

1. When a man has taken a wife, and married her, and it comes to pass that she finds no favor in his eyes, because he has found some uncleanness in her; then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2. And when she has departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

3. And if the latter husband hates her, and writes her a bill of divorcement, and gives it in her hand, and sends her out of his house; or if the latter husband dies, who took her to be his wife;

4. Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she is defiled; for that is abomination before the Lord; and you shall not cause the land to sin, which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance.

5. When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, nor shall he be charged with any business; but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he has taken.

6. No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone as pledge; for he takes a man's life to pledge.
7. If a man is found stealing any of his brothers of the people of Israel, and deals with him as a slave, or sells him; then that thief shall die; and you shall purge evil away from among you.

8. Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that you observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you; as I commanded them, so you shall take care to do.

9. Remember what the Lord your God did to Miriam by the way, after you came out of Egypt.

10. When you lend your brother any thing, you shall not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

11. You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring out the pledge outside to you.

12. And if the man is poor, you shall not sleep in his pledge;

13. You shall deliver him the pledge back when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment, and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the Lord your God.

14. You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is of your brothers, or of your strangers who are in your land inside your gates;
15. At his day you shall give him his hire, nor shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and sets his heart upon it; lest he cry against you to the Lord, and it should be sin to you.

16. The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor shall the children be put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17. You shall not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the orphan; nor take a widow's garment as a pledge;

18. But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you there; therefore I command you to do this thing.

19. When you cut down your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go again to fetch it; it shall be for the stranger, for the orphan, and for the widow; that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

20. When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, for the orphan, and for the widow.

21. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, for the orphan, and for the widow.

22. And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.
Deuteronomy Chapter 25

1. If there is a controversy between men, and they come to judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

2. And it shall be, if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten in his presence, by a certain number according to his fault.

3. Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed; lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then your brother should seem vile to you.

4. You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain.

5. If brothers live together, and one of them dies, and has no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry outside to a stranger; her husband's brother shall go in to her, and take her to him for a wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

6. And it shall be, that the firstborn which she bears shall succeed to the name of his brother who is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

7. And if the man does not wish to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuses to raise to his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.
8. Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak to him; and if he persists, and says, I do not wish to take her;

9. Then shall his brother's wife come to him in the presence of the elders, and pull his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done to that man who will not build up his brother's house.

10. And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him who has his shoe pulled off.

11. When men fight together one with another, and the wife of one draws near to save her husband from the hand of him who strikes him, and puts forth her hand, and grabs him by his private parts;

12. Then you shall cut off her hand, your eye shall not pity her.

13. You shall not have in your bag different weights, a large and a small.

14. You shall not have in your house different measures, a large and a small.

15. But you shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shall you have; that your days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
16. For all who do such things, and all who do unrighteously, are an abomination to the Lord your God.

17. Remember what Amalek did to you by the way, when you came forth out of Egypt;

18. How he met you by the way, and struck at your rear, all who were feeble behind you, when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God.

19. Therefore it shall be, when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies around, in the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance to possess, that you shall blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget it.
Deuteronomy Chapter 26

1. And it shall be, when you come in to the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, and possess it, and live in it;

2. That you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which you shall bring of your land that the Lord your God gives you, and shall put it in a basket, and shall go to the place which the Lord your God shall choose to place his name there.

3. And you shall go to the priest who shall be in those days, and say to him, I declare this day to the Lord your God, that I have come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.

4. And the priest shall take the basket from your hand, and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

5. And you shall speak and say before the Lord your God, A wandering Aramean was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous;

6. And the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard slavery;

7. And when we cried to the Lord God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression;
8. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great awesomeness, and with signs, and with wonders;

9. And he has brought us to this place, and has given us this land, a land that flows with milk and honey.

10. And now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land, which you, O Lord, have given me. And you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God;

11. And you shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord your God has given to you, and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the stranger who is among you.

12. When you have finished tithing all the tithes of your produce the third year, which is the year of tithing, and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow, that they may eat inside your gates, and be filled;

13. Then you shall say before the Lord your God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of my house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the stranger, to the orphan, and to the widow, according to all your commandments which you have commanded me; I have not transgressed your commandments, nor have I forgotten them;
14. I have not eaten of it in my mourning, neither have I taken away any of it for any unclean use, nor given any of it for the dead; but I have listened to the voice of the Lord my God, and have done according to all that you have commanded me.

15. Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel, and the land which you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land that flows with milk and honey.

16. This day the Lord your God has commanded you to do these statutes and judgments; you shall therefore keep and do them with all your heart, and with all your soul.

17. You have declared the Lord this day to be your God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to listen to his voice;

18. And the Lord has declared you this day to be his special people, as he has promised you, and that you should keep all his commandments;

19. And to set you high above all nations which he has made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that you may be a holy people to the Lord your God, as he has spoken.
Deuteronomy Chapter 27

1. And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

2. And it shall be on the day when you shall pass over the Jordan to the land which the Lord your God gives you, that you shall set you up great stones, and plaster them with plaster;

3. And you shall write upon them all the words of this Torah, when you have passed over, that you may go in to the land which the Lord your God gives you, a land that flows with milk and honey; as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you.

4. Therefore it shall be when you have gone over the Jordan, that you shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in Mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster.

5. And there shall you build an altar to the Lord your God, an altar of stones; you shall not lift up any iron tool upon them.

6. You shall build the altar of the Lord your God of whole stones; and you shall offer burnt offerings on it to the Lord your God;

7. And you shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the Lord your God.
8. And you shall write upon the stones all the words of this Torah very plainly.

9. And Moses and the priests the Levites spoke to all Israel, saying, Take heed, and listen, O Israel; this day you have become the people of the Lord your God.

10. You shall therefore obey the voice of the Lord your God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command you this day.

11. And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,

12. These shall stand upon Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you are come over the Jordan; Shimeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin;

13. And these shall stand upon Mount Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14. And the Levites shall speak, and say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

15. Cursed be the man who makes any engraved or molten image, an abomination to the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

16. Cursed be he who dishonors his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.
17. Cursed be he who removes his neighbor's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

18. Cursed be he who makes the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

19. Cursed be he who perverts the judgment of the stranger, orphan, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

20. Cursed be he who lies with his father's wife; because he uncovers his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.

21. Cursed be he who lies with any kind of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.

22. Cursed be he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

23. Cursed be he who lies with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Amen.

24. Cursed be he who strikes his neighbor secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen.

25. Cursed be he who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.
26. Cursed be he who does not maintain all the words of this Torah to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.
Deuteronomy Chapter 28

1. And it shall come to pass, if you shall give heed diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command you this day, that the Lord your God will set you on high above all nations of the earth;

2. And all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you shall listen to the voice of the Lord your God.

3. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

4. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your cattle, the produce of your cows, and the flocks of your sheep.

5. Blessed shall be your basket and your store.

6. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

7. The Lord shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways.

8. The Lord shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouses, and in all that you set your hand to; and he shall bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
9. The Lord shall establish you as a holy people to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and walk in his ways.

10. And all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of you.

11. And the Lord shall make you abundant in goods, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you.

12. The Lord shall open to you his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, and you shall not borrow.

13. And the Lord shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath; if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day, to observe and to do them;

14. And you shall not go aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15. But it shall come to pass, if you will not listen to the voice of the Lord your God, to take care to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command you this day; that all these curses shall come upon you, and overtake you;
16. Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field.

17. Cursed shall be your basket and your store.

18. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land, the produce of your cows, and the flocks of your sheep.

19. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

20. The Lord shall send upon you cursing, confusion, and failure, in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed, and until you perish quickly; because of the wickedness of your doings, by which you have forsaken me.

21. The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave to you, until he has consumed you from off the land, which you are entering to possess.

22. The Lord shall strike you with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue you until you perish.

23. And your heaven that is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth that is under you shall be iron.
24. The Lord shall make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven shall it come down upon you, until you are destroyed.

25. The Lord shall cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them; and shall be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

26. And your carcass shall be food to all the birds of the air, and to the beasts of the earth, and no man shall scare them away.

27. The Lord will strike you with the pox of Egypt, and with the swellings, and with the scab, and with the itch, from which you can not be healed.

28. The Lord shall strike you with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart;

29. And you shall grope at noonday, as the blind gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways; and you shall be constantly oppressed and robbed, and no man shall save you.

30. You shall betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her; you shall build a house, and you shall not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, and shall not gather its grapes.
31. Your ox shall be slain before your eyes, and you shall not eat of it; your ass shall be violently taken away from before your face, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have none to rescue them.

32. Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long; and there shall be no might in your hand.

33. The fruit of your land, and all your labors, shall a nation which you know not eat up; and you shall be only oppressed and crushed always;

34. So that you shall be driven mad by the sight which your eyes shall see.

35. The Lord shall strike you in the knees, and in the legs, with a festering eruption which cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.

36. The Lord shall bring you, and your king which you shall set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known; and there shall you serve other gods, of wood and stone.

37. And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations where the Lord shall lead you.
38. You shall carry much seed out into the field, and shall gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.

39. You shall plant vineyards, and dress them, but shall neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.

40. You shall have olive trees throughout all your borders, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil; for your olive trees shall drop their fruit.

41. You shall father sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

42. All your trees and fruit of your land shall the locust consume.

43. The stranger who is among you shall rise high above you; and you shall come down very low.

44. He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

45. And all these curses shall come upon you, and shall pursue you, and overtake you, till you are destroyed; because you listened not to the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded you;

46. And they shall be upon you for a sign and for a wonder, and upon your seed forever.
47. Because you served not the Lord your God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

48. Therefore shall you serve your enemies which the Lord shall send against you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things; and he shall put a yoke of iron upon your neck, until he has destroyed you.

49. The Lord shall bring a nation against you from far, from the end of the earth, which will swoop down like the vulture; a nation whose tongue you shall not understand;

50. A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not respect the person of the old, nor show favor to the young;

51. And he shall eat the fruit of your cattle, and the fruit of your land, until you be destroyed; which also shall not leave you either grain, wine, or oil, or the produce of your cows, or the young of your sheep, until he has destroyed you.

52. And he shall besiege you in all your gates, until your high and fortified walls come down, wherein you trusted, throughout all your land; and he shall besiege you in all your gates throughout all your land, which the Lord your God has given you.

53. And you shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, which the Lord your God has given you, in the siege, and in the distress, with which your enemies shall distress you;
54. So that the man who is most tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil towards his brother, and towards the wife of his bosom, and towards the remnant of his children which he shall leave;

55. So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat when he has nothing left; because of the siege, and the distress, with which your enemies shall distress you in all your gates.

56. The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not venture to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil towards the husband of her bosom, and towards her son, and towards her daughter,

57. And towards her afterbirth that comes out from between her feet, and towards her children whom she shall bear; for she shall eat them secretly, for want of all things, in the siege and distress, with which your enemy shall distress you in your gates.

58. If you will not take care to do all the words of this Torah that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and fearful name, the Lord your God;

59. Then the Lord will make your plagues remarkable, and the plagues of your seed, great plagues, and of long continuance, and severe sicknesses, and of long continuance.
60. And he will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt, which you were afraid of; and they shall cleave to you.

61. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this Torah, them will the Lord bring upon you, until you are destroyed.

62. And you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

63. And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from the land which you go to possess.

64. And the Lord shall scatter you among all people, from one end of the earth to the other; and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known, of wood and stone.

65. And among these nations shall you find no ease, neither shall the sole of your foot have rest; but the Lord shall give you there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind;

66. And your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you shall fear day and night, and shall have no assurance of your life;
67. In the morning you shall say, Would it were evening! and in the evening you shall say, Would it were morning! for the fear of your heart with which you shall fear, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see.

68. And the Lord shall bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the road about which I said to you, You shall see it no more again; and there you shall be sold to your enemies for male and female slaves, and no man shall buy you.

69. These are the words of the covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.
1. And Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land;

2. The great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles;

3. Yet the Lord has not given you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, until this day.

4. And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes are not worn old upon you, and your shoe is not worn old upon your foot.

5. You have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink; that you might know that I am the Lord your God.

6. And when you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us to battle, and we defeated them;

7. And we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh.
8. Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.

9. You stand this day all of you before the Lord your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel,

10. Your little ones, your wives, and your stranger who is in your camp, from the hewer of your wood to the drawer of your water;

11. That you should enter into covenant with the Lord your God, and into his oath, which the Lord your God makes with you this day;

12. That he may establish you today for a people to himself, and that he may be to you a God, as he has said to you, and as he has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

13. And not with you alone will I make this covenant and this oath;

14. But with him who stands here with us this day before the Lord our God, and also with him who is not here with us this day;

15. For you know how we have lived in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which you passed by;
16. And you have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them;

17. Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away this day from the Lord our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that bears gall and wormwood;

18. And it should come to pass, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart, to add drunkenness to thirst;

19. The Lord will not spare him, but then the anger of the Lord and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven.

20. And the Lord shall mark him off for evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Torah;

21. So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger who shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the Lord has laid upon it;
22. And that the whole land is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor bears, nor any grass grows on it, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath;

23. All nations shall say, Why has the Lord done thus to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?

24. Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt;

25. For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given to them;

26. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book;

27. And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

28. The secret things belong to the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this Torah.
Deuteronomy Chapter 30

1. And it shall come to pass, when all these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations, where the Lord your God has driven you,

2. And shall return to the Lord your God, and shall obey his voice according to all that I command you this day, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul;

3. That then the Lord your God will turn your captivity, and have compassion upon you, and will return and gather you from all the nations, where the Lord your God has scattered you.

4. If your outcasts have been driven out to the farthest parts of heaven, from there will the Lord your God gather you, and from there will he fetch you;

5. And the Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and he will do you good, and multiply you above your fathers.

6. And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live.
7. And the Lord your God will put all these curses upon your enemies, and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

8. And you shall return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all his commandments which I command you this day.

9. And the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your land, for good; for the Lord will again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers.

10. If you shall listen to the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this Book of the Torah, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul.

11. For this commandment which I command you this day, is not hidden from you, nor is it far off.

12. It is not in heaven, that you should say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13. Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14. But the word is very near to you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you may do it.
15. See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil;

16. In that I command you this day to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God shall bless you in the land which you are entering to possess.

17. But if your heart turns away, so that you will not hear, but shall be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

18. I announce to you this day, that you shall surely perish, and that you shall not prolong your days upon the land, to which you are going over the Jordan, to enter and possess.

19. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live;

20. That you may love the Lord your God, and that you may obey his voice, and that you may cleave to him; for he is your life, and the length of your days; that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.
Deuteronomy Chapter 31

1. And Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

2. And he said to them, I am one hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in; also the Lord has said to me, You shall not go over this Jordan.

3. The Lord your God, he will go over before you, and he will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall possess them; and Joshua, he shall go over before you, as the Lord has said.

4. And the Lord shall do to them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and to the land of them, whom he destroyed.

5. And the Lord shall give them up before your face, that you may do to them according to all the commandments which I have commanded you.

6. Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, he goes with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you.

7. And Moses called to Joshua, and said to him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage; for you must go with this people to the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them; and you shall cause them to inherit it.
8. And the Lord, he goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you, nor forsake you; fear not, nor be dismayed.

9. And Moses wrote this Torah, and delivered it to the priests the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel.

10. And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the time of the year of release, in the Feast of Booths,

11. When all Israel has come to appear before the Lord your God in the place which he shall choose, you shall read this Torah before all Israel in their hearing.

12. Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and your stranger who is inside your gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and take care to do all the words of this Torah;

13. And that their children, who have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as you live in the land to which you go over the Jordan to possess.

14. And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, your days approach that you must die; call Joshua, and present yourselves in the Tent of Meeting, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the Tent of Meeting.
15. And the Lord appeared in the Tent in a pillar of a cloud; and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the Tent.

16. And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers; and this people will rise, and play the harlot after the gods of the strangers of the land, where they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

17. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?

18. And I will surely hide my face in that day because of all the evils which they shall have done, in that they are turned to other gods.

19. Now therefore write this poem for you, and teach it to the people of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this poem may be a witness for me against the people of Israel.

20. For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swore to their fathers, that flows with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and become fat; then will they turn to other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.
21. And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles have befallen them, that this poem shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten in the mouths of their seed; for I know their inclination and what they do, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swore.

22. Moses therefore wrote this poem the same day, and taught it to the people of Israel.

23. And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage; for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land which I swore to them; and I will be with you.

24. And it came to pass, when Moses had finished writing the words of this Torah in a book, until they were finished,

25. That Moses commanded the Levites, who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying,

26. Take this Book of the Torah, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against you.

27. For I know your rebellion, and your stiff neck; behold, while I am still alive with you this day, you have been rebellious against the Lord; and how much more after my death!
28. Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them.

29. For I know that after my death you will completely corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because you will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

30. And Moses spoke in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this poem, until they were ended.
1. Give ear, O you heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass;

3. Because I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God.

4. He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are justice; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.

5. Not his the corruption, but his children are blemished; they are a perverse and crooked generation.

6. Do you thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he your father who has bought you? has he not made you, and established you?

7. Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you.

8. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he set apart the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the people of Israel.
9. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

10. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11. As an eagle stirs up its nest, flutters over its young, spreads out its wings, takes them, bears them on its pinions;

12. So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

13. He made him ride on the high places of the earth, and he ate the produce of the fields; and he made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

14. Butter of cows, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and you did drink the wine of the pure blood of the grape.

15. But Jeshurun became fat, and kicked; you have become fat, you have become thick, you are covered with fatness; then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

16. They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.
17. They sacrificed to powerless spirits, not to God; to gods whom they knew not; to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

18. Of the Rock that fathered you you are unmindful, and have forgotten God who formed you.

19. And when the Lord saw it, he loathed them, because of the provocation of his sons, and of his daughters.

20. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a very perverse generation, children in whom there is no faith.

21. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

22. For a fire is kindled in my anger, and shall burn to the lowest part of Sheol, and shall consume the earth with her produce, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23. I will heap evils upon them; I will spend my arrows upon them.

24. They shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of crawling things of the dust.
25. The sword outside, and terror inside, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

26. I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men;

27. Were it not that I feared the anger of the enemy, lest their adversaries should judge amiss, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord has not done all this.

28. For they are a nation void of counsel, nor is there any understanding in them.

29. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

30. How should one man chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?

31. For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

32. For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter;

33. Their wine is the fierceness of crocodiles, and the cruel venom of asps.
34. Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?

35. To me belongs vengeance, and recompense when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

36. For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he sees that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

37. And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted,

38. Those who ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you, and be your protection.

39. See now that I am he, and there is no god with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver out of my hand.

40. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever.

41. If I whet my glittering sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to my enemies, and will requite those who hate me.

42. I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; with the blood of the slain and of the captives; with the head of the wild bands of the enemy.
43. Rejoice, O you nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will make expiation for the land of his people.

44. And Moses came and spoke all the words of this poem in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.

45. And Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel;

46. And he said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to take care to do, all the words of this Torah.

47. For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life; and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you go over the Jordan to possess it.

48. And the Lord spoke to Moses that same day, saying,

49. Go up to this Mountain Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is opposite Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give to the people of Israel for a possession;

50. And die in the mount where you go up, and be gathered to your people; as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people;
51. Because you trespassed against me among the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you sanctified me not in the midst of the people of Israel.

52. Yet you shall see the land before you; but you shall not go there to the land which I give the people of Israel.
1. And this is the blessing, with which Moses the man of God blessed the people of Israel before his death.

2. And he said, The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir to them; he shone forth from Mount Paran, and he came with holy tens of thousands; from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

3. He truly loves the people; all his holy ones are in your hand; and they sat down at your feet; every one shall receive of your words.

4. Moses commanded us a Torah, the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

5. And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

6. Let Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few.

7. And this is the blessing of Judah; and he said, Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, and bring him to his people; let his hands be sufficient for him; and be you a help to him from his enemies.

8. And of Levi he said, Let your Thummim and your Urim be with your pious one, whom you did test at Massah, and with whom you fought at the waters of Meribah;
9. Who said to his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; nor did he acknowledge his brothers, nor knew his own children; for they have observed your word, and kept your covenant.

10. They shall teach Jacob your judgments, and Israel your Torah; they shall put incense before you, and whole burnt sacrifice upon your altar.

11. Bless, Lord, his substance, and accept the work of his hands; strike through the loins of those who rise against him, and of those who hate him, that they rise not again.

12. And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall live in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall live between his shoulders.

13. And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that couches beneath,

14. And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,

15. And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

16. And for the precious things of the earth and its fullness, and for the good will of him who lived in the bush; let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him who was separated from his brothers.
17. The firstling of his herd, grandeur is his, and his horns are like the horns of a wild ox; with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth; and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

18. And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out; and, Issachar, in your tents.

19. They shall call the people to the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hidden in the sand.

20. And of Gad he said, Blessed be he who enlarges Gad; he lives as a lion, and tears the arm with the crown of the head.

21. And he provided the first part for himself, because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the Lord, and his judgments with Israel.

22. And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's cub; he shall leap from Bashan.

23. And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the Lord; possess you the west and the south.

24. And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brothers, and let him dip his foot in oil.
25. Your shoes shall be iron and bronze; and as your days, so shall your strength be.

26. There is none like the God of Jeshurun, who rides upon the heaven in your help, and in his excellency on the sky.

27. The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms; and he shall thrust out the enemy from before you; and shall say, Destroy them.

28. Israel then shall live in safety alone; the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of grain and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

29. Happy are you, O Israel; who is like you, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of your help, and who is the sword of your excellency! and your enemies shall submit themselves to you; and you shall tread upon their high places.
1. And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to the Mountain of Nebo, to the
top of Pisgah, that is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land of
Gilead, to Dan,

2. And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of
Judah, as far as the utmost sea,

3. And the Negev, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees,
as far as Zoar.

4. And the Lord said to him, This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed; I have made you see it
with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.

5. So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to
the word of the Lord.

6. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-Peor; but
no man knows his grave till this day.

7. And Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was
not dim, nor his natural force abated.
8. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; and the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

9. And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him; and the people of Israel listened to him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses.

10. And there has not arisen since in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,

11. In all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12. And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great and awesome deeds which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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1. And it was after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2. Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross over the Jordan, you, and all this people, to the land which I give to them, to the people of Israel.

3. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that I have given to you, as I said to Moses.

4. From the wilderness and this Lebanon to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border.

5. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you, nor forsake you.

6. Be strong and courageous; for you shall cause this people to inherit the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them.

7. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the Torah, which Moses my servant commanded you; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.
8. This Book of the Torah shall not depart from your mouth; but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written on it; for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.

9. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous; be not afraid, nor be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

10. Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11. Pass through the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare provisions; for within three days you shall cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the Lord your God gives you to possess.

12. And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, spoke Joshua, saying,

13. Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God has given you rest, and has given you this land.

14. Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan; but you shall pass armed before your brothers, all the mighty men of valor, and help them;
15. When the Lord should give your brothers rest, as he has given you, and when they also shall possess the land which the Lord your God gives them; then you shall return to the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord’s servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise.

16. And they answered Joshua, saying, All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us, we will go.

17. As we listened to Moses in all things, so will we listen to you; only the Lord your God be with you, as he was with Moses.

18. If any rebels against your commandment, and will not listen to your words in all that you command him, he shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous.
1. And Joshua the son of Nun sent from Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, Jericho. And they went, and came to an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

2. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, men came here tonight of the people of Israel to search out the country.

3. And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men who have come to you, who have entered into your house; for they have come to search out all the country.

4. And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men to me, but I know not from where they were;

5. And it came to pass about the time of the closing of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out; where the men went I know not; pursue after them quickly; for you shall overtake them.

6. But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.
7. And the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan, to the fords; and as soon as those who pursued after them were gone out, they closed the gate.

8. And before they lay down, she came up to them upon the roof;

9. And she said to the men, I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that your terror has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you completely destroyed.

11. And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted, nor did courage remain in any man, because of you; for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth below.

12. Now therefore, I pray you, swear to me by the Lord, for I have shown you grace, that you will also show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true sign;

13. And that you will keep alive my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and save our lives from death.
14. And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if you do not utter our business. And it shall be, when the Lord has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.

15. Then she let them down by a rope through the window; for her house was upon the town wall, and she lived upon the wall.

16. And she said to them, Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers return; and afterwards may you go your way.

17. And the men said to her, We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours which you have made us swear.

18. Behold, when we come to the land, you shall bind this line of scarlet thread in the window from which you let us down; and you shall bring your father, and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's household, home to you.

19. And it shall be, that whoever shall go out of the doors of your house to the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless; and whoever shall be with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.

20. And if you utter our business, then we will be quit of your oath which you have made us swear.
21. And she said, According to your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed; and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22. And they went, and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers returned; and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not.

23. So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that had befallen them;

24. And they said to Joshua, Truly the Lord has delivered to our hands all the land; for all the inhabitants of the country faint because of us.
1. And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they left Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the camp;

And they commanded the people, saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, carrying it, then you shall leave your place, and go after it.

Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure; do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go; for you have not passed this way before.

And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, Take the ark of the covenant, and cross over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

And the Lord said to Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.
8. And you shall command the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant, saying, When you have come to the brink of the water of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.

9. And Joshua said to the people of Israel, Come here, and hear the words of the Lord your God.

10. And Joshua said, Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

11. Behold, the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you to the Jordan.

12. Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from every tribe a man.

13. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the Ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand in one heap.

14. And it came to pass, when the people moved from their tents, to pass over the Jordan, with the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant before the people;
15. And when those who carried the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who carried the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the time of harvest,) the waters which came down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan; and those who came down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Sea of Salt, failed, and were cut off; and the people passed over right opposite Jericho.

16. That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan; and those who came down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Sea of Salt, failed, and were cut off; and the people passed over right opposite Jericho.

17. And the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all the people of Israel passed over on dry ground, until all the people had passed over the Jordan.
1. And it came to pass, when all the people had passed over the Jordan, that the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying,

2. Take twelve men from the people, from every tribe a man,

3. And command them, saying, Take from the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet stood firm, twelve stones, and you shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where you shall lodge this night.

4. Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the people of Israel, from every tribe a man;

5. And Joshua said to them, Pass over before the Ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take every one of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

6. That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What do you mean by these stones?

7. Then you shall answer them, That the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off; and these stones shall be for a memorial to the people of Israel forever.
8. And the people of Israel did as Joshua commanded, and took twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the Lord spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

10. For the priests who carried the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan, until every thing was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and passed over.

11. And it came to pass, when all the people had passed over, that the Ark of the Lord passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

12. And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the people of Israel, as Moses spoke to them;

13. About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the Lord to battle, to the plains of Jericho.
14. On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15. And the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying,

16. Command the priests who carry the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan.

17. Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come up out of the Jordan.

18. And it came to pass, when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord came up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up to the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and flowed over all its banks, as they did before.

19. And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

20. And those twelve stones, which they took from the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal.

21. And he spoke to the people of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?
22. Then you shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over the Jordan on dry land.

23. For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until you had passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over;

24. That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty; that you might fear the Lord your God forever.
1. And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, who were on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel, until they had passed over, so that their heart melted, nor was there any spirit left in them any more, because of the people of Israel.

2. At that time the Lord said to Joshua, Make sharp knives, and circumcise again the people of Israel a second time.

3. And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the people of Israel at the hill of Aralot.

4. And this is the cause why Joshua circumcised: All the people who came out of Egypt, who were males, all the men of war, died in the wilderness on the road, after they came out of Egypt.

5. Now all the people who came out were circumcised; but all the people who were born in the wilderness on the road as they came forth out of Egypt, those were not circumcised.
6. For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord; to whom the Lord swore that he would not show them the land, which the Lord swore to their fathers that he would give us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

7. And their children, whom he raised up in their place, them Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them on the road.

8. And it came to pass, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp, till they had recovered.

9. And the Lord said to Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

10. And the people of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening in the plains of Jericho.

11. And they ate of the old grain of the land on the next day after the Passover, unleavened cakes, and parched grain in the same day.

12. And the manna ceased on the next day after they had eaten of the old grain of the land; nor had the people of Israel manna any more; but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.
13. And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man before him with his sword drawn in his hand; and Joshua went to him, and said to him, Are you for us, or for our adversaries?

14. And he said, No; but as captain of the army of the Lord I am now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and worshipped, and said to him, What does my lord say to his servant?

15. And the captain of the Lord's host said to Joshua, Take your shoe from off your foot; for the place on which you stand is holy. And Joshua did so.
1. Now Jericho was completely closed up because of the people of Israel; none went out, and none came in.

2. And the Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given to your hand Jericho, and its king, and the mighty men of valor.

3. And you shall surround the city, all you men of war, and go around the city once. Thus shall you do six days.

4. And seven priests shall carry before the ark seven shofarot of rams' horns; and the seventh day you shall go around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the shofarot.

5. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the shofar, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

6. And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, Take the Ark of the Covenant, and let seven priests carry seven shofarot of rams' horns before the Ark of the Lord.

7. And he said to the people, Pass on, and surround the city, and let those who are armed pass on before the Ark of the Lord.
8. And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests carrying the seven shofarot of rams' horns passed before the Lord, and blew with the shofarot; and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.

9. And the armed men went before the priests who blew with the shofarot, and the rear guard came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the shofarot.

10. And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, You shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, nor shall any word proceed from your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall you shout.

11. So the Ark of the Lord went around the city, going about it once; and they came to the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12. And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord.

13. And seven priests carrying seven shofarot of rams' horns before the Ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew with the shofarot; and the armed men went before them; but the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, the priests going on, and blowing with the shofarot.

14. And the second day they went around the city once, and returned to the camp; six days they did so.
And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and went around the city after the same manner seven times; only on that day they went around the city seven times.

And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the shofarot, Joshua said to the people, Shout; for the Lord has given you the city.

And the city shall be accursed, it and all who are in it, to the Lord; only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

And you, keep yourselves from the devoted things, lest you make yourselves accursed, when you take of the devoted thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

But all the silver, and gold, and utensils of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come to the treasury of the Lord.

So the people shouted when the priests blew with the shofarot; and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the shofar, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up to the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

And they completely destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.
22. But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, Go to the harlot's house, and bring out from there the woman, and all that she has, as you swore to her.

23. And the young men who were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, and all that she had; and they brought out all her family, and left them outside the camp of Israel.

24. And they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it; only the silver, and the gold, and the utensils of bronze and of iron, they put in the treasury of the house of the Lord.

25. And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she lives in Israel even to this day; because she hid the messengers, whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26. And Joshua charged them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the Lord, that rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest son shall he set up its gates.

27. So the Lord was with Joshua; and his fame spread throughout the country.
1. But the people of Israel committed a trespass in regard to the devoted property, for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the devoted things; and the fury of the Lord was kindled against the people of Israel.

2. And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-Aven, to the east of Beth-El, and spoke to them, saying, Go up and spy out the country. And the men went up and spied out Ai.

3. And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai; and make not all the people to labor there; for they are but few.

4. So there went up there of the people about three thousand men; and they fled before the men of Ai.

5. And the men of Ai struck of them about thirty six men; for they chased them from before the gate to Shebarim, and struck them in the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6. And Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the Ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.
7. And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, why have you brought this people over the Jordan, to deliver us to the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan!

8. O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turns its back before its enemies!

9. For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall surround us, and cut off our name from the earth; and what will you do to your great name?

10. And the Lord said to Joshua, Get up; why have you fallen upon your face?

11. Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them; for they have taken of the devoted things, and have also stolen, and also lied, and they have put it among their own stuff.

12. Therefore the people of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed; nor will I be with you any more, unless you destroy the accursed from among you.

13. Arise, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow; for thus said the Lord God of Israel, There is devoted property in the midst of you, O Israel; you can not stand before your enemies, until you take away the devoted thing from among you.
14. In the morning therefore you shall be brought according to your tribes; and it shall be, that the tribe which the Lord takes shall come according to its families; and the family which the Lord shall take shall come by households; and the household which the Lord shall take shall come man by man.

15. And it shall be, that he who is taken with the devoted thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has; because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he has done a shameful thing in Israel.

16. So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken;

17. And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites; and he brought the family of the Zerahites man by man; and Zabdi was taken;

18. And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19. And Joshua said to Achan, My son, please, give glory to the Lord God of Israel, and give thanks to him; and tell me now what you have done; hide it not from me.

20. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done;
21. When I saw among the booty a good garment of Shinar, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hidden in the earth in my tent, and the silver under it.

22. So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and, behold, it was hidden in his tent, and the silver under it.

23. And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the people of Israel, and laid them out before the Lord.

24. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them to the valley of Achor.

25. And Joshua said, Why have you troubled us? the Lord shall trouble you this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

26. And they raised over him a great heap of stones to this day. So the Lord turned from the fierceness of his anger. Therefore the name of that place was called, The Valley of Achor, to this day.
1. And the Lord said to Joshua, Fear not, nor be dismayed; take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given to your hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land; and his land;

2. And you shall do to Ai and to her king as you did to Jericho and her king; only its plunder, and its cattle, shall you take as booty for yourselves; lay an ambush against the city behind it.

3. So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai; and Joshua chose thirty thousand mighty men of valor, and sent them away by night.

4. And he commanded them, saying, Behold, you shall lie in wait against the city, behind the city; do not go very far from the city, but be ready;

5. And I, and all the people who are with me, will approach the city; and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them,

6. For they will come out after us till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first; therefore we will flee before them.
7. Then you shall rise up from the ambush, and seize the city; for the Lord your God will deliver it to your hand.

8. And it shall be, when you have taken the city, that you shall set the city on fire; according to the commandment of the Lord shall you do. See, I have commanded you.

9. Joshua therefore sent them forth; and they went to the place of ambush, and stayed between Beth-El and Ai, on the west of Ai; but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

10. And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

11. And all the people, the people of war who were with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the city, and camped on the north side of Ai; and there was a valley between them and Ai.

12. And he took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Beth-El and Ai, on the west side of the city.

13. And when they had set the people, all the encampment that was on the north of the city, and their ambush party on the west of the city, Joshua went that night to the midst of the valley.
14. And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hurried and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the Arabah; but he knew not that there were men in ambush against him behind the city.

15. And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled on the road of the wilderness.

16. And all the people who were in Ai were called together to pursue after them; and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

17. And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-El, who went not out after Israel; and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

18. And the Lord said to Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in your hand toward Ai; for I will give it to your hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city.

19. And the ambush arose quickly from their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand; and they entered into the city, and took it, and hurried and set the city on fire.

20. And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way; and the people who fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.
21. And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.

22. And the other came out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side; and they struck them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

23. And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24. And it came to pass, when Israel had finished slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness where they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the people of Israel returned to Ai, and struck it with the edge of the sword.

25. And so it was, that all who fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, all the men of Ai.

26. For Joshua drew not his hand back, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had completely destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27. Only the cattle and the plunder of that city Israel took for a booty for themselves, according to the word of the Lord which he commanded Joshua.

28. And Joshua burned Ai, and made it a heap forever, a desolation to this day.
29. And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until evening; and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcass down from the tree, and throw it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raise on it a great heap of stones, that remains to this day.

30. Then Joshua built an altar to the Lord God of Israel in Mount Ebal,

31. As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Torah of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man has lifted up any iron; and they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32. And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the Torah of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the people of Israel.

33. And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side of the ark and on that side before the priests, the Levites, who carried the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord, the foreigner as well as he who was born among them; half of them over opposite Mount Gerizim, and half of them over opposite Mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

34. And afterwards he read all the words of the Torah, the blessings and curses, according to all that is written in the Book of the Torah.
35. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua did not read before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the foreigners who lived among them.
1. And it came to pass, when all the kings who were on this side of the Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the Great Sea opposite Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard of it;

2. That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

3. And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,

4. They acted with cunning, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wineskins, old, and torn, and bound up;

5. And old worn and patched shoes upon their feet, and old garments upon them, and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy.

6. And they went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him, and to the men of Israel, We come from a far country; now therefore make a covenant with us.
7. And the man of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps you live among us; and how shall we make a pact with you?

8. And they said to Joshua, We are your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who are you? and from where do you come?

9. And they said to him, From a very far country your servants have come because of the name of the Lord your God; for we have heard his fame, and all that he did in Egypt,

10. And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth.

11. And our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, We are your servants; therefore now make a covenant with us.

12. This our bread we took hot for our provision from our houses on the day we came forth to go to you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy;

13. And these wineskins, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they have split; and these our garments and our shoes have become old because of the very long journey.
14. And the men took of their provisions, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord.

Joshua 14.  And the men took of their provisions, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord.

15. And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the princes of the congregation swore to them.

Joshua 15.  And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the princes of the congregation swore to them.

16. And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they lived among them.

Joshua 16.  And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they lived among them.

17. And the people of Israel journeyed, and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kiriath-Jearim.

Joshua 17. And the people of Israel journeyed, and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kiriath-Jearim.

18. And the people of Israel did not strike them, because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

Joshua 18. And the people of Israel did not strike them, because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

19. But all the princes said to all the congregation, We have sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel; now therefore we may not touch them.

Joshua 19. But all the princes said to all the congregation, We have sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel; now therefore we may not touch them.

20. This we will do to them; we will let them live, lest anger be upon us, because of the oath which we swore to them.
21. And the princes said to them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water to all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

22. And Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, Why have you deceived us, saying, We are very far from you; when you live among us?

23. Now therefore you are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being slaves, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

24. And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told your servants, how the Lord your God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were much afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25. And now, behold, we are in your hand; as it seems good and right to you to do to us, do.

26. And so did he to them, and saved them from the hand of the people of Israel, that they slew them not.

27. And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the Lord, even to this day, in the place which he should choose.
1. Now it came to pass, when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had completely destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

2. That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

3. And Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4. Come to me, and help me, that we may strike Gibeon; for it has made peace with Joshua and with the people of Israel.

5. Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their armies, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.
6. And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Do not withdraw your hand from your servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us; for all the kings of the Amorites who live in the mountains are gathered together against us.

7. So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.

8. And the Lord said to Joshua, Fear them not; for I have delivered them to your hand; there shall not a man of them stand before you.

9. Joshua therefore came to them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.

10. And the Lord struck them with confusion before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that ascends to Beth-Horon, and struck them as far as Azekah, and Makkedah.

11. And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the descent to Beth-Horon, that the Lord threw down great stones from heaven upon them as far as Azekah, and they died; there were more who died from hailstones than there were killed with the sword by the people of Israel.
12. Then spoke Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered the Amorites before the people of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand still upon Gibeon; and you, Moon, in the valley of Ayalon.

13. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the Book of Jashar? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hastened not to go down about a whole day.

14. And there was no day like that before it or after it, when the Lord listened to the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.

15. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

16. But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

17. And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hidden in a cave at Makkedah.

18. And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them;
19. And do not stay, but pursue after your enemies, and strike their rear; do not allow them to enter into their cities; for the Lord your God has delivered them to your hand.

20. And it came to pass, when Joshua and the people of Israel had finished slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest who remained of them entered into fortified cities.

21. And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace; none moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel.

22. Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings to me out of the cave.

23. And they did so, and brought forth those five kings to him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

24. And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon their necks.
25. And Joshua said to them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage; for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom you fight.

26. And afterwards Joshua struck them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees; and they hanged upon the trees until the evening.

27. And it came to pass at the time of the sunset, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees, and threw them into the cave where they had been hiding, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.

28. And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king he completely destroyed, them, and all the souls who were in it; he let none remain; and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did to the king of Jericho.

29. Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah;

30. And the Lord delivered it also, and its king, to the hand of Israel; and he struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who were in it; he let none remain in it; but did to its king as he did to the king of Jericho.
31. And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it;

32. And the Lord delivered Lachish to the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who were in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33. Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34. And from Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it;

35. And they took it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king, and all its cities, and all the souls who were in it, he completely destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it completely, and all the souls who were in it.
38. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it;

39. And he took it, and its king, and all its cities; and they struck them with the edge of the sword, and completely destroyed all the souls who were in it; he left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

40. So Joshua struck all the country of the hills, and the Negev, and of the valley, and of the springs, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but completely destroyed all who breathed, as the Lord God of Israel commanded.

41. And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-Barnea to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even to Gibeon.

42. And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel.

43. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.
1. And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

2. And to the kings who were on the north of the mountains, and of the Arabah south of the Chinnereth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

3. And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.

4. And they went out, they and all their armies with them, many people, as the sand that is upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

5. And when all these kings met together, they came and camped together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

6. And the Lord said to Joshua, Be not afraid because of them; for tomorrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel; you shall lame their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7. And Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them.
8. And the Lord delivered them to the hand of Israel, who struck them, and chased them as far as great Sidon, and to Misrephothmaim, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they struck them, until they left them none remaining.

9. And Joshua did to them as the Lord bade him; he lamed their horses, and burned their chariots with fire.

10. And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor before was the head of all those kingdoms.

11. And they struck all the souls who were in it with the edge of the sword, completely destroying them; there was not any left to breathe; and he burned Hazor with fire.

12. And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and struck them with the edge of the sword, and he completely destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded.

13. But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn.

14. And all the plunder of these cities, and the cattle, the people of Israel took for a booty to themselves; but every man they struck with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, and did not leave any to breathe.
15. As the Lord commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses.

16. So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the Negev, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the Arabah, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

17. From the Mount Halak, that ascends to Seir, to Baal-Gad in the valley of Lebanon under Mount Hermon; and all their kings he took, and struck them, and slew them.

18. Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

19. There was not a city that made peace with the people of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon; all others they took in battle.

20. For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them completely, and that they might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

21. And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakim from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua destroyed them completely with their cities.
22. There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the people of Israel; only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

23. So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord said to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.
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1. Now these are the kings of the land, whom the people of Israel struck, and possessed their land on the other side of the Jordan towards the sunrise, from the brook Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah in the east;

2. Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is upon the bank of the brook Arnon, and from the middle of the brook, and from half Gilead, to the brook Jabbok, which is the border of the Ammonites;

3. And from the Arabah to the Sea of Chinnereth in the east, and to the sea of the Arabah, the Sea of Salt in the east, the way to Beth-HaJeshimoth; and from the south, under the slopes of Pisgah;

4. And the border of Og king of Bashan, who was of the remnant of the Raphaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

5. And reigned in Mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6. Them did Moses the servant of the Lord and the people of Israel strike; and Moses the servant of the Lord gave it for a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh.
7. And these are the kings of the country whom Joshua and the children of Israel struck on this side of the Jordan on the west, from Baal-Gad in the valley of Lebanon to the Mount Halak, that ascends to Seir; which Joshua gave to the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions;

8. In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the Arabah, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the Negev; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites;

9. The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Beth-El, one;

10. The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11. The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

12. The king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

13. The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14. The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

15. The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;
16. The king of Makkedah, one; the king of Beth-El, one;

17. The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one;

18. The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

19. The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

20. The king of Shimron-Meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;

21. The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22. The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;

23. The king of Dor in the district of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;

24. The king of Tirzah, one; all the kings being thirty and one.
1. And Joshua was old and advanced in age; and the Lord said to him, You are old and advanced in age, and there remains still very much land to be possessed.

2. This is the land that still remains; all the borders of the Philistines, and all the Geshurite,

3. From Sihor, which is before Egypt, to the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanite; five lords of the Philistines; the Gazatites, and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites;

4. From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that is beside the Sidonians to Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites;

5. And the land of the Griblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-Gad under Mount Hermon to the entrance to Hamath.

6. All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephothmaim, and all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the people of Israel; only divide you it by lot to the people of Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you.

7. Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and half the tribe of Manasseh,
8. With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the Lord gave them;

9. From Aroer, that is upon the bank of the brook Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the brook, and all the plain of Medeba to Dibon;

10. And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the Ammonites;

11. And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salcah;

12. All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the Raphaim; for these did Moses strike, and cast them out.

13. And the people of Israel did not expel the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites; but the Geshurites and the Maachathites live among the people of Israel until this day.

14. Only to the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance; the sacrifices of the Lord God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as he said to them.
15. And Moses gave to the tribe of Reuben inheritance according to their families.

16. And their border was from Aroer, that is on the bank of the brook Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the brook, and all the plain by Medeba;

17. Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-Baal, and Beth-Baal-Meon,

18. And Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

19. And Kiriatayim, and Sibmah, and Zereth-HaShahar in the mount of the valley,

20. And Beth-Peor, and the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-HaJeshimoth,

21. And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, who were chiefs of Sihon, living in the country.

22. Also Balaam, the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the people of Israel slay with the sword among those who were slain by them.
23. And the border of the sons of Reuben was the Jordan, and its border. This was the inheritance of the sons of Reuben according to their families, the cities and its villages.

24. And Moses gave inheritance to the tribe of Gad, to the sons of Gad according to their families.

25. And their border was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the Ammonites, to Arøer that is before Rabbah;

26. And from Heshbon to Ramath-Mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir;

27. And in the valley, Beth-Haram, and Beth-Nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, the Jordan and his border, to the edge of the Sea of Chinnereth on the other side of the Jordan eastward.

28. This is the inheritance of the sons of Gad according to their families, the cities, and their villages.

29. And Moses gave inheritance to half the tribe of Manasseh; and this was the possession of half the tribe of Manasseh by their families.

30. And their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities;
31. And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, belonged to the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh, to the one half of the sons of Machir by their families.

32. These are what Moses distributed for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho, eastward.

33. But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance; the Lord God of Israel was their inheritance, as he said to them.
1. And these are the places which the people of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chiefs of the fathers of the tribes of the people of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.

2. By lot was their inheritance, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe.

3. For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and a half tribe on the other side of the Jordan; but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them.

4. For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim; therefore they gave no part to the Levites in the land, save cities to live in, with their pasture lands for their cattle and for their possessions.

5. As the Lord commanded Moses, so the people of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6. Then the sons of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal; and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite said to him, You know the thing that the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning me and you in Kadesh-Barnea.
7. Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-Barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him back word as it was in my heart.

8. And my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed the Lord my God.

9. And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land on which your feet have trodden shall be your inheritance, and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.

10. And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as he said, these forty five years, since the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, behold, I am this day eighty five years old.

11. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12. Now therefore give me this mountain, about which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified; if the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said.
13. And Joshua blessed him, and gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

14. Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite to this day, because he fully followed the Lord God of Israel.

15. And the name of Hebron before was Kiriath-Arba; this Arba was the biggest man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.
1. This then was the lot of the tribe of Judah by their families; to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin towards the Negev in the far south.

2. And their south border was from the shore of the Sea of Salt, from the bay that looks southward;

3. And it went out to the south side to Maaleh-Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side to Kadesh-Barnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and turned about to Karkaa;

4. From there it passed toward Azmon, and went out to the brook of Egypt; and the limits of that border were at the sea; this shall be your south border.

5. And the east border was the Sea of Salt, to the end of the Jordan. And their border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the farthest part of the Jordan;

6. And the border went up to Beth-Hoglah, and passed along by the north of Beth-Arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben;
7. And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, which is opposite the ascent to Adummim, which is on the south side of the brook; and the border passed toward the waters of Ein-Shemesh, and the limits of it were at Ein-Rogel;  

8. And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom to the south side of the Jebusite; that is Jerusalem; and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the Refaim northward;  

9. And the border was drawn from the top of the hill to the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of Mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which is Kiriath-Jearim;  

10. And the border went around from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed along to the side of Mount Jearim, which is Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to Beth-Shemesh, and passed on to Timnah;  

11. And the border went out to the side of Ekron northward; and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out to Jabneel; and the limits of the border were at the sea.  

12. And the west border was the Great Sea. These are the borders of the sons of Judah according to their families.
13. And to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the Lord to Joshua, the city of Arba the father of Anak, this city is Hebron.

14. And Caleb drove from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

15. And he went up from there to the inhabitants of Debir; and the name of Debir before was Kiriath-Sepher.

16. And Caleb said, He who strikes Kiriath-Sepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter for a wife.

17. And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter for a wife.

18. And it came to pass, as she came to him, that she urged him to ask her father for a field; and she alighted off her ass; and Caleb said to her, What do you want?

19. And she answered, Give me a blessing; for you have given me the land of the Negev; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the lower springs.

20. This is the inheritance of the tribe of Judah according to their families.
21. And the farthest cities of the tribe of Judah toward the border of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

22. And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

23. And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

24. Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25. And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor,

26. Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

27. And Hazar-Gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-Palet,

28. And Hazar-Shual, and Beersheba, and Bizjothjah,

29. Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

30. And Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah,

31. And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,
32. And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon; all the cities are twenty nine, with their villages;

33. And in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zorah, and Ashnah,

34. And Zanoah, and Ein-Gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

35. Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

36. And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages;

37. Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-Gad,

38. And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Jokyoul,

39. Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,

40. And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Chithlish,

41. And Gederoth, Beth-Dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages;

42. Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,
43. And Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,
44. And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages;
45. Ekron, with its towns and its villages;
46. From Ekron to the sea, all that lay near Ashdod, with their villages;
47. Ashdod with its hamlets and its villages, Gaza with its hamlets and its villages, to the brook of Egypt, and the Great Sea, being its border;
48. And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,
49. And Dannah, and Kiriath-Sannah, which is Debir,
50. And Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,
51. And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages;
52. Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,
53. And Janum, and Beth-Tappuah, and Aphekah,
54. And Humtah, and Kiriath-Arba, which is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages;

55. Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,

56. And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

57. Cain, Geba, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages;

58. Halhul, Beth-Zur, and Gedor,

59. And Maarath, and Beth-Anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages;

60. Kiriath-Baal, which is Kiriath-Jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages;

61. In the wilderness, Beth-Arabah, Middin, and Secacah,

62. And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and Ein-Gedi; six cities with their villages.

63. As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the sons of Judah could not drive them out; but the Jebusites live with the sons of Judah in Jerusalem to this day.
1. And the lot of the sons of Joseph fell from the Jordan by Jericho, to the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that ascends from Jericho throughout Mount Beth-El.

2. And goes out from Beth-El to Luz, and passes along to the borders of Arki to Ataroth,

3. And descends westward to the border of Japhleti, to the border of lower Beth-Horon, and to Gezer; and its limits are at the sea.

4. So the sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

5. And the border of the sons of Ephraim according to their families was thus; the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-Addar, to upper Beth-Horon;

6. And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about eastward to Taanath-Shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah;

7. And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at the Jordan.
8. The border went out from Tappuah westward to the brook Kanah; and its limits were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of Ephraim by their families.

9. And the separate cities for the sons of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

10. And they drove not out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer; but the Canaanites live among the sons of Ephraim to this day, and serve under tribute.
1. Then came the lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph; for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead; because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

2. There was also a lot for the rest of the sons of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida; these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

3. But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters; and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

4. And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The Lord commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers. Therefore according to the commandment of the Lord he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father.

5. And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side of the Jordan;

6. Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons; and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.
7. And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that lies before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand to the inhabitants of Ein-Tappuah.

8. Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah; but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the sons of Ephraim;

9. And the border descended to the brook Kanah, southward of the brook; these cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh; the border of Manasseh also was on the north side of the brook, and the limits of it were at the sea;

10. Southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea is its border; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

11. And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-Shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Ein-Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, three districts in all.

12. Yet the sons of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would live in that land.

13. Yet it came to pass, when the people of Israel became strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not completely drive them out.
14. And the sons of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, Why have you given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, because the Lord has blessed me so much?

15. And Joshua answered them, If you are a great people, then go to the forest country, and cut down a space for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Raphaim, if Mount Ephraim is too narrow for you.

16. And the sons of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who live in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are of Beth-Shean and its towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel.

17. And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, You are a great people, and have great power; you shall not have one lot only;

18. But the mountain shall be yours; for it is a forest, and you shall cut it down; and the limits of it shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they are strong.
1. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

2. And there remained among the people of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

3. And Joshua said to the people of Israel, How long will you be remiss in going to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers has given you?

4. Assign from among you three men from each tribe; and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and mark it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come back to me.

5. And they shall divide it into seven parts; Judah shall remain in their border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall remain in their borders on the north.

6. You shall therefore mark the land into seven parts, and bring the description here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the Lord our God.
7. But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance; and Gad, and Reuben, and the half tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave them.

8. And the men arose, and went away; and Joshua charged those who went to mark the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come back to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the Lord in Shiloh.

9. And the men went and passed through the land, and wrote it down by cities into seven parts in a book, and came back to Joshua, to the camp at Shiloh.

10. And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord; and there Joshua divided the land to the people of Israel according to their divisions.

11. And the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin came up according to their families; and the border of their lot came forth between the sons of Judah and the sons of Joseph.

12. And their border on the north side was from the Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and its limits were at the wilderness of Beth-Aven.
13. And the border went over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Beth-El, southward; and the border descended to Ataroth-Addar, near the hill that lies on the south side of the lower Beth-Horon.

14. And the border was drawn from there, and turned the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that lies before Beth-Horon southward; and its limits were at Kiriath-Baal, which is Kiriath-Jearim, a city of the sons of Judah; this was the west quarter.

15. And the south quarter was from the end of Kiriath-Jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah;

16. And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lies before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the Refaim on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusites on the south, and descended to Ein-Rogel,

17. And was drawn from the north, and went forth to Ein-Shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben,

18. And passed along toward the slope over against Arabah northward, and went down to Arabah;
19. And the border passed along the slope of Beth-Hoglah northward; and the limits of the border were at the north bay of the Sea of Salt at the south end of the Jordan; this was the south border.

20. And the Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This was the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, by its border around, according to their families.

21. Now the cities of the tribe of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-Hoglah, and the valley of Keziz.

22. And Beth-Arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-El,

23. And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24. And Kfar-Haammona, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages;

25. Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beerohoth,

26. And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

27. And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,
28. And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gibeath, and Kiriath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin according to their families.
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1. And the second lot came to Shimeon, for the tribe of Shimeon, according to their families; and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the sons of Judah.

2. And they had in their inheritance Beersheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,

3. And Hazar-Shual, and Balah, and Azem,

4. And Eltolad, and Betul, and Hormah,

5. And Ziklag, and Beth-Marcaboth, and Hazar-Susah,

6. And Beth-Lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities and their villages;

7. Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages;

8. And all the villages that were around these cities to Baalath-Beer, Ramath of the Negev. This is the inheritance of the tribe of Shimeon according to their families.
9. Out of the portion of the sons of Judah was the inheritance of the sons of Shimeon; for the part of the sons of Judah was too much for them; therefore the sons of Shimeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10. And the third lot came to the sons of Zebulun according to their families; and the border of their inheritance was to Sarid;

11. And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the brook that is before Jokneam;

12. And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrise to the border of Chisloth-Tabor, and then goes out to Daberath, and ascends to Japhia.

13. And from there passes on along on the east to Gittah-Hepher, to Ittahkazin, and goes out to Remmonmethoar to Neah;

14. And the border turns around it on the north side to Hannathon; and its limits are in the valley of Jiphthahel;

15. And Kattath, and Nahalal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem; twelve cities with their villages.

16. This is the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.
17. And the fourth lot came to Issachar, for the sons of Issachar according to their families.

18. And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,

19. And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

20. And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,

21. And Remeth, and Ein-Gannim, and Ein-Haddah, and Beth-Pazzez;

22. And the border reached as far as Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-Shemesh; and the limits of their border were at the Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages.

23. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24. And the fifth lot came to the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families.

25. And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,

26. And Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reaches to Carmel westward, and to Shihor Libnath;
27. And turns toward the sunrise to Beth-Dagon, and reaches to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthahel toward the north side of Beth-Emek, and Neiel, and goes out to Cabul on the left hand,

28. And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, to great Sidon;

29. And then the border turned to Ramah, and to the fortified city of Tyre; and the border turns to Hosah; and its limits were at the sea from Hevel to Achzib;

30. Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob; twenty and two cities with their villages.

31. This is the inheritance of the tribe of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32. The sixth lot came to the sons of Naphtali, for the sons of Naphtali according to their families.

33. And their border was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakum; and its limits were at the Jordan;

34. And then the border turns westward to Aznoth-Tabor, and goes out from there to Hukok, and reaches to Zebulun on the south side, and reaches to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon the Jordan toward the sunrise.
35. And the fortified cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hamath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,

36. And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37. And Kedesh, and Edrei, and Ein-Hazor,

38. And Iron, and Migdal-El, Horem, and Beth-Anath, and Beth-Shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39. This is the inheritance of the tribe of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

40. And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of Dan according to their families.

41. And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-Shemesh,

42. And Shaalabbin, and Ayalon, and Jethlah,

43. And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

44. And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

45. And Yehud, and Bnei-Barak, and Gath-Rimmon,
46. And Mejarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Jaffa.

47. And the borders of the sons of Dan were too small for them; therefore the sons of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and lived in it, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48. This is the inheritance of the tribe of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49. When they had finished dividing the land for inheritance by their borders, the people of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them;

50. According to the word of the Lord they gave him the city which he asked, Timnath-Serah in Mount Ephraim; and he built the city, and lived there.

51. These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chiefs of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they finished dividing the country.
1. The Lord also spoke to Joshua, saying,

ב. דבר אלהים לשון לאמר להן כלום אָת-צריךָ המַכִּלים אָשֶר-ברחת עַליכם בִּנְךָ.

משה: בָּנָה רְצוֹן מַעַה-פָּעַשׁ בְּשָנִיָּה בְּבֵיתֶ-דרֵית בָּהֵי לִכְם לִמְקָלֵים מַנָּאָה הֲם.

2. Speak to the people of Israel, saying, Assign for yourself cities of refuge, about which I spoke to you by the hand of Moses;

ג. בִּכְלָנוּ שָׁמַעְתָּ רְצוֹן מַעַה-פָּעַשׁ בְּשָנִיָּה בְּבֵיתֶ-דרֵית בָּהֵי לִכְם לִמְקָלֵים מַנָּאָה הֲם:

3. That the slayer who kills any person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there; and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

ד. בָּנָה אַת-כֵּבֶרָיו וְאֶסְפֶּם אֵת הָעֵרֵי אֵלָיוֹת וַהֲנֵה-לוֹ מֶקֶם וּרְשׁוֹ אָשֶׁר:

ה. וְכִי יִרְדֶּכֶג אֶלֶּה תְּמוֹם שָׁמַעְתָּ אֵלָיו-סֵנֵרוֹ בָּאוֹרָת בִּירָם כְּבֵי בֵּבֵל-דְּרֵית הְכָה אֵת-

משה: בָּנָה הֵלָא-שָׁבֵא הָא לְהַמְּתוֹל שְׁלַשׁוֹ:

4. And when he who flees to one of those cities shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city to them, and give him a place, that he may live among them.

ה. וְכִי יִרְדֶּכֶג אֶלֶּה תְּמוֹם שָׁמַעְתָּ אֵלָיו-סֵנֵרוֹ בָּאוֹרָת בִּירָם כְּבֵי בֵּבֵל-דְּרֵית הְכָה אֵת-

משה: בָּנָה הֵלָא-שָׁבֵא הָא לְהַמְּתוֹל שְׁלַשׁוֹ:

5. And if the avenger of blood pursues after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer to his hand; because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, and did not previously hate him.

ו. לְנָשֶׁב בֵּעַרְיָה הָהֵי עַד-שָׁמַעְתָּ לְמֶסְפֶּם שָׁמַעְתָּ אֵל-סֵנְרוֹ בָּאוֹרָת בִּי-בֵינֵי בֵּיתֶ-דרֵית;

משה: בָּנָה הֵלָא-שָׁבֵא הָא לְהַמְּתוֹל שְׁלַשׁוֹ:

6. And he shall live in that city, until he stands before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days; then shall the slayer return, and come to his own city, and to his own house, to the city from where he fled.
7. And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in Mount Naphtali, and Shechem in Mount Ephraim, and Kiriath-Arba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.

8. And on the other side of the Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan from the tribe of Manasseh.

9. These were the cities appointed for all the people of Israel, and for the foreigner who lives among them, that whoever kills any person accidentally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stands before the congregation.
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Then came near the chiefs of the fathers of the Levites to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the chiefs of the fathers of the tribes of the people of Israel;

And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The Lord commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to live in, with the pasture lands for our cattle.

And the people of Israel gave to the Levites from their inheritance, at the commandment of the Lord, these cities and their pasture lands.

And the lot came to the families of the Kehathites; and the descendants of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, had by lot from the tribe of Judah, and from the tribe of Shimeon, and from the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

And the rest of the descendants of Kehath had by lot from the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and from the tribe of Dan, and from half the tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

And the descendants of Gershon had by lot from the families of the tribe of Issachar, and from the tribe of Asher, and from the tribe of Naphtali, and from half the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.
7. The descendants of Merari by their families had from the tribe of Reuben, and from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8. And the people of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their pasture lands, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

9. And they gave from the tribe of Judah, and from the tribe of Shimeon, these cities which are here mentioned by name.

10. Which the descendants of Aaron, being of the families of the Kehathites, who were of the descendants of Levi, had; for theirs was the first lot.

11. And they gave them the city of Arba, the father of Anak, this city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with its pasture lands around it.

12. But the fields of the city, and its villages, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

13. Thus they gave to the descendants of Aaron the priest Hebron with its pasture lands, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with its pasture lands,

14. And Jattir with its pasture lands, and Eshtemoah with its pasture lands,
15. And Holon with its pasture lands, and Debir with its pasture lands,

16. And Ain with its pasture lands, and Juttah with its pasture lands, and Beth-Shemesh with its pasture lands; nine cities from those two tribes.

17. And from the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its pasture lands, Geba with its pasture lands,

18. Anathoth with its pasture lands, and Almon with its pasture lands; four cities.

19. All the cities of the descendants of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

20. And the families of the descendants of Kehath, the Levites who remained of the descendants of Kehath, they had the cities of their lot from the tribe of Ephraim.

21. For they gave them Shechem with its pasture lands in Mount Ephraim, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with its pasture lands,

22. And Kibzaim with its pasture lands, and Beth-Horon with its pasture lands; four cities.

23. And from the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with its pasture lands, Gibbethon with its pasture lands,
24. Ayalon with its pasture lands, Gath-Rimmon with its pasture lands; four cities.

25. And from half the tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its pasture lands, and Gath-Rimmon with its pasture lands; two cities.

26. All the cities were ten with their pasture lands for the families of the descendants of Kehath that remained.

27. And to the descendants of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, from the other half tribe of Manasseh they gave Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands, to be a city of refuge for the man slayer; and Beeshterah with its pasture lands; two cities.

28. And from the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with its pasture lands, Dabareh with its pasture lands,

29. Jarmuth with its pasture lands, Ein-Gannim with its pasture lands; four cities.

30. And from the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its pasture lands, Abdon with its pasture lands,

31. Helkath with its pasture lands, and Rehob with its pasture lands; four cities.
32. And from the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its pasture lands, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammoth-Dor with her pasture lands, and Kartan with its pasture lands; three cities.

33. All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

34. And to the families of the descendants of Merari, the rest of the Levites, from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its pasture lands, and Kartah with its pasture lands,

35. Dimnah with its pasture lands, Nahalal with its pasture lands; four cities.

36. And from the tribe of Gad, Ramot in Gilad with its pasture lands, a city of refuge for the man slayer; and Mahanaim with its pasture lands;

37. Heshbon with its pasture lands, Jazer with its pasture lands; four cities in all.

38. So all the cities for the descendants of Merari by their families, who remained of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

39. All the cities of the Levites within the domain of the people of Israel were forty eight cities with their pasture lands.
40. These cities were every one with their pasture lands around them; thus were all these cities.

41. And the Lord gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give to their fathers, and they possessed it, and lived in it.

42. And the Lord gave them rest on every side, according to all that he swore to their fathers; and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the Lord delivered all their enemies to their hand.

43. Nothing failed of all the good things which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel; all came to pass.
1. Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh,

2. And said to them, You have kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you;

3. You have not left your brothers these many days to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the Lord your God.

4. And now the Lord your God has given rest to your brothers, as he promised them; therefore now return, and go to your tents, and to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the other side of the Jordan.

5. But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the Torah, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

6. So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went to their tents.
7. Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given possession in Bashan; but to its other half gave Joshua among their brothers on this side of the Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also to their tents, then he blessed them,

8. And he spoke to them, saying, Return with much riches to your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with bronze, and with iron, and with many garments; divide the plunder of your enemies with your brothers.

9. And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the people of Israel from Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they possessed, according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

10. And when they came to the borders of the Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, a great and conspicuous altar.

11. And the people of Israel heard say, Behold, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar opposite the land of Canaan, in the borders of the Jordan, on the side of the people of Israel.

12. And when the people of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the people of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.
13. And the people of Israel sent to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

14. And with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one was a chief of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

15. And they came to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying,

16. Thus said the whole congregation of the Lord, What trespass is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the Lord, in that you have built an altar, that you might rebel this day against the Lord?

17. Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the Lord,

18. But that you must turn away this day from following the Lord? and it will be, seeing you rebel today against the Lord, that tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.
19. However, if the land of your possession is unclean, then pass over to the land of the possession of the Lord, where the Lord's tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us; but rebel not against the Lord, nor rebel against us, in building an altar beside the altar of the Lord our God.

20. Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the devoted thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21. Then the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said to the chiefs of the thousands of Israel,

22. The Lord God of gods, the Lord God of gods, he knows, and let Israel know. If it is in rebellion, or if it is in transgression against the Lord, save us not this day,

23. For building an altar to turn away from following the Lord, or if we did so to offer burnt offerings or meal offerings, or peace offerings on it, let the Lord himself take vengeance;

24. And if we did not do it for fear of this thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak to our children, saying, What have you to do with the Lord God of Israel?
25. For the Lord has made the Jordan a border between us and you, you sons of Reuben and sons of Gad; you have no part in the Lord; so your children might make our children cease from fearing the Lord.

26. Therefore we said, Let us now build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice;

27. But that it may be a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the Lord before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, You have no part in the Lord.

28. Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say again, Behold the pattern of the altar of the Lord, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between us and you.

29. God forbid that we should rebel against the Lord, and turn this day from following the Lord, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meal offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the Lord our God that is before his tabernacle.

30. And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and chiefs of the thousands of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them.
31. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the sons of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the Lord is among us, because you have not committed this trespass against the Lord; now you have delivered the people of Israel from the hand of the Lord.

32. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the sons of Reuben, and from the sons of Gad, from the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the people of Israel, and brought them word again.

33. And the thing pleased the people of Israel; and the people of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land where the sons of Reuben and Gad lived.

34. And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad called the altar Ed; for it shall be a witness between us that the Lord is God.
1. And it came to pass a long time after the Lord had given rest to Israel from all their enemies on every side, that Joshua became old and stricken in age.

2. And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their chiefs, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them, I am old and advanced in age;

3. And you have seen all that the Lord your God has done to all these nations because of you; for the Lord your God is he who has fought for you.

4. Behold, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, to the Great Sea westward.

5. And the Lord your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them out of your sight; and you shall possess their land, as the Lord your God has promised to you.

6. Be you therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Torah of Moses, that you should not turn aside from the right hand or from the left;
7. That you come not among these nations, these who remain among you; nor make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, nor serve them, nor bow yourselves to them;

8. But cleave to the Lord your God, as you have done till this day.

9. For the Lord has driven out from before you great nations and strong; but as for you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day.

10. One man of you shall chase a thousand; for the Lord your God, he is who fights for you, as he has promised you.

11. Take good heed therefore to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God.

12. Else if you should at all turn back to attach yourselves to the remnant of these nations, these who remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in to them, and they to you;

13. Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which the Lord your God has given you.
14. And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth; and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you; all have come to pass to you, and not one thing has failed of it.

15. Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things have come upon you, which the Lord your God promised you; so shall the Lord bring upon you all evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land which the Lord your God has given you.

16. When you have transgressed the covenant of the Lord your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which he has given to you.
1. And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their chiefs, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

2. And Joshua said to all the people, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, Your fathers lived on the other side of the river in old time, Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor; and they served other gods.

3. And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the river, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

4. And I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau; and I gave to Esau Mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

5. I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them; and afterwards I brought you out.

6. And I brought your fathers out of Egypt; and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea.
7. And when they cried to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt; and you lived in the wilderness a long season.

8. And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who live on the other side of the Jordan; and they fought with you; and I gave them to your hand, that you might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

9. Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you;

10. But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I saved you from his hand.

11. And you went over the Jordan, and came to Jericho; and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them to your hand.

12. And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, the two kings of the Amorites; but not with your sword, nor with your bow.
13. And I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you live in them; and you eat of the vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant.

14. Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the river, and in Egypt; and serve you the Lord.

15. And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

16. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods;

17. For the Lord our God, he is who brought us and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way where we went, and among all the people through whom we passed;

18. And the Lord drove out from before us all the people, the Amorites who live in the land; therefore will we also serve the Lord; for he is our God.
19. And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve the Lord; for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20. If you forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and hurt you, and consume you, after he has done you good.

21. And the people said to Joshua, No; but we will serve the Lord.

22. And Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

23. Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord God of Israel.

24. And the people said to Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

25. So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26. And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Torah of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under a terebinth, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord.
27. And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us; for it has heard all the words of the Lord which he spoke to us; it shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God.

28. So Joshua let the people depart, every man to his inheritance.

29. And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being one hundred and ten years old.

30. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-Serah, which is in Mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

31. And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, and who had known all the works of the Lord, that he had done for Israel.

32. And the bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of silver; and it became the inheritance of the sons of Joseph.

33. And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill that belonged to Phinehas his son, which was given to him in Mount Ephraim.

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1. And it came to pass, after the death of Joshua, that the people of Israel asked the Lord, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

2. And the Lord said, Judah shall go up; behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3. And Judah said to Shimeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with you into your lot. So Shimeon went with him.

4. And Judah went up; and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand; and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5. And they found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek; and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6. But Adoni-Bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7. And Adoni-Bezek said, Seventy kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered food under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.
8. And the sons of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

9. And afterwards the sons of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, who lived in the mountain, and in the Negev, and in the valley.

10. And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron; and the name of Hebron before was Kiriath-Arba; and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

11. And from there he went against the inhabitants of Debir; and the name of Debir before was Kiriath-Sepher;

12. And Caleb said, He who strikes Kiriath-Sepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter for a wife.

13. And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter for a wife.

14. And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she urged him to ask her father for a field; and she alighted from her ass; and Caleb said to her, What do you want?

15. And she said to him, Give me a blessing; for you have given me the land of the Negev; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.
16. And the descendants of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up from the city of palm trees with the sons of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which lies in the south of Arad; and they went and lived among the people.

17. And Judah went with Shimeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and completely destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah.

18. Also Judah took Gaza with its border, and Ashkelon with its border, and Ekron with its border.

19. And the Lord was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

20. And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses said; and he expelled from there the three sons of Anak.

21. And the sons of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites live with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

22. And the house of Joseph, they too went up against Beth-El; and the Lord was with them.
23. And the house of Joseph sent to spy out Beth-El. And the name of the city before was Luz.

24. And the spies saw a man come out of the city, and they said to him, Show us, we beg you, the entrance to the city, and we will show you mercy.

25. And when he showed them the entrance to the city, they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family.

26. And the man went to the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called its name Luz; which is its name to this day.

27. And Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-Shean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns; but the Canaanites continued to live in that land.

28. And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not completely drive them out.

29. And Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer; but the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.
30. And Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites lived among them, and became tributaries.

31. And Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, nor the inhabitants of Sidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob;

32. But the sons of Asher lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33. And Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-Shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-Anath; but he lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; and the inhabitants of Beth-Shemesh and of Beth-Anath became tributaries to them.

34. And the Amorites forced the sons of Dan into the mountain; for they would not let them come down to the valley;

35. And the Amorites continued to live in Mount Heres in Ayalon, and in Shaalbim; yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

36. And the border of the Amorites was from the ascent to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upwards.
1. And an angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you go out of Egypt, and have brought you to the land which I swore to your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

2. And you shall make no pact with the inhabitants of this land; you shall pull down their altars; but you have not obeyed my voice; Why have you done this?

3. And I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a trap to you.

4. And it came to pass, when the angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the people of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5. And they named that place Bochim; and they sacrificed there to the Lord.

6. And when Joshua had let the people go, the people of Israel went every man to his inheritance to possess the land.

7. And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he did for Israel.
8. And Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being one hundred and ten years old.

9. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-Heres, in the Mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.

10. And also all of that generation were gathered unto their fathers; and there arose another generation after them, who knew not the Lord, nor the works which he had done for Israel.

11. And the people of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim;

12. And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people who were around them, and bowed themselves to them, and provoked the Lord to anger.

13. And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and the Ashtaroth.

14. And the anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of destroyers who destroyed them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies around, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15. Where ever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn to them; and they were greatly distressed.
16. And the Lord raised up judges, who saved them from the hand of those who oppressed them.

17. And yet they would not listen to their judges, but they went astray after other gods, and bowed themselves to them; they turned aside quickly from the way on which their fathers had walked, obeying the commandments of the Lord; but they did not do so.

18. And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord relented because of their groaning, caused by those who oppressed them and troubled them.

19. And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and became more corrupt than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down to them; they did not cease any of their practices, nor their stubborn way.

20. And the anger of the Lord burned against Israel; and he said, Because this people has transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not listened to my voice;

21. I also will not continue to drive out from before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died;
22. That through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the way of the Lord to walk in it, as their fathers kept it, or not.

23. And the Lord left these nations, without driving them out hastily; nor did he deliver them into the hand of Joshua.
1. And these are the nations which the Lord left, to test Israel by them, all those who had not known all the wars of Canaan;

2. Only that the generations of the people of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing of these matters;

3. Five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites who lived in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-Hermon to the entrance of Hamath.

4. And they were to test Israel by them, to know whether they would listen to the commandments of the Lord, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5. And the people of Israel lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites;

6. And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7. And the people of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and forgot the Lord their God, and served Baalim and the Asherot.
8. Therefore the anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the people of Israel served Cushan-Rishathaim eight years.

9. And when the people of Israel cried to the Lord, the Lord raised up a savior to the people of Israel, who saved them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10. And the spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war; and the Lord delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Cushan-Rishathaim.

11. And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12. And the people of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the Lord.

13. And he gathered to him the Ammonites and Amalek, and went and struck Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees.

14. So the people of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.
15. But when the people of Israel cried to the Lord, the Lord raised them a savior, Ehud the son of Gera, a son of Benjamin, a left handed man; and by him the people of Israel sent a present to Eglon the king of Moab.

16. And Ehud made for himself a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length, and he put it under his garment upon his right thigh.

17. And he brought the present to Eglon king of Moab; and Eglon was a very fat man.

18. And when he had finished offering the present, he sent away the people who carried the present,

19. But he himself turned back after reaching the carved stones that were at Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand for you, O king; who said, Keep silence. And all who stood by him went out.

20. And Ehud came to him; and he was sitting in a cool upper chamber, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God to you. And he arose from his seat.

21. And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly;
22. And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger from his belly; and the excrements came out.

23. Then Ehud went forth through the vestibule, and closed the doors of the chamber upon him, and locked them.

24. When he went out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the chamber were locked, they said, Surely he is relieving himself in his cool chamber.

25. And they waited till it was late; and, behold, he opened not the doors of the chamber; therefore they took a key, and opened them; and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

26. And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the carved stones, and escaped to Seirath.

27. And it came to pass, when he came, that he blew a shofar in the Mountain of Ephraim, and the people of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

28. And he said to them, Follow after me; for the Lord has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and did not allow any man to cross over.
29. And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valor; and not one man escaped.

30. So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest eighty years.

31. And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad; and he also saved Israel.
1. And the people of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, when Ehud was dead.

2. And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose army was Sisera, who lived in Haroseth-HaGoyim.

3. And the people of Israel cried to the Lord; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he strongly oppressed the people of Israel.

4. And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, judged Israel at that time.

5. And she lived under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-El in Mount Ephraim; and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6. And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-Naphtali, and said to him, Has not the Lord God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and gather your men to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun?

7. And I will draw to you, to the river Kishon, Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into your hand.
8. And Barak said to her, If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, then I will not go.

9. And she said, I will surely go with you; however the journey that you take shall not be for your honor; for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10. And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet; and Deborah went up with him.

11. Now Heber the Kenite, who was of the descendants of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent near the terebinth in Zaanannim, which is by Kedesh.

12. And they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.

13. And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who were with him, from Harosheth-HaGoyim to the river of Kishon.

14. And Deborah said to Barak, Arise; for this is the day in which the Lord has delivered Sisera into your hand. Has not the Lord gone out before you? So Barak went down from Mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.
15. And the Lord confounded Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his army, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera alighted down from his chariot, and fled away on foot.

16. But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the army, to Harosheth-HaGoyim; and all the army of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left.

17. And Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18. And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in to her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

19. And he said to her, Give me, I beg you, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a skin of milk, and gave him a drink, and covered him.

20. Again he said to her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man comes and inquires of you, and says, Is there any man here? that you shall say, No.
21. Then Jael Heber's wife took a peg of the tent, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him, and struck the peg into his temples, and fastened it into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

22. And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, Come, and I will show you the man whom you seek. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the peg was in his temples.

23. So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the people of Israel.

24. And the hand of the people of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.
1. Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

ב. כסארת כこれまで ביווהבדב סמ כרכז יוהה:  

2. Praise you the Lord for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

ג. שמעו כלכים לשון או קל שן כלכ לוה אכל בשם לוהי אלהי ישראל:  

3. Hear, O you kings; give ear, O you princes; I will sing to the Lord; I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel.

ד. יוהו צאאתב משם עברי משם אשר א nomine אברם אברם רעשה גבר-שמע וב-שפלי וב-שפלי:  

4. Lord, when you went out of Seir, when you marched out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

ה. זרימ גםɨמɨ יוהו  worsening כי ימי כי ימי יעה אלהי ישראל:  

5. The mountains melted from before the Lord, that Sinai before the Lord God of Israel.

ו. בימי שמער יב-עשת כי ישלו קלוהי אדוהת יתבלה בתרות ילב אדוהת:  

6. In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the main roads ceased, and travellers walked through crooked back roads.

ט. זהארו כלראת ידלה צער שמער יב-עדוהת דבעוה רסהו כלראת ילב ידוהת:  

7. The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until I Deborah arose, a mother in Israel.

ט. גם קלוהי אלהי ישראל גם יתלהו שמער יב-עדוהת דבעוה רסהו ילב ידוהת:  

8. They chose new gods; then was war in the gates; was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?
9. My heart goes out toward the rulers of Israel, who offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless you the Lord.

10. Speak, you who ride on tawny asses, you who sit on couches, and you who walk on the road.

11. Louder than the voice of the archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they recite the righteous acts of the Lord, the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel; when the people of the Lord go down to the gates.

12. Awake, awake, Deborah; awake, awake, utter a song; arise, Barak, and lead away your captives, you son of Abinoam.

13. Then he made him who remains have dominion over the nobles among the people; the Lord made me have dominion over the mighty.

14. Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after you, Benjamin with your tribes; from Machir came down leaders, of Zebulun those who handle the marshal's staff.

15. And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; Issachar, and also Barak; into the valley they rushed forth, at his feet. In the divisions of Reuben great were the resolves.
16. Why then did you sit among the sheepfolds? To hear the bleating of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.

17. Gilead dwells beyond the Jordan; and why did Dan remain by the ships? Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode by his bays.

18. Zebulun was a people who risked their lives to the death, and Naphtali likewise, on the high places of the field.

19. The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of silver;

20. They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

21. The brook of Kishon swept them away, that ancient brook, the brook Kishon. O my soul, march on in strength.

22. Then did the horse hoofs beat, from the frantic galloping of his mighty ones.

23. Curse Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse bitterly its inhabitants; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty men.
24. Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

25. He asked water, and she gave him milk; she brought forth cream in a lordly dish.

26. She put her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she struck Sisera, she struck through his head; she crushed and pierced his temple.

27. At her feet he bent, he fell, he lay down; at her feet he bent, he fell; where he bowed, there he fell down, bereft of life.

28. The mother of Sisera looked out at the window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why do the hoofbeats of his chariots tarry?

29. Her wise ladies answered her, she even answered herself,

30. Have they not found booty? Have they not divided the plunder? To every man a maiden or two; to Sisera a booty of diverse colors, a plunder of many colored needlework, dyed double worked garments for the necks of those who take the plunder.

31. So let all your enemies perish, O Lord; but let those who love him be as the sun when he goes forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.
1. And the people of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.

2. And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel; and because of the Midianites the people of Israel made for themselves the tunnels which are in the mountains, and caves, and fortresses.

3. And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the people of the east, they came up against them;

4. And they encamped against them, and destroyed the produce of the land, as far as Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

5. For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as locusts for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number; and they entered into the land to destroy it.

6. And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the people of Israel cried to the Lord.

7. And it came to pass, when the people of Israel cried to the Lord because of the Midianites,
8. That the Lord sent a prophet to the people of Israel, who said to them, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of slavery;

9. And I saved you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land;

10. And I said to you, I am the Lord your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live; but you have not obeyed my voice.

11. And there came an angel of the Lord, and sat under a terebinth which was in Ophrah, that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite; and his son Gideon was threshing wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

12. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor.

13. And Gideon said to him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this befallen us? and where are all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? but now the Lord has forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14. And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this your might, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites; have not I sent you?
15. And he said to him, Oh my Lord, with what shall I save Israel? Behold, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house.

16. And the Lord said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.

17. And he said to him, If now I have found grace in your sight, then show me a sign that you talk with me.

18. Depart not from here, I beseech you, until I come to you, and bring forth my present, and set it before you. And he said, I will remain until you come again.

19. And Gideon went in, and prepared a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour; the meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out to him under the terebinth, and presented it.

20. And the angel of God said to him, Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

21. Then the angel of the Lord put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire from the rock, and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the Lord departed from his sight.
22. And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the Lord, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! because I have surely seen an angel of the Lord face to face.

23. And the Lord said to him, Peace be to you; fear not; you shall not die.

24. Then Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord, and called it Adonai-Shalom; till this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25. And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said to him, Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Ashera that is by it;

26. And build an altar to the Lord your God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bull, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the Ashera which you shall cut down.

27. Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the Lord had said to him; and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

28. And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the Ashera was cut down that was by it, and the second bull was offered upon the altar that was built.
29. And they said one to another, Who has done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing.

30. Then the men of the city said to Joash, Bring out your son, that he may die; because he has cast down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the Ashera that was by it.

31. And Joash said to all who stood against him, Will you plead for Baal? Will you save him? He who will plead for him, let him be put to death while it is yet morning; if he is a god, let him plead for himself, because one has cast down his altar.

32. Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he has thrown down his altar.

33. Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the east were gathered together, and went over, and camped in the valley of Jezreel.

34. But the spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a shofar; and Abiezer mustered behind him.

35. And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also mustered behind him; and he sent messengers to Asher, and to Zebulun, and to Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

36. And Gideon said to God, If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said,
37. Behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; and if the dew is on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground elsewhere, then shall I know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said.

38. And it was so; for he rose up early on the next day, and squeezed the fleece together, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39. And Gideon said to God, Let not your anger burn against me, and I will speak but this once; let me try, I beg you, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40. And God did so that night; for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.
Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people who were with him, rose up early, and camped beside the well of Harod; so that the army of the Midianites were on their north side, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

And the Lord said to Gideon, The people who are with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, My own hand has saved me.

Now therefore, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Who ever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from Mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

And the Lord said to Gideon, The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there; and it shall be, that of whom I say to you, This shall go with you, the same shall go with you; and of whom I say to you, This shall not go with you, the same shall not go.

So he brought down the people to the water; and the Lord said to Gideon, Every one who laps the water with his tongue, like a dog laps, him shall you set by himself; likewise every one who bows down upon his knees to drink.
6. And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men; but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7. And the Lord said to Gideon, By the three hundred men who lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites to your hand; and let all the other people go every man to his place.

8. So the people took provisions in their hand, and their shofarot; and he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men; and the army of Midian was below him in the valley.

9. And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said to him, Arise, get down to the camp; for I have delivered it into your hand.

10. But if you fear to go down, go with Phurah your servant down to the camp; and you shall hear what they say; and afterwards shall your hands be strengthened to go down to the camp. Then went he down with Phurah his servant to the outside of the armed men who were in the camp.

11. And you shall hear what they say; and afterwards shall your hands be strengthened to go down to the camp. Then went he down with Phurah his servant to the outside of the armed men who were in the camp.

12. And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the people of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seaside for multitude.
13. And when Gideon came, behold, there was a man who told a dream to his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a slice of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian, and came to a tent, and struck it so that it fell, and overturned it, so that the tent tumbled down.

14. And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; for to his hand has God delivered Midian, and all the army.

15. And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and its interpretation, that he bowed down to the ground, and returned to the camp of Israel, and said, Arise; for the Lord has delivered to your hand the army of Midian.

16. And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a shofar in every man's hand, with empty jars, and torches inside the jars.

17. And he said to them, Look at me, and do likewise; and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall you do.

18. When I blow the shofar, I and all who are with me, then blow you the shofarot also on every side of the camp, and say, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.
19. So Gideon, and the hundred men who were with him, came to the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had just set the watch; and they blew the shofarot, and broke the jars that were in their hands.

20. And the three companies blew the shofarot, and broke the jars, and held the torches in their left hands, and the shofarot in their right hands to blow with; and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

21. And they stood every man in his place around the camp; and all the camp ran, and cried, and fled.

22. And the three hundred blew the shofarot, and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, throughout all the camp; and the army fled to Beth-Shittah in Zererathah, and to the border of Abel-Meholah, to Tabbath.

23. And the men of Israel gathered themselves together from Naphtali, and from Asher, and from all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.

24. And Gideon sent messengers throughout all Mount Ephraim, saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters as far as Beth-Barah and the Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters as far as Beth-Barah and the Jordan.
25. And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side of the Jordan.
1. And the men of Ephraim said to him, Why have you served us thus, that you called us not, when you went to fight with the Midianites? And they quarrelled with him sharply.

2. And he said to them, What have I done now in comparison to you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?

3. God has delivered to your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and what was I able to do in comparison to you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4. And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men who were with him, faint, yet pursuing them.

5. And he said to the men of Succoth, Give, I beg you, loaves of bread to the people who follow me; for they are faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6. And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?

7. And Gideon said, Therefore when the Lord has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers.
8. And he went up from there to Penuel, and spoke to them likewise; and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered him.

9. And he spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, When I come back in peace, I will break down this tower.

10. Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand men, all who were left of all the armies of the people of the east; for there fell one hundred and twenty thousand men who drew sword.

11. And Gideon went up by the road of those who live in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and struck the camp; for the camp thought itself secure.

12. And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and the whole camp was panic stricken.

13. And Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle by the ascent of Heres,

14. And he caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him; and he wrote down for him the princes of Succoth, and its elders, seventy seven men.
15. And he came to the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna with whom you taunted me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are faint?

16. And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he chastised the men of Succoth.

17. And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city.

18. Then said he to Zebah and Zalmunna, Where are the men whom you slew at Tabor? And they answered, As you are, so were they; in shape like the sons of a king.

19. And he said, They were my brothers, the sons of my mother; as the Lord lives, if you had kept them alive, I would not slay you.

20. And he said to Jether his firstborn, Get up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword; for he feared, because he was still a youth.

21. Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Arise you, and fall upon us; for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.
22. Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, Rule over us, both you, and your son, and your grandson also; for you have saved us from the hand of Midian.

23. And Gideon said to them, I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the Lord shall rule over you.

24. And Gideon said to them, I would make a request of you, that you would give me every man the ear rings of his booty. For they had golden ear rings, because they were Ishmaelites.

25. And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and threw in there every man the ear rings of his booty.

26. And the weight of the golden ear rings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple garments that were on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were around their camels' necks.

27. And Gideon made an ephod of it, and put it in his city, in Ophrah; and all Israel went there to play the harlot after it; and it became a snare to Gideon, and to his house.

28. Thus was Midian subdued before the people of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.
29. And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and lived in his own house.

30. And Gideon had fathered seventy sons; for he had many wives.

31. And his concubine who was in Shechem, she also bore him a son, whose name he called Abimelech.

32. And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulcher of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33. And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the people of Israel turned again, and played the harlot after Baalim, and made Baal-Berith their god.

34. And the people of Israel remembered not the Lord their God, who had saved them from the hands of all their enemies on every side;

35. Nor did they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, that is Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shown to Israel.
1. And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's brothers, and talked with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2. Speak, I beg you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether it is better for you, that all the sons of Jerubbaal, who are seventy persons, should reign over you, or that only one should reign over you? Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.

3. And his mother's brothers spoke of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words; and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother.

4. And they gave him seventy pieces of silver from the house of Baal-Berith, with which Abimelech hired vain and reckless persons, who followed him.

5. And he went to his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy persons, upon one stone; however Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself.

6. And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.
7. And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of Mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said to them, Listen to me, you men of Shechem, that God may listen to you.

8. The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said to the olive tree, Reign over us.

9. But the olive tree said to them, Should I leave my fatness, by which they honor God and man, and go to sway over the trees?

10. And the trees said to the fig tree, Come, and reign over us.

11. But the fig tree said to them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to sway over the trees?

12. Then said the trees to the vine, Come, and reign over us.

13. And the vine said to them, Should I leave my wine, which cheers God and man, and go to sway over the trees?

14. Then said all the trees to the bramble, Come, and reign over us.
15. And the bramble said to the trees, If in truth you anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow; and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

16. Now therefore, if you have done truly and sincerely, in that you have made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him according to the deserving of his hands;

17. For my father fought for you, and risked his life, and saved you from the hand of Midian;

18. And you have risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, seventy persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;

19. If you then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you;

20. But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

21. And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and lived there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.
22. When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,

23. Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech;

24. That the cruelty done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be upon Abimelech their brother, who slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, who aided him in the killing of his brothers.

25. And the men of Shechem put men in ambush for him at the top of the mountains, and they robbed all who came along that way; and this was told to Abimelech.

26. And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers, and went over to Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

27. And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trampled the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and ate and drank, and cursed Abimelech.

28. And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? Serve rather the men of Hamor the father of Shechem, for why should we serve him?
29. And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase your army, and come out.

30. And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.

31. And he sent messengers to Abimelech privately saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against you.

32. Now therefore rise up by night, you and the people who are with you, and lie in wait in the field;

33. And it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, you shall rise early, and set upon the city; and, behold, when he and the people who are with him come out against you, then may you do to them as you shall find occasion.

34. And Abimelech rose up, and all the people who were with him, by night, and they set an ambush against Shechem in four companies.

35. And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city; and Abimelech, and the people who were with him, rose from the ambush.
36. And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said to him, You see the shadow of the mountains as if they were men.

37. And Gaal spoke again and said, See there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim.

38. Then said Zebul to him, Where is now your mouth, with which you said, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? Is not this the people whom you have despised? Go out, I beseech now, and fight with them.

39. And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40. And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, right up to the entrance of the gate.

41. And Abimelech lived at Arumah; and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brothers, that they should not live in Shechem.

42. And it came to pass on the next day, that the people went out to the field; and they told Abimelech.

43. And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and waited in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people came out of the city; and he rose up against them, and struck them.
44. And Abimelech, and the company who was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city; and the two other companies ran upon all the people who were in the fields, and slew them.

45. And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people who was in there, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

46. And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into the fortress of the house of the god El-Berith.

47. And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48. And Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people who were with him; and Abimelech took an ax in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said to the people who were with him, What you have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done.

49. And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the fortress, and set the fortress on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50. Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it.
51. But there was a strong tower in the city, and there fled all the men and
women, and all those of the city, and shut themselves in, and went up to the top
of the tower.

52. And Abimelech came to the tower, and fought against it, and approached
right up to the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

53. And a certain woman threw an upper millstone upon Abimelech's head,
and crushed his skull.

54. Then he called hastily to the young man his armor bearer, and said to him,
Draw your sword, and slay me, that men should not say of me, A woman slew
him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

55. And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed
every man to his place.

56. Thus God requited the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did to his father,
in slaying his seventy brothers;

57. And all the evil of the men of Shechem God requited upon their heads; and
upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.
1. And after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel Tola the son of Pua the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, and he lived in Shamir in Mount Ephraim.

2. And he judged Israel twenty three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3. And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty two years.

4. And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havoth-Jair to this day, which are in the land of Gilead.

5. And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

6. And the people of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim, and the Ashtaroth, and the gods of Aram, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the Lord, and did not serve him.

7. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the sons of Ammon.
8. And that year they troubled and oppressed the people of Israel; eighteen years, all the people of Israel who were on the other side of the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

9. And the Ammonites passed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was very distressed.

10. And the people of Israel cried to the Lord, saying, We have sinned against you, because we have forsaken our God, and also served the Baalim.

11. And the Lord said to the people of Israel, Did I not save you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites, and from the Philistines?

12. The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, oppressed you; and you cried to me, and I saved you from their hand.

13. Yet you have forsaken me, and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more.

14. Go and cry to the gods which you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your tribulation.
15. And the people of Israel said to the Lord, We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to you; save us only, we pray you, this day.

16. And they put away the foreign gods from among them, and served the Lord; and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

17. Then the Ammonites were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the people of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpah.

18. And the people and princes of Gilead said one to another, What man is he who will begin to fight against the Ammonites? He shall be chief over all the inhabitants of Gilead.
1. And Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a harlot; and Gilead fathered Jephthah.

2. And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they threw out Jephthah, and said to him, You shall not inherit in our father's house; for you are the son of a strange woman.

3. Then Jephthah fled from his brothers, and lived in the land of Tob; and there were gathered idle men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

4. And it came to pass in the course of time, that the Ammonites made war against Israel.

5. And it was so, that when the Ammonites made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah from the land of Tob;

6. And they said to Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the Ammonites.

7. And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, Did not you hate me, and expel me from my father's house? And why have you come to me now when you are in distress?
8. And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to you now, that you may go with us, and fight against the Ammonites, and be our chief over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9. And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, If you bring me home again to fight against the Ammonites, and the Lord delivers them before me, shall I be your chief?

10. And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, The Lord be witness between us, if we do not so according to your words.

11. Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him chief and captain over them; and Jephthah uttered all his words before the Lord in Mizpah.

12. And Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites, saying, What have you to do with me, that you come against me to fight in my land?

13. And the king of the Ammonites answered to the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up from Egypt, from Arnon to Jabbok, and to the Jordan; now therefore give back those lands peacefully.

14. And Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the Ammonites;
15. And said to him, Thus said Jephthah, Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the Ammonites;

16. But when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness to the Red Sea, and came to Kadesh;

17. Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I beseech you, pass through your land; but the king of Edom would not listen to it. And in like manner they sent to the king of Moab; but he would not consent; and Israel stayed in Kadesh.

18. Then they went along through the wilderness, and around the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and camped on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab; for Arnon was the border of Moab.

19. And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, Let us pass, we beseech you, through your land into my place.

20. But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his border; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and camped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

21. And the Lord God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people to the hand of Israel, and they defeated them; so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.
22. And they possessed all the borders of the Amorites, from Arnon to Jabbok, and from the wilderness to the Jordan.

23. So now the Lord God of Israel has dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and should you possess it?

24. Will not you possess that which Chemosh your god gives to you to possess? So whoever the Lord our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

25. And now are you any better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them,

26. While Israel lived in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that are along the borders of Arnon, for three hundred years? Why therefore did you not recover them during that time?

27. Therefore I have not sinned against you, but you do me wrong to war against me; the Lord the Judge be judge this day between the people of Israel and the Ammonites.

28. And the king of the Ammonites listened not to the words of Jephthah which he sent him.
29. Then the spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed over to the Ammonites.

30. And Jephthah vowed a vow to the Lord, and said, If you shall without fail deliver the Ammonites into my hands,

31. Then it shall be, that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the Ammonites, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

32. So Jephthah passed over to the Ammonites to fight against them; and the Lord delivered them into his hands.

33. And he struck them from Aroer, till you come to Minnith, twenty cities, and to the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

34. And Jephthah came to Mizpah to his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances; and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

35. And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he tore his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! you have brought me very low, and you have become the cause of trouble to me; for I have opened my mouth to the Lord, and I cannot go back.
36. And she said to him, My father, if you have opened your mouth to the Lord, do to me according to that which has come from your mouth; seeing that the Lord has taken vengeance for you of your enemies, of the Ammonites.

37. And she said to her father, Let this thing be done for me; let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my friends.

38. And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months; and she went with her companions, and wept for her virginity upon the mountains.

39. And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned to her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed; and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,

40. That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.
1. And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said to Jephthah, Why did you pass over to fight against the Ammonites, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house upon you with fire.

2. And Jephthah said to them, I and my people were at great strife with the Ammonites; and when I called you, you did not save me from their hands.

3. And when I saw that you did not save me, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the Ammonites, and the Lord delivered them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day, to fight against me?

4. Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim; and the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, You Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites.

5. And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites; and it was so that when those Ephraimites who had escaped said, Let me cross over; that the men of Gilead said to him, Are you an Ephraimite? If he said, No;

6. Then said they to him, Say now Shibboleth; and he said Sibboleth; for he could not pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan; and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty two thousand.
7. And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

8. And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel.

9. And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10. Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.

11. And after him Elon, a Zebulunite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years.

12. And Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Ayalon in the country of Zebulun.

13. And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel.

14. And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, who rode on seventy donkeys; and he judged Israel eight years.

15. And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.
1. And the people of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

2. And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bore not.

3. And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman, and said to her, Behold now, you are barren, and bear not; but you shall conceive, and bear a son.

4. Now therefore beware, I beseech you, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing;

5. For, behold, you shall conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head; for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines.

6. Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came to me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very awesome; but I asked him not from where he was, nor did he tell me his name;

7. But he said to me, Behold, you shall conceive, and bear a son; and now do not drink wine nor strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.
8. Then Manoah entreated the Lord, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God whom you sent come back to us, and teach us what we shall do with the child who shall be born.

9. And God listened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came back to the woman as she sat in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her.

10. And the woman made haste, and ran, and told her husband, and said to him, Behold, the man, who came to see me the other day, has appeared to me.

11. And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said to him, Are you the man who spoke to the woman? And he said, I am.

12. And Manoah said, Now let your words come to pass. What shall be the rule for the child, and what shall be done with him?

13. And the angel of the Lord said to Manoah, Of all that I said to the woman let her beware.

14. She may not eat of any thing that comes of the vine, nor let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; all that I commanded her let her observe.

15. And Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, I beseech you, let us detain you, until we shall have prepared a kid for you.
16. And the angel of the Lord said to Manoah, Though you detain me, I will not eat of your bread; and if you will offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the Lord. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the Lord.

17. And Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, What is your name, that when your sayings come to pass we may do you honor?

18. And the angel of the Lord said to him, Why ask you thus after my name, seeing it is hidden?

19. So Manoah took a kid with a meal offering, and offered it upon a rock to the Lord; and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

20. For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

21. But the angel of the Lord did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the Lord.

22. And Manoah said to his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.
23. But his wife said to him, If the Lord would have been pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meal offering from our hands, nor would he have shown us all these things, nor would have told us, at this time, such things as these.

24. And the woman bore a son, and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him.

25. And the spirit of the Lord began to stir him in Mahaneh-Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.
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1. And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.

2. And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore get her for me as my wife.

3. Then his father and his mother said to him, Is there no woman among the daughters of your brothers, or among all my people, that you must take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said to his father, Get her for me; for she pleases me well.

4. But his father and his mother knew not that it was from the Lord, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines; for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

5. Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath; and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

6. And the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore him as he would have torn a kid, and he had nothing in his hand; but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.
7. And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

8. And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion; and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion.

9. And he took of it in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they ate; but he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.

10. So his father went down to the woman; and Samson made there a feast; for the young men used to do so.

11. And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12. And Samson said to them, I will now put a riddle to you; if you can tell me what it is within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty changes of garments;

13. But if you cannot tell me what it is, then shall you give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said to him, Put your riddle, that we may hear it.

14. And he said to them, Out of the eater came food, and out of the strong came sweetness. And they could not in three days tell what the riddle was.
15. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said to Samson's wife, Entice your husband, that he may tell us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire; Have you called us to take possession of our goods?

16. And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, You hate me, and love me not; you have put a riddle to the sons of my people, and have not told it to me. And he said to her, Behold, I have not told it to my father nor to my mother, and shall I tell it to you?

17. And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted; and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she pressed him hard; and she told the riddle to her people.

18. And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said to them, If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found out my riddle.

19. And the spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their booty, and gave change of garments to those who had told the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

20. And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who was his friend.
1. But it came to pass after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not allow him to go in.

2. And her father said, I truly thought that you greatly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister fairer than she? Take her, I beg you, instead of her.

3. And Samson said to them, Now shall I be blameless in regard to the Philistines, when I do them mischief.

4. And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned tail to tail, and put a torch in the middle between two tails.

5. And when he had set the torches on fire, he let them go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks, and also the standing grain, as well as the olive trees.

6. Then the Philistines said, Who has done this? And they answered, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burned her and her father with fire.
7. And Samson said to them, If this is what you have done, I will be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.

8. And he struck them hip and thigh with a great slaughter; and he went down and lived on top of the rock Etam.

9. Then the Philistines went up, and camped in Judah, and made a raid on Lehi.

10. And the men of Judah said, Why do you come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson have we come up, to do to him as he has done to us.

11. Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What is this that you have done to us? And he said to them, As they did to me, so have I done to them.

12. And they said to him, We have come down to bind you, that we may deliver you to the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said to them, Swear to me, that you will not fall upon me yourselves.

13. And they spoke to him, saying, No; but we will bind you fast, and deliver you to their hand; but surely we will not kill you. And they bound him with two new ropes, and brought him up from the rock.
14. And when he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the ropes that were upon his arms became as flax that was burned with fire, and his bands melted from off his hands.

15. And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men with it.

16. And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.

17. And it came to pass, when he had finished speaking, that he threw away the jawbone from his hand, and called that place Ramath-Lehi.

18. And he was very thirsty, and called on the Lord, and said, You have given this great deliverance o the hand of your servant; and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

19. But God split a hollow place that was in Lehi, and water came out; and when he drank, his spirit was restored and he revived; therefore he called its name Ein-Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.

20. And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.
1. Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there a harlot, and went in to her.

2. And it was told the Gazatites, saying, Samson has come here. And they surrounded him, and waited in ambush for him all night at the gate of the city, and were quiet all night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

3. And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of a hill that is before Hebron.

4. And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

5. And the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, Entice him, and see where does his great strength lie, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to subdue him; and we will give you every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

6. And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I beg you, where does your great strength lies, and with what you might be bound to subdue you.
7. And Samson said to her, If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that are not yet dried, then shall I be weak, and be as any other man.

8. Then the lords of the Philistines brought to her seven fresh bowstrings which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

9. And there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said to him, The Philistines are upon you, Samson. And he broke the bowstrings, as a thread of tow is broken when it touches the fire. So his strength was not known.

10. And Delilah said to Samson, Behold, you have mocked me, and told me lies; now tell me, I beg you, with what might you be bound.

11. And he said to her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were used, then shall I be weak, and be as any other man.

12. Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him with them, and said to him, The Philistines are upon you, Samson. And there were men waiting in the chamber. And he broke them from off his arms like a thread.

13. And Delilah said to Samson, Until now you have mocked me, and told me lies; tell me with what might you be bound. And he said to her, If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web.
14. And she fastened it with the pin, and said to him, The Philistines are upon you, Samson. And he awoke from his sleep, and went away with the pin of the loom, and with the web.

15. And she said to him, How can you say, I love you, when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where does your great strength lie.

16. And it came to pass, when she harassed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was troubled to death;

17. That he told her all his heart, and said to her, There has not come a razor upon my head; for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb; if I am shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

18. And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he has told me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought money in their hand.

19. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she had him shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to torment him, and his strength went from him.
20. And she said, The Philistines are upon you, Samson. And he awoke from his sleep, and said, I will go out like other times before, and shake myself free. And he knew not that the Lord had departed from him.

21. But the Philistines took him, and took out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of bronze; and he ground at the mill of the prison house.

22. And the hair of his head began to grow back after he was shaven.

23. And the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice; for they said, Our god has delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24. And when the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, Our god has delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, who slew many of us.

25. And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make sport for us. And they called Samson out of the prison house; and he made sport for them; and they set him between the pillars.

26. And Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, Leave me alone, and let me feel the pillars on which the house is fixed, that I may lean upon them.
27. And the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, who looked while Samson made sport.

28. And Samson called to the Lord, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray you, and strengthen me, I pray you, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29. And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and he supported himself on them, on one with his right hand, and on the other with his left.

30. And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people who were in there. So the dead whom he slew at his death were more than those whom he slew in his life.

31. And his brothers and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.
1. And there was a man of Mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

2. And he said to his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you, about which you cursed, and spoke of it also in my ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be you of the Lord, my son.

3. And when he had restored the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I consecrate the silver to the Lord from my hand for my son, to make an engraved image and a molten image; now therefore I will restore it to you.

4. And when he had given back the money to his mother, his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the silversmith, who made an engraved image of it and a molten image; and they were in the house of Micah.

5. And the man Micah had a house of gods, and made an ephod, and family idols, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

6. In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7. And there was a young man from Bethlehem of Judah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there.
8. And the man departed from the city from Bethlehem of Judah to sojourn where he could find a place; and he came to Mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.

9. And Micah said to him, Where do you come from? And he said to him, I am a Levite of Bethlehem of Judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.

10. And Micah said to him, Live with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten shekels of silver a year, and a suit of apparel, and your provisions. So the Levite went in.

11. And the Levite was content to live with the man; and the young man was to him like one of his sons.

12. And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.

13. Then said Micah, Now know I that the Lord will do me good, seeing I have a Levite as my priest.
1. In those days there was no king in Israel; and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought for itself an inheritance to live in; for till that day all their inheritance had not yet fallen to them among the tribes of Israel.

2. And the sons of Dan sent of their family five men from their borders, men of valor, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said to them, Go, search the land; who when they came to Mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there.

3. When they were by the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young man the Levite; and they turned aside, and said to him, Who brought you here? and what do you do in this place? and what have you here?

4. And he said to them, Thus and thus deals Micah with me, and has hired me, and I am his priest.

5. And they said to him, Ask counsel, we pray you, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.

6. And the priest said to them, Go in peace; before the Lord is your way wherever you go.
7. Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people who were there, how they lived in safety, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure; and there was no one in the land that put them to shame in any thing, such a hereditary ruler; and they were far from the Sidonians, and had no business with any man.

8. And they came to their brothers to Zorah and Eshtaol; and their brothers said to them, What do you say?

9. And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them; for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good; and are you idle? Do not be slow to go, and to enter to possess the land.

10. When you go, you shall come to an unsuspecting people, and to a large land; for God has given it to your hands; a place where there is no lack of any thing that is in the earth.

11. And from there went from the family of the Danites, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, six hundred men girded with weapons of war.

12. And they went up, and camped in Kiriath-Jearim, in Judah; therefore they called that place Mahaneh-Dan till this day; behold, it is behind Kiriath-Jearim.

13. And they passed from there to Mount Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah.
14. Then answered the five men who went to spy out the country of Laish, and said to their brothers, Do you know that there is in these houses an ephod, and family idols, and an engraved image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what you have to do.

15. And they turned aside there, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, to the house of Micah, and greeted him.

16. And the six hundred men girded with their weapons of war, who were of the sons of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate.

17. And the five men who went to spy out the land went up, and came in there, and took the engraved image, and the ephod, and the family idols, and the molten image; and the priest stood in the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men who were girded with weapons of war.

18. And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the family idols, and the molten image. Then said the priest to them, What are you doing?

19. And they said to him, Hold your peace, lay your hand upon your mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest; Is it better for you to be a priest in the house of one man, or that you should be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?
20. And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the family idols, and the engraved image, and went in the midst of the people.

21. So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them.

22. And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men who were in the houses near to Micah's house were called out, and overtook the sons of Dan.

23. And they shouted to the sons of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said to Micah, What ails you, that you come with such a company?

24. And he said, You have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and you go away; and what have I more? and how then do you say to me, What ails you?

25. And the sons of Dan said to him, Do not raise your voice among us, lest angry fellows run upon you, and you lose your life, with the lives of your household.

26. And the sons of Dan went their way; and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.
27. And they took the things which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came to Laish, to a people who were quiet and unsuspecting; and they struck them with the edge of the sword, and burned the city with fire.

28. And there was no savior, because it was far from Sidon, and they had no dealings with any man; and it was in the valley that lies by Beth-Rehob. And they built a city, and lived there.

29. And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel; but the name of the city was Laish at the first.

30. And the sons of Dan set up the engraved image; and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the exile of the land.

31. And they set up for themselves Micah's engraved image, which he had made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.
1. And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of Mount Ephraim, who took for himself a concubine from Bethlehem of Judah.

2. And his concubine played the harlot to him, and went away from him to her father's house to Bethlehem of Judah, and was there four whole months.

3. And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak kindly to her, and to bring her back, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses; and she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the girl saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

4. And his father-in-law, the girl's father, made him stay; and he remained with him three days; so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

5. And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart; and the maiden's father said to his son-in-law, Refresh your heart with a morsel of bread, and afterwards go your way.

6. And they sat down, and ate and drank together; for the girl's father had said to the man, Be content, I beseech you, and remain all night, and let your heart be merry.
7. And when the man rose up to depart, his father-in-law urged him; therefore he lodged there again.

8. And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the girl's father said, Refresh your heart, I beseech you, and delay until the afternoon; and they ate both of them.

9. And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, Behold, now the day draws toward evening, I beg you remain the night; behold, the day grows to an end, stay here, that your heart may be merry; and tomorrow get early on your way, that you may go home.

10. But the man would not remain that night, but he rose up and departed, and came opposite Jebus, which is Jerusalem; and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him.

11. And when they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said to his master, Come, I beg you, and let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.

12. And his master said to him, We will not turn aside here into a foreign city, that is not of the people of Israel; we will pass over to Geba.
13. And he said to his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Geba, or in Ramah.

14. And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them when they were by Geba, which belongs to Benjamin.

15. And they turned aside there, to go in and to lodge in Geba; and when he went in, he sat down in a street of the city; for there was no man who took them into his house to lodging.

16. And, behold, there came an old man from his work from the field at evening, who was from Mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Geba; and the men of the place were sons of Benjamin.

17. And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a traveller in the street of the city; and the old man said, Where are you going? and where do you come from?

18. And he said to him, We are passing from Bethlehem of Judah toward the far side of Mount Ephraim; from there am I; and I went to Bethlehem of Judah, but I am now going to the house of the Lord; and there is no man who receives me in his house.

19. Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for your maidservant, and for the young man who is with your servants; there is no lack of any thing.
20. And the old man said, Peace be with you; I will care for all your wants; only do not lodge in the street.

21. So he brought him into his house, and gave fodder to the asses; and they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

22. Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, worthless men, surrounded the house, and beat at the door, and spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring out the man who came into your house, that we may know him.

23. And the man, the master of the house, went out to them, and said to them, No, my brothers, no, I beg you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man has come into my house, do not do this vile thing.

24. Behold, here is my daughter a virgin, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, ravish them, and do with them what seems good to you; but to this man do not do so vile a thing.

25. But the men would not listen to him; so the man took his concubine, and brought her out to them; and they knew her, and abused her all night until the morning; and when the day began to dawn, they let her go.

26. Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light.
27. And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way; and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold.

28. And he said to her, Arise, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rose up, and went to his place.

29. And when he came to his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel.

30. And it was so, that all who saw it said, No such deed was done nor seen from the day that the people of Israel came up from the land of Egypt to this day; consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds.
1. Then all the people of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan to Beersheba, with the land of Gilead, to the Lord in Mizpah.

2. And the chiefs of all the people, of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen who drew sword.

3. And the sons of Benjamin heard that the people of Israel had gone to Mizpah. Then said the people of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness?

4. And the Levite, the husband of the woman who was slain, answered and said, I came to Geba that belongs to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5. And the men of Geba rose against me, and beset the house around upon me by night, intending to kill me; and they ravished my concubine and she is dead.

6. And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel; for they have committed wantonness and vileness in Israel.
7. Behold, you are all people of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

8. And all the people arose as one man, saying, None of us will go to his tent, nor will any of us turn to his house.

9. But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Geba; we will go up by lot against it;

10. And we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand from ten thousand, to fetch provisions for the people, that they may do, when they come to Geba of Benjamin, according to all the vileness that they have done in Israel.

11. So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, as one united company.

12. And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is done among you?

13. Therefore deliver us the worthless men, who are in Geba, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. And the sons of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers the people of Israel;

14. And the sons of Benjamin gathered themselves together from the cities to Geba, to go out to battle against the people of Israel.
15. And the sons of Benjamin numbered at that time, from the cities, twenty six thousand men who drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Geba, who numbered seven hundred chosen men.

16. Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen left handed men; every one could sling stones at a hair, and not miss.

17. And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, numbered four hundred thousand men who drew sword; all these were men of war.

18. And the people of Israel arose, and went up to Beth-El, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the sons of Benjamin? And the Lord said, Judah shall go up first.

19. And the people of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Geba.

20. And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Geba.

21. And the sons of Benjamin came out from Geba, and laid low that day twenty two thousand men of the people of Israel.
22. And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.

23. And the people of Israel went up and wept before the Lord until evening, and asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the sons of Benjamin my brother? And the Lord said, Go up against him.

24. And the people of Israel came near against the sons of Benjamin the second day.

25. And Benjamin went forth against those from Geba the second day, and laid low eighteen thousand men of the people of Israel; all these drew the sword.

26. Then all the people of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came to Beth-El, and wept, and sat there before the Lord, and fasted that day until evening, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

27. And the people of Israel inquired of the Lord, for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,
29. And Israel set men in ambush around Geba.

30. And the people of Israel went up against the sons of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Geba, as at other times.

31. And the sons of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to strike the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, from which one ascends to the Beth-El, and the other to Geba in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

32. And the sons of Benjamin said, They are beaten before us, as at the first. But the people of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city to the highways.

33. And all the men of Israel rose up from their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-Tamar; and the men in ambush of Israel came out from their places, from the plain of Geba.

34. And there came against Geba ten thousand chosen men from all Israel, and the battle was hard; but they did not know that disaster was close upon them.

35. And the Lord struck Benjamin before Israel; and the people of Israel destroyed of the sons of Benjamin that day twenty five thousand and a hundred men; all these drew the sword.

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36. So the people of Benjamin saw that they were beaten; for the men of Israel gave ground to the sons of Benjamin, because they trusted to the men in ambush whom they had set beside Geba.

37. And the men in ambush hurried, and rushed upon Geba; and the men in ambush drew themselves along, and struck all the city with the edge of the sword.

38. Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Israel and the men in ambush, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up from the city.

39. And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to strike and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons; for they said, Surely they are beaten down before us, as in the first battle.

40. But when the flame began to arise up from the city with a pillar of smoke, the sons of Benjamin looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

41. And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed; for they saw that disaster had come upon them.

42. And they turned their backs before the men of Israel to the direction of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and those who came out of the cities destroyed them in their midst.
43. Thus they surrounded the sons of Benjamin, and chased them, and trampled them down with ease opposite Geba toward the sunrise.

44. And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valor.

45. And they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon; and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them to Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

46. So that all who fell that day of Benjamin were twenty five thousand men who drew the sword; all these were men of valor.

47. But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness to the rock Rimmon, and remained in the rock Rimmon four months.

48. And the men of Israel turned again upon the sons of Benjamin, and struck them with the edge of the sword, the men of every city as well as the beast, and all who came to hand; also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.
1. And the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpah, saying, None of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin to wife.

2. And the people came to Beth-El, and remained there till evening before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept bitterly;

3. And said, O Lord God of Israel, why has this come to pass in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel?

4. And it came to pass on the next day, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

5. And the people of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel who did not come up with the congregation to the Lord? For they had made a great oath concerning him who came not up to the Lord to Mizpah, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6. And the people of Israel repented themselves for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

7. What shall we do for wives for those who remain, seeing we have sworn by the Lord that we will not give them of our daughters for wives?
8. And they said, Which one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpah to the Lord? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-Gilead to the assembly.

9. For the people were counted, and, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-Gilead there.

10. And the congregation sent there twelve thousand men of the bravest, and commanded them, saying, Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh-Gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

11. And this is the thing that you shall do, You shall completely destroy every male, and every woman who has lain with man.

12. And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-Gilead four hundred young virgins, who had known no man by lying with any male; and they brought them to the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13. And the whole congregation sent some to speak to the sons of Benjamin who were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably to them.

14. And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-Gilead; and still they did not suffice for them.
15. And the people repented because of Benjamin, because the Lord had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16. And the elders of the congregation said, What shall we do for wives for those who remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?

17. And they said, There must be an inheritance for those of Benjamin who escaped, that a tribe should not be destroyed out of Israel.

18. And we may not give them wives of our daughters; for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed be he who gives a wife to Benjamin.

19. And they said, Behold, there is a feast of the Lord in Shiloh yearly in a place which is on the north side of Beth-El, on the east side of the highway that ascends from Beth-El to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

20. Therefore they commanded the sons of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;

21. And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come out of the vineyards, and catch every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.
22. And it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to us to complain, that we will say to them, Grant them graciously to us, for we did not take a wife for every man in the war; for you did not give to them willingly, else you should now be guilty.

23. And the sons of Benjamin did so, and took their wives, according to their number, of those who danced, whom they caught; and they went and returned to their inheritance, and rebuilt the cities, and lived in them.

24. And the people of Israel departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance.

25. In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did that which was right in his own eyes.
1. And there was a certain man of Ramathaim-Zophim, of Mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite;

2. And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3. And this man went out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of Hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there.

4. And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions;

5. But to Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah; but the Lord had closed her womb.

6. And her adversary also provoked her bitterly, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb.

7. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.
8. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why do you weep? and why do you not eat? and why is your heart grieved? am I not better to you than ten sons?

9. So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drank. And Eli the priest sat upon a seat by the gate post of the temple of the Lord.

10. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly.

11. And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of Hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your maidservant, and remember me, and not forget your maidservant, but will give to your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

12. And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli observed her mouth.

13. And Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought that she was drunk.

14. And Eli said to her, How long will you be drunk? Put away your wine from you.
15. And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord.

16. Take not your maidservant for a worthless woman; for out of my great complaint and grief have I been speaking.

17. Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace; and the God of Israel grant you the petition that you have asked of him.

18. And she said, Let your maidservant find grace in your sight. So the woman went her way, and ate, and her countenance was sad no more.

19. And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah; and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her.

20. And it came to pass, in due course, that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him from the Lord.

21. And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.
22. But Hannah did not go up; for she said to her husband, I will not go up until the child is weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there remain forever.

23. And Elkanah her husband said to her, Do what seems to you good; remain until you have weaned him; only the Lord establish his word. So the woman stayed, and nursed her son until she weaned him.

24. And when she had weaned him, she took him with her, with three bulls, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord in Shiloh; and the child was young.

25. And they slew a bull, and brought the child to Eli.

26. And she said, Oh my lord, as your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the Lord.

27. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of him;

28. Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.
1. And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoices in the Lord, my horn is exalted in the Lord; my mouth is enlarged over my enemies; because I rejoice in your salvation.

2. There is none holy as the Lord; for there is none beside you; nor is there any rock like our God.

3. Talk no more so very proudly; let not arrogance come out of your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

4. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and those who stumbled are girded with strength.

5. Those who were full have hired out themselves for bread; and those who were hungry ceased to hunger; the barren has borne seven; and she who has many children has become wretched.

6. The Lord kills, and returns to life; he brings down to Sheol, and brings up.

7. The Lord makes poor, and makes rich; he brings low, and he lifts up.
8. He raises up the poor from the dust, and lifts up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory; for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he has set the world upon them.

9. He will keep the feet of his pious ones, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

10. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; from heaven shall he thunder upon them; the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength to his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

11. And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child ministered to the Lord before Eli the priest.

12. And the sons of Eli were worthless men; they knew not the Lord.

13. And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the meat was being cooked, with a fork of three teeth in his hand;

14. And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or cauldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh, to all the Israelites who came there.
15. Also before the fat was burned, the priest’s servant came, and said to the man who sacrificed, Give meat to roast for the priest; for he will not have boiled meat from you, but raw.

16. And if any man said to him, Let them first burn the fat, and then take as much as your soul desires; then he would answer him: No, you shall give it me now; and if not, I will take it by force.

17. And the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord; for men despised the offering of the Lord.

18. And Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19. And his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20. And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The Lord give you seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the Lord. And they went to their own home.

21. And the Lord visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bore three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the Lord.
22. And Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did to all Israel; and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23. And he said to them, Why do you do such things? for I hear of your evil dealings from all this people.

24. No, my sons; it is not a good report what I hear; you make the Lord's people transgress.

25. If one man sins against another, the judge shall judge him; but if a man sins against the Lord, who shall entreat for him? However they listened not to the voice of their father, because the Lord intended to slay them.

26. And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the Lord, and also with men.

27. And there came a man of God to Eli, and said to him, Thus said the Lord, Did I not appear to the house of your father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

28. And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give to the house of your father all the offerings made by fire of the people of Israel?
29. Why do you kick at my sacrifice and at my offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honor your sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the best parts of all the offerings of Israel my people?

30. Therefore the Lord God of Israel said, I said indeed that your house, and the house of your father, should walk before me forever; but now the Lord said, Be it far from me; for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

31. Behold, the days come, when I will cut off your arm, and the arm of your father's house, that there shall not be an old man in your house.

32. And you shall see a rival in my habitation, enjoying all the wealth which God shall give Israel; and there shall not be an old man in your house forever.

33. And your descendants I shall not cut off from my altar, but they shall be there to consume your eyes, and to grieve your heart; and all the greater folk of your house shall die in the flower of their age.

34. And this shall be a sign to you, that shall come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

35. And I will raise me up a faithful priest, who shall do according to that which is in my heart and in my mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before my anointed forever.
36. And it shall come to pass, that every one who is left in your house shall come and implore him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I beg you, into one of the priests' places, that I may eat a piece of bread.
1. And the child Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

2. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to grow dim, that he could not see;

3. And before the lamp of God had gone out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was lying down to sleep;

4. That the Lord called Samuel; and he answered, Here am I.

5. And he ran to Eli, and said, Here am I; for you called me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6. And the Lord called again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for you did call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7. And Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.
8. And the Lord called Samuel again a third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for you did call me. And Eli understood that the Lord had called the child.

9. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, Go, lie down; and it shall be, if he calls you, that you shall say, Speak, Lord; for your servant hears. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10. And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for your servant is listening.

11. And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one who hears it shall tingle.

12. In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house; when I begin, I will also make an end.

13. For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14. And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offerings forever.
15. And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel feared to tell Eli the vision.

16. Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

17. And he said, What is the thing that the Lord has said to you? I beg you hide it not from me; God do so to you, and more also, if you hide any thing from me of all the things that he said to you.

18. And Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the Lord; let him do what seems to him good.

19. And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and let none of his words fall to the ground.

20. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.

21. And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh; for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.
1. And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. And Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and camped beside Eben-Haezer; and the Philistines camped in Aphek.

2. And the Philistines put themselves in battle order against Israel; and when they joined battle, Israel was defeated before the Philistines; and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

3. And when the people came into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has the Lord struck us today before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of Shiloh to us, so that, when it comes among us, it may save us from the hand of our enemies.

4. So the people sent to Shiloh, to bring from there the ark of the covenant of the Lord of Hosts, which dwells between the Cherubim; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5. And when the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth trembled.
6. And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What is the meaning of the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the Lord came into the camp.

7. And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, A God has come to the camp. And they said, Woe to us! for there has not been such a thing till now.

8. Woe to us! Who shall deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods that struck the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9. Be strong, and acquit yourselves like men, O you Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews, as they have been to you; acquit yourselves like men, and fight.

10. And the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled every man to his tent; and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers.

11. And the ark of God was captured; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were killed.

12. And there ran a man of Benjamin from the battle, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes torn, and with earth upon his head.
13. And when he came, behold, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came to the city, and told it, all the city cried out.

14. And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What does the noise of this tumult mean? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15. And Eli was ninety eight years old; and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see.

16. And the man said to Eli, I am he who came from the battle, and I fled today from the battle. And he said, What has happened, my son?

17. And the messenger answered and said, Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been also a great slaughter among the people, and your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are also dead, and the ark of God has been captured.

18. And it came to pass, when he mentioned the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backwards by the side of the gate, and his neck was broken, and he died; for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

19. And his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered; and when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed and labored; for her pains came upon her.
20. And when she was dying the women who stood by her said to her, Fear not; for you have borne a son. But she answered not, nor did she regard it.

21. And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory has departed from Israel; because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

22. And she said, The glory has departed from Israel; for the Ark of God has been captured.
1. And the Philistines captured the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-Haezer to Ashdod.

2. When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it to the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the Lord. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

4. And when they arose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands lay severed on the threshold; only the trunk of Dagon was left to him.

5. Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any who come to Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

6. But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon those of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and struck them with swellings, Ashdod and the surrounding areas.
7. And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not remain with us; for his hand is heavy upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

8. They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried to Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel there.

9. And it was so, that, after they had carried it around, the hand of the Lord was against the city with a very great panic; and he struck the men of the city, both small and great, with swellings.

10. Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.

11. So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, that it slay us not, and our people; for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

12. And the men who died not were struck with the swellings; and the cry of the city went up to heaven.
1. And the ark of the Lord was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

2. And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the Lord? tell us how we shall send it to its place.

3. And they said, If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but make sure to return him a guilt offering; then you shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand does not turn away from you.

4. Then said they, What shall be the guilt offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden swellings, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was on you all, and on your lords.

5. And you shall make images of your swellings, and images of your mice that ravage the land; and you shall give honor to the God of Israel; perhaps he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6. Why then do you harden your hearts, like the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had done wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?
7. And therefore make a new cart, and take two milch cows, on which there has never been a yoke, and tie the cow to the cart, and bring their calves home from them;

8. And take the ark of the Lord, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which you return him for a guilt offering, in a box by its side; and send it away, that it may go.

9. And see, if it goes up by the way of its own border to Beth-Shemesh, then he has done us this great evil; but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that struck us; it was by chance that happened to us.

10. And the men did so; and took two milch cows, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home;

11. And they laid the ark of the Lord upon the cart, and the box with the mice of gold and the images of their swellings.

12. And the cows went straight way to the direction of Beth-Shemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them to the border of Beth-Shemesh.

13. And they of Beth-Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.
14. And the cart came to the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone; and they split the wood of the cart, and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the Lord.

15. And the Levites took down the ark of the Lord, and the box that was with it, where the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone; and the men of Beth-Shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day to the Lord.

16. And when the five lords of the Philistines saw it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17. And these are the golden swellings which the Philistines returned for a guilt offering to the Lord; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

18. And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fortified cities, and of country villages, to the great stone of Abel, where they set down the ark of the Lord; this stone remains to this day in the field of Joshua, the Bethshemite.

19. And he struck the men of Beth-Shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the Lord, he struck of the people fifty thousand and seventy men; and the people lamented, because the Lord had struck many of the people with a great slaughter.
20. And the men of Beth-Shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

21. And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-Jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the Lord; come down, and fetch it to you.
1. And the men of Kiriath-Jearim came, and fetched the ark of the Lord, and brought it to the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the Lord.

2. And it came to pass, while the ark remained in Kiriath-Jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years; and all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.

3. And Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, If you return to the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts to the Lord, and serve him only; and he will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.

4. Then the people of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the Lord only.

5. And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you to the Lord.

6. And they gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Samuel judged the people of Israel in Mizpah.
7. And when the Philistines heard that the people of Israel were gathered together in Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the people of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8. And the people of Israel said to Samuel, Do not cease to cry to the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9. And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the Lord; and Samuel cried to the Lord for Israel; and the Lord heard him.

10. And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel; but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and confounded them; and they were defeated before Israel.

11. And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and defeated them, until they came under Beth-Kar.

12. Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-Haezer, saying, Hitherto has the Lord helped us.

13. So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the border of Israel; and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.
14. And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel rescued its borders from the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15. And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

16. And he went from year to year on a circuit to Beth-El, and Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places.

17. And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar to the Lord.
1. And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

2. And the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba.

3. And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after unjust gain, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

4. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel to Ramah,

5. And said to him, Behold, you are old, and your sons walk not in your ways; now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

6. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed to the Lord.

7. And the Lord said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.
8. According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, how they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also to you.

9. And therefore listen to their voice; but you should solemnly warn them, and relate to them the customary practice the king who shall reign over them.

10. And Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who asked him for a king.

11. And he said, This will be the customary practice of the king who shall reign over you; He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.

12. And he will appoint for himself captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

13. And he will take your daughters to be perfumers, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

14. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive trees, the best of them, and give them to his servants.

15. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.
16. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your best young men, and your asses, and put them to his work.

17. He will take the tenth of your sheep; and you shall be his servants.

18. And you shall cry out in that day because of your king which you shall have chosen; and the Lord will not hear you in that day.

19. And the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, No; but we will have a king over us;

20. That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

21. And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the ears of the Lord.

22. And the Lord said to Samuel, Listen to their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said to the men of Israel, Go every man to his city.
1. And there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of valor.

2. And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a young man, and handsome; and there was not among the people of Israel a more handsome person than he; from his shoulders upwards he was higher than any of the people.

3. And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with you, and arise, go seek the asses.

4. And he passed through Mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found them not; then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and there they were not; and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not.

5. And when they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant, who was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father cease to care for the asses, and become anxious about us.

6. And he said to him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honorable man; all that he says comes surely to pass; now let us go there; perhaps he can tell us our way that we should go.
7. Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our utensils, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God; what do we have?

8. And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here in my hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver; that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

9. Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spoke, Come, and let us go to the seer; for he who is now called a Prophet was formerly called a Seer.

10. Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went to the city where the man of God was.

11. And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young girls going out to draw water, and said to them, Is the seer here?

12. And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you; make haste now, for he came today to the city; for there is a sacrifice of the people today in the high place;
13. As soon as you come to the city, you shall find him, before he goes up to 
the high place to eat; for the people will not eat until he comes, because he 
blesses the sacrifice; and afterwards those who are invited eat. And therefore go 
up; for about this time you shall find him.

14. And they went up into the city; and when they came into the city, behold, 
Samuel came out towards them, on his way up to the high place.

15. And the Lord had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

16. Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, 
and you shall anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save 
my people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon my people, 
because their cry has come to me.

17. And when Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said to him, Behold the man about 
whom I spoke to you! This same man shall reign over my people.

18. Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray you, 
where the seer's house is.

19. And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer; go up before me to the 
high place; for you shall eat with me today, and tomorrow I will let you go, and 
will tell you all that is in your heart.
20. And as for your asses that were lost three days ago, set not your mind on them; for they have been found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on you, and on all your father's house?

21. And Saul answered and said, Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak so to me?

22. And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them to the dining chamber, and made them sit at the head of the table among those who were invited, who were about thirty persons.

23. And Samuel said to the cook, Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I said to you, Set it by you.

24. And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which was left is set before you, and eat; for to this time has it been kept for you, since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

25. And when they came down from the high place to the city, Samuel talked with Saul on the top of the house.
26. And they arose early; and it came to pass about daybreak, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Arise, that I may send you away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, out of doors.

27. And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, and he passed on, but stand you still a while, that I may tell you the word of God.
1. Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the Lord has anointed you to be captain over his inheritance?

2. When you part from me today, then you shall find two men by Rachel's sepulcher in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, The asses which you went to seek have been found; and, behold, your father has ceased to care about the asses, and has become anxious about you, saying, What shall I do about my son?

3. Then shall you go on forward from there, and you shall come to the oak of Tabor, and there shall you meet three men going up to God to Beth-El, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine;

4. And they will greet you, and give you two loaves of bread; which you shall receive from their hands.

5. After that you shall come to the hill of God, where the garrisons of the Philistines are; and it shall come to pass, when you have come there to the city, that you shall meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a lute, and a tambourine, and a pipe, and a lyre, before them; and they shall prophesy;
6. And the spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you shall prophesy with them, and shall be turned into another man.

7. And let it be, when these signs have come to you, that you do as occasion serves you; for God is with you.

8. And you shall go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down to you, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings; seven days shall you remain, till I come to you, and show you what you shall do.

9. And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day.

10. And when they came there to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11. And it came to pass, when all who knew him formerly saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

12. And one from the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?

13. And when he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place.
14. And Saul's uncle said to him and to his servant, Where did you go? And he said, To seek the asses; and when we saw that they were nowhere, we came to Samuel.

15. And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I beg you, what Samuel said to you.

16. And Saul said to his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses had been found. But of the matter of the kingdom, about which Samuel spoke, he told him not.

17. And Samuel called the people together to the Lord to Mizpah;

18. And said to the people of Israel, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all kingdoms, and from those who oppressed you;

19. And you have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you from all your adversities and your tribulations; and you have said to him, Set a king over us. And therefore present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20. And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was picked.
21. When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was picked, and Saul the son of Kish was picked; and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22. Therefore they inquired of the Lord further, Did the man come here? And the Lord answered, Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage.

23. And they ran and fetched him there; and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders upwards.

24. And Samuel said to all the people, See you him whom the Lord has chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, Long live the king!

25. Then Samuel told the people the rules of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

26. And Saul also went home to Geba; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

27. But some worthless men said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.
1. Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-Gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you.

2. And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel.

3. And the elders of Jabesh said to him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers to all the borders of Israel; and then, if there is no man to save us, we will come out to you.

4. Then came the messengers to Geba of Saul, and told the news to the ears of the people; and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

5. And, behold, Saul came after the herd from the field; and Saul said, What ails the people that they weep? And they told him the news about the men of Jabesh.

6. And the spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those news, and his anger was greatly kindled.
7. And he took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Who ever comes not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen. And the fear of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

8. And when he counted them in Bezek, the people of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9. And they said to the messengers who came, Thus shall you say to the men of Jabesh-Gilead, Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have help. And the messengers came and reported it to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

10. Therefore the men of Jabesh said, Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you shall do with us all that seems good in your eyes.

11. And it was so on the next day that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day; and it came to pass, that those who remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12. And the people said to Samuel, Who is he who said, Shall Saul reign over us? Bring the men, that we may put them to death.

13. And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day; for today the Lord has wrought salvation in Israel.
14. Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew
the kingdom there.

15. And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the
Lord in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the
Lord; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.
1. And Samuel said to all Israel, Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you.

2. And now, behold, the king walks before you; and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you; and I have walked before you from my childhood to this day.

3. Behold, here I am; testify against me before the Lord, and before his anointed; whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or from whose hand have I received any bribe to blind my eyes with? and I will restore it to you.

4. And they said, You have not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither have you taken anything from any man's hand.

5. And he said to them, The Lord is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.

6. And Samuel said to the people, It is the Lord that advanced Moses and Aaron, and who brought your fathers out of the land of Egypt.
7. And therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before the Lord concerning all the righteous acts of the Lord, which he did to you and to your fathers.

8. When Jacob came to Egypt, and your fathers cried to the Lord, then the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them live in this place.

9. And when they forgot the Lord their God, he sold them to the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, and to the hand of the Philistines, and to the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

10. And they cried to the Lord, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth; but now save us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.

11. And the Lord sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you from the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived safe.

12. And when you saw that Nahash the king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, No; but a king shall reign over us; when the Lord your God was your king.

13. And therefore behold the king whom you have chosen, and whom you have desired! and, behold, the Lord has set a king over you.
14. If you will fear the Lord, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, and if shall both you and also the king who reigns over you follow the Lord your God;

15. But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be against you, as it was against your fathers.

16. And therefore stand and see this great thing, which the Lord will do before your eyes.

17. Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call to the Lord, and he shall send thunder and rain; that you may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the Lord, in asking for a king.

18. So Samuel called to the Lord; and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel.

19. And all the people said to Samuel, Pray for your servants to the Lord your God, that we die not; for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for a king.

20. And Samuel said to the people, Fear not; you have done all this wickedness; yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart;
21. And turn not aside; for then should you go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

22. For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake; because it has pleased the Lord to make you his people.

23. Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way;

24. Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart; and consider how great things he has done for you.

25. But if you shall still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king.
1. Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,

2. Saul chose for himself three thousand men of Israel; of which two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in Mount Beth-El, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Geba of Benjamin; and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

3. And Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the shofar throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

4. And all Israel heard say that Saul had struck a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also had become odious to the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5. And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude; and they came up, and camped in Michmash, to the east of Beth-Aven.

6. When the men of Israel saw that they were in distress, for the people were hard pressed, then the people hid themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in fortresses, and in pits.
7. And some of the Hebrews went over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8. And he remained seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed; but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattering from him.

9. And Saul said, Bring here a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

10. And it came to pass, that as soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

11. And Samuel said to Saul, You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which he commanded you; for now the Lord would have established your kingdom upon Israel forever.

12. Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the Lord; I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

13. And Samuel said to Saul, You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which he commanded you; for now the Lord would have established your kingdom upon Israel forever.
14. But now your kingdom shall not continue; the Lord has sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be captain over his people, because you have not kept that which the Lord commanded you.

15. And Samuel arose, and went up from Gilgal to Geba of Benjamin. And Saul counted the people who were present with him, about six hundred men.

16. And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people who were present with them, remained in Geba of Benjamin; but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

17. And raiders came from the camp of the Philistines in three companies; one company turned to the way that leads to Ophrah, to the land of Shual;

18. And another company turned the way to Beth-Horon; and another company turned to the way of the border that looks to the Valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19. And there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel; for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make themselves swords or spears;

20. But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his spade, and his ax, and his mattock.
21. And there was a charge for filing the mattocks, and the spades, and the three pronged forks, and the axes, and for setting the goads.

22. So it came to pass in the day of the battle, that there was no sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan; but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

23. And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.
1. And it came to pass one day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who carried his armor, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.

2. And Saul remained on the far side of Geba under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron; and the people who were with him were about six hundred men;

3. And Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the Lord's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4. And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side; and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5. One point rose up abruptly on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba.

6. And Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, Come, and let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will perform a deed for us; for there is no restraint upon the Lord to save by many or by few.
7. And his armor bearer said to him, Do all that is in your heart; turn you; behold, I am with you according to your heart.

8. Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over to these men, and we will reveal ourselves to them.

9. If they say thus to us, Remain until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up to them.

10. But if they say thus, Come up to us; then we will go up; for the Lord has delivered them into our hand; and this shall be a sign to us.

11. And both of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines; and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth from the holes where they have hidden themselves.

12. And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armor bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will show you something. And Jonathan said to his armor bearer, Come up after me; for the Lord has delivered them into the hand of Israel.

13. And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and on his feet, and his armor bearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan; and his armor bearer slew after him.
And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armor bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were half a furrow, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison, and the raiders, they also trembled, and the earth quaked; so it was a very great trembling.

And the watchmen of Saul in Geba of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went hither and thither.

Then said Saul to the people who were with him, Count now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor bearer were not there.

And Saul said to Ahijah, Bring here the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the people of Israel.

And it came to pass, while Saul talked to the priest, that the noise that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased; and Saul said to the priest, Withdraw your hand.

And Saul and all the people who were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle; and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great confusion.

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19. And Saul and all the people who were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle; and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great confusion.
21. Moreover the Hebrews who were with the Philistines before that time, who went up with them into the camp from the surrounding country, they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan.

22. Likewise all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in Mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, they also pursued hard after them in the battle.

23. So the Lord saved Israel that day; and the battle passed beyond Beth-Aven.

24. And the men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man who eats any food until evening, that I may be avenged on my enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.

25. And all the people came to a wood; and there was honey on the ground.

26. And when the people came to the wood, behold, the honey was dropping; but no man put his hand to his mouth; for the people feared the oath.

27. But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath; therefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were brightened.
28. Then answered one of the people, and said, Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man who eats any food this day. And the people were faint.

29. Then said Jonathan, My father has troubled the land; see, I pray you, how my eyes have been brightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

30. How much better, if the people had eaten freely today of the booty of their enemies which they found? Had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

31. And they defeated the Philistines that day from Michmash to Ayalon; and the people were very faint.

32. And the people flew upon the booty, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground; and the people ate them with the blood.

33. Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the Lord, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, You have transgressed; roll a great stone to me this day.
34. And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say to them, Bring me here every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the Lord in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.

35. And Saul built an altar to the Lord; this was the first altar that he built to the Lord.

36. And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and attack them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatever seems good in your eyes. Then said the priest, Let us draw near here to God.

37. And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will you deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day.

38. And Saul said, Draw you near here, all the chiefs of the people; and know and see where this sin has been this day.

39. For, as the Lord lives, who saves Israel, even if it is in Jonathan, my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people who answered him.
40. Then said he to all Israel, Be you on one side, and I and Jonathan my son
will be on the other side. And the people said to Saul, Do what seems good in
your eyes.

41. Therefore Saul said to the Lord God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Saul
and Jonathan were picked; but the people escaped.

42. And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan
was picked.

43. Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what you have done. And Jonathan told
him, and said, I just tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my
hand, and, behold, I must die.

44. And Saul answered, God do so and more also; for you shall surely die,
Jonathan.

45. And the people said to Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who has wrought this great
salvation in Israel? God forbid; as the Lord lives, there shall not one hair of his
head fall to the ground; for he has wrought with God this day. So the people
rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

46. Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines went to
their own place.
47. So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the Ammonites, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines; and wherever he turned himself, he did them mischief.

48. And he gathered an army, and defeated the Amalekites, and saved Israel from the hands of those who plundered them.

49. And the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchishua; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal;

50. And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz; and the name of the captain of his army was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51. And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52. And there was hard fighting against the Philistines all the days of Saul; and when Saul saw any strong man, or any brave man, he took him to him.
1. Samuel also said to Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint you to be king over his people, over Israel; now therefore listen to the voice of the words of the Lord.

2. Thus said the Lord of Hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

3. And go and strike Amalek, and completely destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox, and sheep, camel and ass.

4. And Saul gathered the people together, and counted them in Telaim, two hundred thousand men on foot, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5. And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.

6. And Saul said to the Kenites, Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the people of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7. And Saul defeated the Amalekites from Havilah until you come to Shur, that is over opposite Egypt.
8. And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and completely destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and of the lambs, and all that was good, and would not completely destroy them; but every thing that was despised and worthless, that they destroyed completely.

10. Then came the word of the Lord to Samuel, saying,

11. I regret that I have set up Saul to be king; for he is turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried to the Lord all night.

12. And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a monument, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

13. And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said to him, Blessed be you of the Lord; I have performed the commandment of the Lord.

14. And Samuel said, What is the meaning then of this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?
15. And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; and the rest we have completely destroyed.

16. Then Samuel said to Saul, Stay, and I will tell you what the Lord has said to me this night. And he said to him, Speak.

17. And Samuel said, When you were little in your own sight, were you not made the chief of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed you king over Israel?

18. And the Lord sent you on a journey, and said, Go and completely destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.

19. Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord, but did fly upon the booty, and did evil in the sight of the Lord?

20. And Saul said to Samuel, Indeed, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have completely destroyed the Amalekites.

21. But the people took of the booty, sheep and oxen, the best of the devoted property to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.
22. And Samuel said, Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen better than the fat of rams.

23. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king.

24. And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and your words; because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25. And therefore, I beg you, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord.

26. And Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel.

27. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it tore.

28. And Samuel said to him, The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.
29. And also the Eternal One of Israel will not lie nor change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.

30. Then he said, I have sinned; yet honor me now, I beg you, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord your God.

31. So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the Lord.

32. Then said Samuel, Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came to him cheerfully. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33. And Samuel said, As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women. And Samuel cut Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.

34. Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

35. And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death; nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul; and the Lord repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.
1. And the Lord said to Samuel, How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go, I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite; for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2. And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hears it, he will kill me. And the Lord said, Take a heifer with you, and say, I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.

3. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will tell you what you shall do; and you shall anoint to me him whom I name to you.

4. And Samuel did that which the Lord spoke, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Do you come peacefully?

5. And he said, Peacefully; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6. And it came to pass, when they came, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.
7. But the Lord said to Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.

8. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither has the Lord chosen this one.

9. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither has the Lord chosen this.

10. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, The Lord has not chosen these.

11. And Samuel said to Jesse, Are here all your children? And he said, There remains still the youngest, and, behold, he keeps the sheep. And Samuel said to Jesse, Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here.

12. And he sent, and brought him in. And he was red haired, with beautiful eyes, and good looking. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him; for this is he.

13. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.
14. But the spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.

15. And Saul's servants said to him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubles you.

16. Let our lord now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man, who knows how to play on a lyre; and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon you, that he shall play with his hand, and you shall be well.

17. And Saul said to his servants, Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me.

18. Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who knows how to play, and a fine warrior man, and a man of war, and prudent in speech, and a handsome person, and the Lord is with him.

19. And Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, Send me David your son, who is with the sheep.

20. And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a skin of wine, and a kid, and sent them with David his son to Saul.

21. And David came to Saul, and stood before him; and he loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer.
22. And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I beseech you, stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight.

23. And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took a lyre, and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.
1. And the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and camped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-Dammim.

2. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and camped by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.

3. And the Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side; and there was a valley between them.

4. And there came out a champion from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

5. And he had a helmet of bronze upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

6. And he had greaves of bronze upon his legs, and a javelin of bronze between his shoulders.

7. And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and a shield bearer went before him.
8. And he stood and shouted to the armies of Israel, and said to them, Why have you come out to set your battle in array? Am I not a Philistine, and you servants to Saul? Choose a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9. If he is able to fight with me, and kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall you be our servants, and serve us.

10. And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

11. When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12. And David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem of Judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons; and the man was old in the days of Saul, an aged man.

13. And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle; and the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

14. And David was the youngest; and the three eldest followed Saul.
15. But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

16. And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself for forty days.

17. And Jesse said to David his son, Take now for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to your brothers;

18. And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and look how your brothers fare, and take a sign from them.

19. And Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20. And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the barricade, as the army was going forth to the fight, shouting for the battle.

21. For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.

22. And David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage, and ran into the line of battle, and came and saluted his brothers.
23. And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, from the armies of the Philistines, and spoke according to the same words; and David heard them.

24. And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were greatly afraid.

25. And the men of Israel said, Have you seen this man who has come up? surely to defy Israel has he come up; and it shall be, that the man who kills him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

26. And David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

27. And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man who kills him.

28. And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why did you come here? and with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption, and the evil of your heart; for you have come down that you might see the battle.
29. And David said, What have I now done? It was only a word.

30. And he turned from him toward another, and spoke after the same manner; and the people answered him again after the former manner.

31. And when the words were heard which David spoke, they repeated them before Saul; and he sent for him.

32. And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

33. And Saul said to David, You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34. And David said to Saul, Your servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb from the flock;

35. And I went out after him, and struck him, and rescued it from its mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by its beard, and struck him, and slew him.

36. Your servant slew both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.
37. And David said, The Lord who saved me from the paw of the lion, and from the paw of the bear, he will save me from the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and the Lord be with you.

38. And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put a helmet of bronze on his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39. And David girded his sword upon his armor, and he tried in vain to go; he was not used to them. And David said to Saul, I cannot go with these; for I am not used to them. And David took them off.

40. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd’s bag which he had, and in his knapsack; and his sling was in his hand; and he drew near to the Philistine.

41. And the Philistine came on and drew near to David; and the man who carried the shield went before him.

42. And when the Philistine looked around, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, red haired and good looking.

43. And the Philistine said to David, Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.
44. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give your flesh to
the birds of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45. Then said David to the Philistine, You come to me with a sword, and with a
spear, and with a javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the
God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46. This day will the Lord deliver you into my hand; and I will strike you, and
take your head off you; and I will give the carcass of the camp of the Philistines
this day to the birds of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the
earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47. And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saves not with sword and
spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you to our hands.

48. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew near to
meet David, that David hurried, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49. And David put his hand in his bag, and took from there a stone, and slung
it, and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sunk his forehead;
and he fell upon his face to the earth.
50. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

51. And David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it from its sheath, and slew him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

52. And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until you come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, to Gath, and to Ekron.

53. And the people of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they plundered their tents.

54. And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in his tent.

55. And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the captain of the army, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As your soul lives, O king, I cannot tell.

56. And the king said, Inquire you whose son the young man is.
57. And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58. And Saul said to him, Whose son are you, young man? And David answered, I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.
1. And it came to pass, when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2. And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

3. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even his sword, and his bow, and his girdle.

5. And David went out wherever Saul sent him, and was successful; and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6. And it came to pass as they came, when David returned from slaying the Philistine, that the women came from all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tambourines, with joyful song, and with lutes.

7. And the women answered one another as they danced, and said, Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands.
8. And Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands; and what can he have more but the kingdom?

9. And Saul regarded David with hostility from that day and onward.

10. And it came to pass on the next day, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house; and David played with his hand, as at other times; and there was a spear in Saul's hand.

11. And Saul raised the spear; for he said, I will strike David to the wall with it. And David turned outside of his presence twice.

12. And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and had departed from Saul.

13. Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14. And David succeeded in all his ways; and the Lord was with him.

15. Therefore when Saul saw that he succeeded so well, he was afraid of him.

16. But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.
17. And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give you for a wife; only be brave for me, and fight the Lord's battles. For Saul said, Let not my hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

18. And David said to Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?

19. But it came to pass at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite for a wife.

20. And Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David; and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21. And Saul said, I will give her to him, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Therefore Saul said to David, You shall this day be my son-in-law through the second.

22. And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Talk with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you; now therefore be the king's son-in-law.

23. And Saul's servants spoke those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seems it to you a light thing to be a king's son-in-law, seeing that I am a poor man, and insignificant?
24. And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spoke David.

25. And Saul said, Thus shall you say to David, The king desires no dowry, but a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26. And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law. And before the days expired,

27. David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter for a wife.

28. And Saul saw and knew that the Lord was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

29. And Saul was still the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

30. Then the princes of the Philistines went forth; and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David had more success than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was highly considered.
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1. And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

2. But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David; and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeks to kill you; now therefore, I beg you, take heed to yourself until the morning, and stay in a secret place, and hide yourself;

3. And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will talk with my father of you; and what I see, that I will tell you.

4. And Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and said to him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been towards you very good;

5. For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great salvation for all Israel; you saw it, and rejoiced; why then will you sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

6. And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan; and Saul swore, As the Lord lives, he shall not be killed.
7. And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

8. And there was war again; and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

9. And the evil spirit from the Lord was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David played with his hand.

10. And Saul sought to strike David to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away from Saul's presence, and he struck the spear into the wall; and David fled, and escaped that night.

11. Saul also sent messengers to David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning; and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If you save not your life tonight, tomorrow you shall be killed.

12. So Michal let David down through a window; and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13. And Michal took the family idols, and laid them on the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head, and covered it with a cloth.

14. And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.
15. And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

16. And when the messengers came in, behold, there were family idols in the bed, with a pillow of goats’ hair at its head.

17. And Saul said to Michal, Why have you deceived me so, and sent away my enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said to me, Let me go; why should I kill you?

18. So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

19. And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

20. And Saul sent messengers to take David; and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as chief over them, the spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21. And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.
22. Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great pit that is in Sechu; and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah.

23. And he went there to Naioth in Ramah; and the spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24. And he also stripped off his clothes, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?
1. And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is my iniquity? and what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?

2. And he said to him, God forbid; you shall not die; behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, that he will not tell me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so.

3. And David swore moreover, and said, Your father certainly knows that I have found grace in your eyes; and he said, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved; but truly as the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death.

4. Then said Jonathan to David, Whatever your soul desires, I will do it for you.

5. And David said to Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meal; but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field until the third day at evening.

6. If your father should miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city; for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.
7. If he says thus, It is well; your servant shall have peace; but if he should be very angry, then you should know that he is determined to do evil.

8. Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant; for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the Lord with you; however, if there is in me iniquity, slay me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father?

9. And Jonathan said, Far be it from you; for if I knew certainly that my father was determined to bring evil upon you, then would I not tell it you?

10. Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if your father answers you roughly?

11. And Jonathan said to David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12. And Jonathan said to David, O Lord God of Israel, when I have sounded my father tomorrow, or the third day about this time, and, behold, if there is good intended towards David, and I then send not to you and tell it to you,

13. The Lord do so and much more to Jonathan; but if it pleases my father to do you evil, then I will tell you, and send you away, that you may go in peace; and the Lord be with you, as he has been with my father.
14. And you shall not only while yet I live show me the kindness of the Lord, that I die not;

15. But also you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever; no, not when the Lord has cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

16. So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the Lord require it at the hand of David's enemies.

17. And Jonathan made David swear again, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18. Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon; and you shall be missed, because your seat will be empty.

19. And when you have stayed three days, then you shall go down quickly, and come to the place where you hid yourself when the matter was in hand, and shall remain by the stone Ezel.

20. And I will shoot three arrows on its side, as though I shot at a mark.

21. And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say to the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of you, take them; then you come; for it is safe for you, and there is no danger; as the Lord lives.
22. But if I say thus to the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond you; then go your way; for the Lord has sent you away.

23. And as concerning the matter which you and I have spoken of, behold, the Lord be between you and me forever.

24. So David hid himself in the field; and when the new moon came, the king sat down to eat the meal.

25. And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, upon a seat by the wall; and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.

26. Nevertheless Saul spoke not any thing that day; for he thought, Something has befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

27. And it came to pass on the next day, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty; and Saul said to Jonathan his son, Why does not the son of Jesse come to the meal, neither yesterday, nor today?

28. And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem;

29. And he said, Let me go, I beg you; for our family has a sacrifice in the city; and my brother has commanded me to be there; and now, if I have found favor in your eyes, let me get away, I pray you, to see my brothers. Therefore he does not come to the king's table.
30. Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, You son of a perverse and rebellious woman, do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?

31. For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the ground, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Therefore now send and fetch him to me, for he shall surely die.

32. And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, Why shall he be killed? What has he done?

33. And Saul raised the spear to strike him; whereby Jonathan knew that his father was determined to slay David.

34. So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food on the second day of the new moon; for he was grieved for David, because has father had put him to shame.

35. And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out to the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36. And he said to his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.
37. And when the lad came to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond you?

38. And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, hurry, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39. But the lad knew not any thing; only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40. And Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad, and said to him, Go, carry them to the city.

41. And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose from a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed three times; and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

42. And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, as we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, The Lord be between me and you, and between my seed and your seed forever.
1. And he arose and departed; and Jonathan went to the city.

2. Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest; and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said to him, Why are you alone, and no man is with you?

3. And David said to Ahimelech the priest, The king has commanded me with a matter, and has said to me, Let no man know any thing of the matter about which I send you, and what I have commanded you; and I have made an appointment with the young men to such and such a place.

4. And now what is under your hand? give me five loaves of bread in my hand, or whatever is here.

5. And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under my hand, but there is consecrated bread, if the young men have at least kept themselves from women.

6. And David answered the priest, and said to him, Of a truth women have been kept from us as always when I am in a journey, and the utensils of the young men are holy, even when it is a common journey; how much more today when there will be consecrated bread in their utensils?
So the priest gave him consecrated bread; for there was no bread there but the bread of display, that was taken from before the Lord, to put hot bread in its place on the day when it was taken away.

And a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chief of the herdsmen who belonged to Saul.

And David said to Ahimelech, And is there not here under your hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's matter required haste.

And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you will take that, take it; for there is no other save that one here. And David said, There is none like that; give it to me.

And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

And the servants of Achish said to him, Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

7. So the priest gave him consecrated bread; for there was no bread there but the bread of display, that was taken from before the Lord, to put hot bread in its place on the day when it was taken away.

8. And a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chief of the herdsmen who belonged to Saul.

9. And David said to Ahimelech, And is there not here under your hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's matter required haste.

10. And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you will take that, take it; for there is no other save that one here. And David said, There is none like that; give it to me.

11. And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

12. And the servants of Achish said to him, Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands?
13. And David laid up these words in his heart, and was greatly afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

14. And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scratched on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle run down upon his beard.

15. Then said Achish to his servants, Behold, you see the man is mad; why then have you brought him to me?

16. Have I need of mad men, that you have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?
1. And David departed from there, and escaped to the cave Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.

2. And every one who was in distress, and every one who was in debt, and every one who was discontented, gathered themselves to him; and he became a captain over them; and there were with him about four hundred men.

3. And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I beg you, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

4. And he brought them before the king of Moab; and they lived with him all the while that David was in the fortress.

5. And the prophet Gad said to David, Remain not in the fortress; depart, and go to the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came to the forest of Hareth.

6. When Saul heard that David had been discovered, and the men who were with him, now Saul sat in Gibeah under a tamarisk tree in Ramah, holding his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing around him;
7. Then Saul said to his servants who stood around him, Hear now, you Benjamins; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;

8. That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none who tells me that my son has made a covenant with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you who is sorry for me, or tells me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

9. Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

10. And he inquired of the Lord for him, and gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11. Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests who were in Nob; and they came all of them to the king.

12. And Saul said, Hear now, you son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord.

13. And Saul said to him, Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread, and a sword, and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?
14. Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all your servants as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and gives heed at your bidding, and is honored in your house?

15. Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? be it far from me; let not the king impute any thing to his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for your servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.

16. And the king said, You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you, and all your father's house.

17. And the king said to the runners who stood around him, Turn, and slay the priests of the Lord; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not tell me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the Lord.

18. And the king said to Doeg, Turn, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day eighty five persons who wore a linen ephod.

19. And Nob, the city of the priests, he struck with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and babies, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.
20. And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David.

21. And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the Lord's priests.

22. And David said to Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul; I have caused the death of all the persons of your father's house.

23. Remain with me, fear not; for he who seeks my life seeks your life; but with me you shall be in safekeeping.
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1. Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshing floors.

2. Therefore David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go and strike these Philistines? And the Lord said to David, Go, and strike the Philistines, and save Keilah.

3. And David's men said to him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah; how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?

4. Then David inquired of the Lord yet again. And the Lord answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into your hand.

5. So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and struck them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6. And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

7. And it was told Saul that David came to Keilah. And Saul said, God has delivered him to my hand; for he is has shut himself in, by entering into a town that has gates and bars.
8. And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

9. And David knew that Saul was plotting evil against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring here the ephod.

10. Then said David, O Lord God of Israel, your servant has certainly heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city on my account.

11. Will the men of Keilah deliver me to his hand? will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? O Lord God of Israel, I beseech you, tell your servant. And the Lord said, He will come down.

12. Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men to the hand of Saul? And the Lord said, They will deliver you.

13. Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and went wherever they could go. And it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah; and he refrained from going after.

14. And David stayed in the wilderness in fortresses, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not to his hand.
15. And David saw that Saul came out to seek his life; and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16. And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17. And he said to him, Fear not; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you; and you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you; and that also Saul my father knows.

18. And they two made a covenant before the Lord; and David stayed in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19. Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Does not David hide himself with us in fortresses in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?

20. And therefore, O king, come down according to all your heart's desire; and our part shall be to deliver him to the king's hand.

21. And Saul said, Blessed be you of the Lord; for you have compassion on me.

22. Go, I pray you, be more vigilant, and ascertain his place where his haunt is, and who has seen him there; for it is told me that he acts with great cunning.
23. See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hides himself, and come back to me with the certainty, and I will go with you; and it shall come to pass, if he is in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

24. And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul; but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah to the south of Jeshimon.

25. And Saul and his men went to seek him. And they told David; therefore he came down into a rock, and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

26. And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain; and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men surrounded David and his men to capture them.

27. And there came a messenger to Saul, saying, Hurry, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.

28. And Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines; therefore they called that place Sela-Hammahlekoth.

29. And David went up from there, and stayed in fortresses at Ein-Gedi.
1. And it came to pass, when Saul returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Ein-Gedi.

2. Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3. And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself; and David and his men remained in the back of the cave.

4. And the men of David said to him, Behold the day of which the Lord said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it shall seem good in your eyes. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe secretly.

5. And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart struck him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

6. And he said to his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord.
7. So David scolded his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul rose up from the cave, and went on his way.

8. David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed.

9. And David said to Saul, Why did you listen to men's words, saying, Behold, David seeks your hurt?

10. Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the Lord had delivered you today into my hand in the cave; and some told me to kill you; but my eye spared you; and I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed.

11. Moreover, my father, see, indeed see the skirt of your robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of your robe, and killed you not, know you and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against you; yet you hunt my soul to take it.

12. The Lord judge between me and you, and the Lord avenge me of you; but my hand shall not be upon you.

13. As the proverb of the ancients says, Wickedness proceeds from the wicked; but my hand shall not be upon you.
14. After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog, after a flea.

15. The Lord therefore be judge, and judge between me and you, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me from your hand.

16. And it came to pass, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

17. And he said to David, You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me well, because when the Lord had delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me.

18. And you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me; because when the Lord had delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me.

19. For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go well away? therefore the Lord reward you good for what you have done to me this day.

20. And now, behold, I know well that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

21. Swear now therefore to me by the Lord, that you will not cut off my seed after me, and that you will not destroy my name from my father's house.
22. And David swore to Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men went up to the fortress.
1. And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

2. And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very wealthy, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats; and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3. And the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail; and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance; but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

4. And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep.

5. And David sent out ten young men, and David said to the young men, Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name;

6. And thus shall you say to him: Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.
7. And now I have heard that you have shearers; now your shepherds who were with us, we hurt them not, nor was there anything missing to them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8. Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let the young men find favor in your eyes; for we come in a festive day; give, I beg you, whatever your generosity permits you, to my servants, and to David your son.

9. And when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and waited.

10. And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants now a days who break away every man from his master.

11. Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and the fresh meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men, whom I know not where they are from?

12. So David's young men turned their way, and went back, and came and told him all these sayings.

13. And David said to his men, Gird you on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword; and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred remained with the baggage.
14. But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he railed at them.

15. But the men were very good to us, and we were not harmed, nor did we miss anything, as long as we went with them, when we were in the fields;

16. They were a wall to us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

17. And therefore know and consider what you will do; for evil is intended against our master, and against all his household; for he is such a worthless man, that no man can speak to him.

18. Then Abigail hurried, and took two hundred loaves, and two skins of wine, and five sheep ready prepared, and five measures of parched grain, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

19. And she said to her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

20. And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down under cover of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them.
21. And David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; and he has requited me evil for good.

22. God do that and more also to the enemies of David, if I leave of all that belongs to him by the morning light any who pisses against the wall.

23. And when Abigail saw David, she hurried, and alighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed to the ground,

24. And fell at his feet, and said, On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be; and let your maidservant, I beg you, speak to your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant.

25. Let not my lord, I beg you, regard this worthless man, Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I your maidservant saw not the young men of my lord, whom you sent.

26. And therefore, my lord, as the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, seeing the Lord has restrained you from coming to shed blood, and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now let your enemies, and those who seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.
27. And now this blessing which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord.

28. I beg you, forgive the trespass of your maidservant; for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fights the battles of the Lord, and evil has not been found in you all your days.

29. If men rise up to pursue you, and to seek your soul; the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord your God; and the souls of your enemies, he shall sling out, as from the hollow of a sling.

30. And it shall come to pass, when the Lord shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and shall have appointed you ruler over Israel;
34. For in very deed, as the Lord God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, if you had not hurried and come to meet me, surely there had not been left to Nabal by the morning light any who pisses against the wall.

35. So David received from her hand that which she had brought him, and said to her, Go up in peace to your house; see, I have listened to your voice, and have granted your request.

36. And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; therefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

37. But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.

38. And it came to pass about ten days after, that the Lord struck Nabal, and he died.

39. And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the Lord, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept his servant from evil; for the Lord has returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and talked with Abigail, to take her to him for a wife.
40. And when the servants of David came to Abigail to Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, David sent us to you, to take you to him as a wife.

41. And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let your maidservant be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

42. And Abigail hurried, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with her five maidens who went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

43. And David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and both of them became his wives.

44. And Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was of Gallim.
1. And the Ziphites came to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Does not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?

2. Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3. And Saul camped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the road. But David remained in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4. David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was indeed there.

5. And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had camped; and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his army; and Saul lay in the barricade, and the people camped around him.

6. Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with you.
7. So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the barricade, and his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people lay around him.

8. Then said Abishai to David, God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day; now therefore let me strike him, I beg you, with the spear to the earth at once, and I will not strike him a second time.

9. And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not; for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?

10. And David said, As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

11. The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth my hand against the Lord's anointed; but, I beg you, take now the spear that is at his head, and the jar of water, and let us go.

12. So David took the spear and the jar of water near Saul's head; and they went away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, nor did any awake; for they were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.

13. Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of a hill far away; a great space being between them;
14. And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Will you no answer, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who are you who shouts to the king?

15. And David said to Abner, Are you not a brave man? and who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy the king your lord.

16. This thing is not good that you have done. As the Lord lives, you deserve to die, because you have not guarded your master, the Lord's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the jar of water that was at his head.

17. And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this your voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king.

18. And he said, Why does my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in my hand?

19. And therefore, I beg you, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it is the Lord who has stirred you up against me, let him accept an offering; but if it is the sons of men, cursed be they before the Lord; for they have driven me out this day from having a share in the inheritance of the Lord, saying, Go, serve other gods.
20. And therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the Lord; for the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains.

21. Then said Saul, I have sinned; return, my son David; for I will no more do you harm, because my soul was precious in your eyes this day; behold, I have played the fool, and have erred very much.

22. And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

23. The Lord requite to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the Lord delivered you into my hand today, but I would not stretch forth my hand against the Lord's anointed.

24. And, behold, as your life was much esteemed this day in my eyes, so let my life be much esteemed in the eyes of the Lord, and let him deliver me from all tribulation.

25. Then Saul said to David, Blessed be you, my son David; you shall do great things, and will succeed in them. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.
1. And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul; there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of seeking me any more within the borders of Israel; so shall I escape from his hand.

2. And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men who were with him to Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath.

3. And David stayed with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal’s wife.

4. And Saul was told that David had fled to Gath; and he sought for him no more.

5. And David said to Achish, If I have now found grace in your eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may live there; for why should your servant live in the royal city with you?

6. Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day; therefore Ziklag belongs to the kings of Judah to this day.
7. And the time that David lived in the country of the Philistines was a year and four months.

8. And David and his men went up, and raided the Geshurites, and the Gizrites, and the Amalekites; for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, in the direction to Shur, as far as the land of Egypt.

9. And David struck the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the garments, and returned, and came to Achish.

10. And Achish said, Where did you make a raid today? And David said, Against the Negev of Judah, and against the Negev of the Jerahmeelites, and against the Negev of the Kenites.

11. And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring news to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so was his custom all the while he lived in the country of the Philistines.

12. And Achish believed David, saying, He has made himself completely loathsome to his people Israel; therefore he shall be my servant forever.
1. And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said to David, You must know, that you shall go out with me to battle, you and your men.

2. And David said to Achish, Surely you shall know what your servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make you my bodyguard forever.

3. And Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, in his own city. And Saul had expelled those who were mediums, and the wizards, out of the land.

4. And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and camped in Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they camped in Gilboa.

5. And when Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

6. And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

7. Then said Saul to his servants, Seek me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman in Ein-Dor who is a medium.
8. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other garments, and went, he and two
men with him, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, I beg you,
divine for me by a spirit, and bring him up for me, whoever I shall name to you.

9. And the woman said to him, Behold, you know what Saul has done, how he
has expelled those who are mediums, and the wizards, from the land; why then
do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10. And Saul swore to her by the Lord, saying, As the Lord lives, there shall no
punishment happen to you for this thing.

11. Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up to you? And he said, Bring me
up Samuel.

12. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice; and the
woman spoke to Saul, saying, Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!

13. And the king said to her, Do not be afraid; for what did you see? And the
woman said to Saul, I saw a godlike man ascending from the earth.

14. And he said to her, What is his appearance? And she said, An old man
comes up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was
Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed.
15. And Samuel said to Saul, Why have you disturbed by bringing me up? And Saul answered, I am in great distress; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me, and answers me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams; therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I shall do.

16. Then said Samuel, Why then do you ask of me, seeing the Lord has departed from you, and has become your enemy?

17. And the Lord has done for himself, as he spoke by me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom from your hand, and given it to your neighbor, to David;

18. Because you would not obey the voice of the Lord, nor execute his fierce anger upon Amalek, therefore has the Lord done this thing to you this day.

19. And the Lord will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines; and tomorrow shall you and your sons be with me; the Lord also shall deliver the camp of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

20. Then Saul fell at once full length upon the ground, and was greatly afraid, because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him; for he had not eaten bread all day, nor all night.
21. And the woman came to Saul, and saw that he was greatly troubled, and said to him, Behold, your maidservant has obeyed your voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke to me.

22. And therefore, I beg you, listen you also to the voice of your maid servant, and let me set a morsel of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength, when you go on your way.

23. But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he listened to their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.

24. And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hurried, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and baked with it unleavened bread.

25. And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they ate. Then they rose up, and went away that night.
1. And the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek; and the Israelites camped by a spring which is in Jezreel.

2. And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands; but David and his men passed on in the rear with Achish.

3. Then said the princes of the Philistines, What are these Hebrews doing here? And Achish said to the princes of the Philistines, Is this not David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me a year or more, and I have found no fault in him since he came over to me to this day?

4. And the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; and the princes of the Philistines said to him, Make this fellow return, that he may go back to his place which you have appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us; for how should he reconcile himself to his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?

5. Is this not David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?
6. Then Achish called David, and said to him, Surely, as the Lord lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the camp is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me to this day; nevertheless the lords favor you not.

7. Therefore now return, and go in peace, that you displease not the lords of the Philistines.

8. And David said to Achish, But what have I done? and what have you found in your servant so long as I have been with you to this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

9. And Achish answered and said to David, I know that you are good in my sight, as an angel of God; however the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

10. Therefore now rise up early in the morning with your master's servants who have come with you; and as soon as you are up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

11. So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.
1. And it came to pass, when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and struck Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

2. And had taken the women captives, who were there; they did not kill any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

3. So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, had been taken captives.

4. Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more strength to weep.

5. And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6. And David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters; but David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

7. And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I beg you, bring me here the ephod. And Abiathar brought there the ephod to David.
8. And David inquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue; for you shall surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

9. So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed.

10. But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred remained behind, who were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

11. And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he ate; and they made him drink water;

12. And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins; and when he had eaten, his spirit came back to him; for he had not eaten bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

13. And David said to him, To whom do you belong? and from where are you? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.

14. We made a raid upon the Negev of the Cherethites, and upon the territory which belongs to Judah, and upon the Negev of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.
15. And David said to him, Can you take me to this company? And he said, Swear to me by God, that you will not kill me, nor deliver me to the hands of my master, and I will take you to this company.

16. And when he had brought him, behold, they were spread out upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great plunder that they had taken from the land of the Philistines, and from the land of Judah.

17. And David struck them from twilight until the evening of the next day; and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, who rode upon camels, and fled.

18. And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away; and David rescued his two wives.

19. And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither booty, nor any thing that they had taken; David recovered it all.

20. And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other cattle, and said, This is David's booty.
21. And David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also remain at the brook Besor; and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people who were with him; and when David came near to the people, he greeted them.

22. Then answered all the bad and worthless men, of those who went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them anything of the plunder that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.

23. Then said David, You shall not do so, my brothers, with that which the Lord has given us, who has preserved us, and delivered the company who came against us into our hand.

24. For who will listen to you in this matter? For as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who remains by the baggage; they shall share alike.

25. And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

26. And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the plunder to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the booty of the enemies of the Lord;
27. To them who were in Beth-El, and to them who were in Ramoth-Negev, and to them which were in Jattir,

28. And to them who were in Aroer, and to them who were in Siphmoth, and to them who were in Eshtemoah,

29. And to them who were in Rachal, and to them who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them who were in the cities of the Kenites,

30. And to them who were in Hormah, and to them who were in Chor-Ashan, and to them who were in Athach,

31. And to them who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men had wandered about.
1. And the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down killed in Mount Gilboa.

2. And the Philistines followed closely upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul’s sons.

3. And the battle went hard against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was badly wounded by the archers.

4. Then said Saul to his armor bearer, Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armor bearer would not; for he was terrified. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5. And when his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

6. So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor bearer, and all his men, that same day together.

7. And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, and those who were on the other side of the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
8. And it came to pass on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

9. And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent to the land of the Philistines, to proclaim it in the house of their idols, and among the people.

10. And they put his armor in the house of Ashtaroth; and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-Shean.

11. And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul;

12. All the brave men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-Shean, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.

13. And they took their bones, and buried them under a tamarisk tree at Jabesh and fasted seven days.
1. And it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had stayed two days in Ziklag;

2. It came to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came from the camp from Saul with his clothes torn and earth upon his head; and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and bowed down.

3. And David said to him, From where do you come? And he said to him, From the camp of Israel have I escaped.

4. And David said to him, How went the matter? I beg you, tell me. And he answered, The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also have fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

5. And David said to the young man who told him, How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?

6. And the young man who told him said, As I happened by chance upon Mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and and behold, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

7. And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called me. And I answered, Here am I.
8. And he said to me, Who are you? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite.

9. And he said to me, Stand, I beg you, upon me, and slay me; for agony has come upon me, and yet I still have life in me.

10. So I stood beside him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after he was fallen; and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord.

11. Then David took hold of his clothes, and tore them; and likewise all the men who were with him;

12. And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until the evening, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the Lord, and for the house of Israel; because they had fallen by the sword.

13. And David said to the young man who told him, Where are you from? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite.

14. And David said to him, How were you not afraid to stretch forth your hand to destroy the Lord’s anointed?

15. And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he struck him that he died.
16. And David said to him, Your blood be upon your head; for your mouth has testified against you, saying, I have killed the Lord's anointed.

17. And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son;

18. And he said To teach the sons of Judah the use of the bow; behold, it is written in the book of Jashar.

19. The beauty, O Israel, is slain upon your high places; how are the mighty fallen!

20. Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21. You, Mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings; for there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

22. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

23. Saul and Jonathan were loved and dear in their lives, and in their death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
24. You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25. How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, you were slain in your high places.

26. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very dear have you been to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

27. How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!
1. And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up to any of the cities of Judah? And the Lord said to him, Go up. And David said, Where shall I go up? And he said, To Hebron.

So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite.

And his men who were with him did David bring up, every man with his household; and they lived in the cities of Hebron.

4. And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabesh-Gilead were those who buried Saul.

5. And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-Gilead, and said to them, Blessed be you of the Lord, that you have shown this kindness to your lord, to Saul, and have buried him.

6. And now the Lord show kindness and truth to you; and I also will reward you this kindness, because you have done this thing.

7. Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be brave; for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.
8. And Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's army, took Ish-Bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;

9. And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

10. Ish-Bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.

11. And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

12. And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-Bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

13. And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

14. And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

15. Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which belonged to Ish-Bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.
16. And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together; therefore that place was called Helkath-Hazzurim, which is in Gibeon.

17. And there was a very hard battle that day; and Abner was defeated, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

18. And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel; and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild gazelle.

19. And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner.

20. Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Are you Asahel? And he answered, I am.

21. And Abner said to him, Turn you aside to your right hand or to your left, and lay hold on one of the young men, and take you his armor. But Asahel would not turn aside from following him.

22. And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn aside from following me; why should I strike you to the ground? How then should I hold up my face to Joab your brother?
23. But he refused to turn aside; therefore Abner, with the butt end of the spear, struck him in the belly, so that the spear came out of his back; and he fell down there, and died in the same place; and it came to pass that all those who came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

24. Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner; and the sun went down when they came to the hill of Ammah, that lies before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25. And the sons of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of a hill.

26. Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitterness in the end? How long shall it be then, before you bid the people return from following their brothers?

27. And Joab said, As God lives, unless you had spoken, surely then in the morning the people would have gone up every one from following his brother.

28. So Joab blew the shofar, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, nor did they fight any more.

29. And Abner and his men walked all that night through the Arabah, and passed over the Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.
30. And Joab returned from following Abner; and when he had gathered all the people together, nineteen of David's servants, and Asahel, were missing.

31. But the servants of David had struck of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, three hundred and sixty men, and they died.

32. And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulcher of his father, which was in Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.
1. And there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; but David became stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.

2. And to David were sons born in Hebron; and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

3. And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur;

4. And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

5. And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

6. And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.

7. And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Ajah; and Ish-Bosheth said to Abner, Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?
8. Then was Abner very angry for the words of Ish-Bosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head of Judah? I show kindness this day to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, by not delivering you to the hand of David; nevertheless you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman.

9. So do God to Abner, and more also, unless, as the Lord has sworn to David, so I do to him;

10. To transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beersheba.

11. And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

12. And Abner sent messengers to David from his place, saying, Whose is the land? Make your covenant with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with you, to bring all Israel to you.

13. And he said, Well; I will make a covenant with you; but one thing I require of you, that is, You shall not see my face, unless you first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face.

14. And David sent messengers to Ish-Bosheth, Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed at the price of a hundred foreskins of the Philistines.
15. And Ish-Bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, from Paltiel the son of Laish.

16. And her husband went with her along weeping after her all the way to Bahurim. Then said Abner to him, Go, return. And he returned.

17. And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, You sought for David in times past to be king over you;

18. And then do it; for the Lord has spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel from the hand of the Philistines, and from the hand of all their enemies.

19. And Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin; and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.

20. So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men who were with him a feast.

21. And Abner said to David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may reign over all that your heart desires. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.
22. And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great booty with them; but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace.

23. When Joab and all the army that was with him came, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he went in peace.

24. Then Joab came to the king, and said, What have you done? behold, Abner came to you; why is it that you have sent him away, and is he quite gone?

25. You know Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you, and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you do.

26. And when Joab came out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him again from the well of Sirah; but David knew it not.

27. And when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and struck him there in the belly, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

28. And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the Lord forever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner;
29. Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one who has a discharge, or who is a leper, or who leans on crutches, or who is killed by the sword, or who lacks bread.

30. So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31. And David said to Joab, and to all the people who were with him, Tear your clothes, and gird yourself with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier.

32. And they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

33. And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Should Abner die as a fool dies?

34. Your hands were not bound, nor your feet put into fetters; as a man falls before wicked men, so fell you. And all the people wept again over him.

35. And when all the people came to persuade David to eat bread while it was yet day, David swore, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or anything else, till the sun be down.
36. And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them; as everything that the king did pleased all the people.

37. For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

38. And the king said to his servants, Do you not know you that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?

39. And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah are too hard for me; the Lord shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.
1. And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

2. And Saul's son had two men who were captains of bands; the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the sons of Benjamin; for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin.

3. And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.

4. And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the news came of Saul and Jonathan from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled; and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephi-Bosheth.

5. And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-Bosheth, who was laying down for his noon rest.

6. And they came into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they struck him in the belly; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.
7. For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bed chamber, and they struck him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and went away through the Arabah all night.

8. And they brought the head of Ish-Bosheth to David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-Bosheth the son of Saul your enemy, which sought your life; and the Lord has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

9. And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, As the Lord lives, who has redeemed my soul from all adversity,

10. When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good news, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would give him a reward for his news;

11. How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous person in his own house on his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

12. And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-Bosheth, and buried it in the sepulcher of Abner in Hebron.
1. Then came all the tribes of Israel to David to Hebron, and spoke, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

2. Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were he that led out and brought in Israel; and the Lord said to you, You shall feed my people Israel, and you shall be a captain over Israel.

3. So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord; and they anointed David king over Israel.

4. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty three years over all Israel and Judah.

6. And the king and his men went to Jerusalem to the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land; who spoke to David, saying, Unless you even take away the blind and the lame, you shall not come in here; thinking, David cannot come in here.

7. Nevertheless David took the fortress of Zion; the same is the city of David.
8. And David said on that day, Whoever gets up to the aqueduct, and strikes the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Therefore the saying, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

9. So David lived in the fortress, and called it the city of David. And David built around from the Millo inward.

10. And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him.

11. And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons; and they built David a house.

12. And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

13. And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron; and there were more sons and daughters born to David.

14. And these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,

15. Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,
16. And Elishama, and Eliadah, and Eliphalet.

17. But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the fortress.

18. The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

19. And David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said to David, Go up; for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines to your hand.

20. And David came to Baal-Perazim, and David defeated them there, and said, The Lord has broken forth upon my enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-Perazim.

21. And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

22. And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

23. And when David inquired of the Lord, he said, You shall not go up; but make a circuit behind them, and come upon them opposite the balsam trees.
24. And let it be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, that then you shall bestir yourself; for then shall the Lord go out before you, to strike the camp of the Philistines.

25. And David did so, as the Lord had commanded him; and struck the Philistines from Geba until you come to Gezer.
1. Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2. And David arose, and went with all the people who were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the Lord of Hosts who dwells between the Cherubim.

3. And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it from the house of Abinadab that was in Geba; and Uzza and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.

4. And they brought it from the house of Abinadab which was at Geba, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.

5. And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of cypress wood, on lyres, and on lutes, and on tambourines, and on rattles, and on cymbals.

6. And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzza put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.

7. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza; and God struck him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.
8. And David was displeased, because the Lord had made a burst out against Uzza; and he called the name of the place Perez-Uzza to this day.

9. And David was afraid of the Lord that day, and said, How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?

10. So David would not move the ark of the Lord to him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

11. And the ark of the Lord continued in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months; and the Lord blessed Obed-Edom, and all his household.

12. And it was told king David, saying, The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-Edom, and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the city of David with gladness.

13. And it was so, that when those who carried the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

14. And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

15. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the shofar.
16. And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

17. And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

18. And as soon as David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of Hosts.

19. And he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of meat, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house.

20. Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the maidservants of his servants, as one of the low fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!

21. And David said to Michal, It was before the Lord, who chose me before your father, and before all his house, to appoint me prince over the people of the Lord, over Israel; therefore will I play before the Lord.
22. And I will make myself more contemptible than this, and will be abased in my sight; and of the maidservants which you have spoken of, of them shall I be held in honor.

23. And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.
1. And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies;

2. That the king said to Nathan the prophet, See now, I live in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within curtains.

3. And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in your heart; for the Lord is with you.

4. And it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying,

5. Go and tell my servant David, Thus said the Lord, Shall you build me a house for me to dwell in?

6. Because I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the people of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7. In all the places where I have walked with all the people of Israel spoke I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why do you not build me a house of cedar?
8. And therefore so shall you say to my servant David, Thus said the Lord of Hosts, I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

9. And I was with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from your sight, and have made you a great name, like the names of the great men who are in the earth.

10. And I have appointed a place for my people Israel, and have planted them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; nor shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as formerly,

11. From the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that he will make you a house.

12. And when your days are fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who shall issue from your bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with such plagues as befall the sons of men;
15. But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before you.

16. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you; your throne shall be established forever.

17. According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to David.

18. Then went king David in, and sat before the Lord, and he said, Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?

19. And this was yet a small thing in your sight, O Lord God; but you have spoken also of your servant's house continuing for a great while to come. And does any man deserve such a course, O Lord God?

20. And what can David say more to you? for you, Lord God, know your servant.

21. For your word's sake, and according to your own heart, have you done all these great things, to make your servant know them.

22. Therefore you are great, O Lord God; for there is none like you, neither is there any God beside you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
23. And what one nation in the earth is like your people, like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and awesome, for your land, before your people, which you redeemed to you from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

24. For you have confirmed to yourself your people Israel to be a people to you forever; and you, Lord, have become their God.

25. And now, O Lord God, the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, establish it forever, and do as you have said.

26. And let your name be magnified forever, saying, The Lord of Hosts is the God over Israel; and let the house of your servant David be established before you.

27. For you, O Lord of Hosts, God of Israel, have revealed to your servant, saying, I will build you a house; therefore has your servant found in his heart to pray this prayer to you.

28. And now, O Lord God, you are that God, and your words are true, and you have promised this goodness to your servant;

29. Therefore now let it please you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you; for you, O Lord God, have spoken it; and with your blessing let the house of your servant be blessed forever.
1. And after this it came to pass, that David defeated the Philistines, and subdued them; and David took Methemgammah from the hand of the Philistines.

2. And he defeated Moab, and measured them with a line, making them lie down in the ground; with two lines he measured to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought tribute.

3. David defeated also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to extend his dominion at the river Euphrates.

4. And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers; and David lamed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for a hundred chariots.

5. And when the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Arameans twenty two thousand men.

6. Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus; and the Arameans became servants to David, and brought tribute. And the Lord saved David wherever he went.
7. And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8. And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took very much bronze.

9. When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer,

10. Then Toi sent Joram his son to king David, to greet him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and defeated him; for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him utensils of silver, and utensils of gold, and utensils of bronze;

11. Which also king David consecrated to the Lord, with the silver and gold that he had consecrated from all the nations which he had conquered;


13. And David won a name for himself when he returned from striking the Arameans in the Valley of Salt, being eighteen thousand men.
14. And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the Lord preserved David wherever he went.

15. And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice to all his people.

16. And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

17. And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe;

18. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.
1. And David said, Is there yet any who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

2. And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him to David, the king said to him, Are you Ziba? And he said, Your servant is he.

3. And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him? And Ziba said to the king, There is still a son of Jonathan, who is lame on his feet.

4. And the king said to him, Where is he? And Ziba said to the king, Behold your servant! And David said, Mephi-Bosheth. And he answered, Behold your servant!

5. Then king David sent, and fetched him from the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-Debar.

6. And when Mephi-Bosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he fell on his face, and bowed to the ground. And David said, Mephi-Bosheth. And he answered, Behold your servant!
7. And David said to him, Fear not; for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore you all the land of Saul your father; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.

8. And he bowed, and said, What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I am?

9. Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house.

10. You therefore, and your sons, and your servants, shall till the land for him, and you shall bring in the fruits, that your master's son may have food to eat; but Mephi-Bosheth your master's son shall eat bread always at my table. And Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11. Then said Ziba to the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so shall your servant do. As for Mephi-Bosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

12. And Mephi-Bosheth had a young son, whose name was Micah. And all who lived in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephi-Bosheth.

13. So Mephi-Bosheth lived in Jerusalem; and he ate continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.
1. And it came to pass after this, that the king of the Ammonites died, and Hanun his son reigned in his place.

2. Then said David, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came to the land of the Ammonites.

3. And the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, Do you think that David does honor your father, that he has sent comforters to you? Has not David rather sent his servants to you, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthower it?

4. Therefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, to their buttocks, and sent them away.

5. When they told it to David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed; and the king said, Remain at Jericho until your beards are grown, and then return.

6. And when the Ammonites saw that they had become odious to David, the Ammonites sent and hired the Arameans of Beth-Rehob, and the Arameans of Zoba, twenty thousand foot soldiers, and of king of Maachah a thousand men, and of Ishtob twelve thousand men.
7. And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the army of the mighty men.

8. And the Ammonites came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate; and the Arameans of Zoba, and of Rehob, and Ishtob, and Maachah, were by themselves in the field.

9. When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Arameans;

10. And the rest of the people he delivered to the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the Ammonites.

11. And he said, If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will come and help you.

12. Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people, and for the cities of our God; and the Lord do that which seems good in his eyes.

13. And Joab drew near, and the people who were with him, to the battle against the Arameans; and they fled before him.

14. And when the Ammonites saw that the Arameans had fled, then they also fled before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the Ammonites, and came to Jerusalem.
15. And when the Arameans saw that they were defeated before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

16. And Hadadezer sent, and brought out the Arameans who were beyond the river; and they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the army of Hadadezer went before them.

17. And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Arameans set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.

18. And the Arameans fled before Israel; and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Arameans, and forty thousand horse soldiers, and struck Shobach the captain of their army, who died there.

19. And when all the kings who were servants to Hadadezer saw that they were defeated before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Arameans feared to help the Ammonites any more.
And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

And it came to pass one evening, that David arose from his bed, and walked on the roof of the king's house; and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in to him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness; and she returned to her house.

And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.
7. And when Uriah came to him, David asked of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

8. And David said to Uriah, Go down to your house, and wash your feet. And Uriah departed from the king's house, and there followed him a portion of food from the king.

9. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

10. And when they had told David, saying, Uriah did not go down to his house, David said to Uriah, Did you not come from your journey? why then did you not go down to your house?

11. And Uriah said to David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, remain in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.

12. And David said to Uriah, Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart. So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day, and the next day.

13. And when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk; and at the evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but did not go down to his house.
14. And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15. And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set Uriah in the front of the hottest battle, and retire from him, that he may be struck, and die.

16. And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew that brave men were.

17. And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab; and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18. Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

19. And charged the messenger, saying, When you have finished telling the matters of the war to the king,

20. And if the king's anger should arise, and he says to you, Why did you approach so near to the city when you fought? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?

21. Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall? Then you will say: Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.
22. So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent him for.

23. And the messenger said to David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out to us into the field, and we were upon them up to the entrance of the gate.

24. And the shooters shot from the wall upon your servants; and some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

25. Then David said to the messenger, Thus shall you say to Joab, Let not this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it; and encourage him.

26. And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27. And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.
1. And the Lord sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2. The rich man had very many flocks and herds;

3. But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up; and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it ate of his own food, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was to him as a daughter.

4. And there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take from his own flock and of his own herd, to prepare for the traveller who came to him; but took the poor man's lamb, and prepared it for the man who came to him.

5. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord lives, the man who has done this thing shall surely die;

6. And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

7. And Nathan said to David, You are the man. Thus said the Lord God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul;
8. And I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives to your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given to you such and such things.

9. Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

10. And therefore the sword shall never depart from your house; because you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

11. Thus said the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of the sun.

12. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

13. And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said to David, The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

14. But because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child who is born to you shall surely die.
15. And Nathan departed to his house. And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it was very sick.

16. David therefore prayed to God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

17. And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

18. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead; for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he would not listen to our voice; how will he then harm himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

19. But when David saw that his servants whispered, David understood that the child was dead; therefore David said to his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

20. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his garment, and came to the house of the Lord, and bowed down; then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he ate.

21. Then said his servants to him, What thing is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child, while he was alive; but when the child was dead, you did rise and eat bread.
22. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

23. But now he is dead, why should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

24. And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her, and lay with her; and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon; and the Lord loved him.

25. And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the Lord.

26. And Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites, and took the royal city.

27. And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

28. And therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it; lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.

29. And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.
30. And he took their king's crown from off his head, its weight was a talent of gold with the precious stones; and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the booty of the city in great abundance.

31. And he brought out the people who were there, and set them to labor with saws, and iron picks and iron axes, and made them pass through the brick kilns; and thus did he to all the cities of the Ammonites. So David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.
1. And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2. And Amnon was so tormented, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

3. But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother; and Jonadab was a very cunning man.

4. And he said to him, Why are you, being the king's son, so wasted from day to day? will you not tell me? And Amnon said to him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.

5. And Jonadab said to him, Lay down on your bed, and make yourself sick; and when your father comes to see you, say to him, I pray you, let my sister Tamar come, and give me bread, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it of her hand.

6. So Amnon lay down, and feigned to be sick; and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, I beg you, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat of her hand.
7. Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare him food.

8. So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. and she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes.

9. And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Send out all the men from me. And they went out every man from him.

10. And Amnon said to Tamar, Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat of your hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11. And when she had brought them to him to eat, he took hold of her, and said to her, Come lie with me, my sister.

12. And she answered him, No, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel; do not do this shameful deed.

13. And I, where shall I carry my shame? and as for you, you shall be as one of the base men in Israel. And therefore, I beg you, speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you.
14. But he would not listen to her voice; but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

15. Then Amnon hated her very much; so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, Get up, be gone.

16. And she said to him, Do not add this greater wrong of sending me away to the other that you did to me. But he would not listen to her.

17. Then he called his servant who ministered to him, and said, Take now this woman away from me, and bolt the door after her.

18. And she had a long sleeved robe upon her; for with such robes were the king's daughters who were virgins dressed. Then his servant took her out, and bolted the door after her.

19. And Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her long sleeved rope, that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, crying aloud as she went.

20. And Absalom her brother said to her, Has Amnon your brother been with you? but keep silence, my sister; he is your brother; take not this thing to heart. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.
21. But when king David heard of all these things, he was very angry.

22. And Absalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had raped his sister Tamar.

23. And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-Hazor, which is beside Ephraim; and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24. And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, your servant has sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech you, and his servants go with your servant.

25. And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all now go, lest we should be a burden to you. And he pressed him; but he would not go, and he blessed him.

26. Then said Absalom, If not, I beg you, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said to him, Why should he go with you?

27. But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28. And Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, Strike Amnon; then kill him, fear not; have I not commanded you? be courageous, and be brave.
29. And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man rode on his mule, and fled.

30. And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that news came to David, saying, Absalom has killed all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

31. Then the king arose, and tore his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.

32. And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have killed all the young men the king's sons; for only Amnon is dead; for by the command of Absalom this has been ordained from the day that he raped his sister Tamar.

33. And therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead; for only Amnon is dead.

34. And Absalom fled. And the young man who kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, many people came by the way of the hill side behind him.

35. And Jonadab said to the king, Behold, the king's sons come; as your servant said, so it is.
36. And it came to pass, as soon as he had finished speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept; and the king also and all his servants wept very bitterly.

37. And Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

38. So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

39. And the soul of king David longed to go out to Absalom; for he was comforted concerning the death of Amnon.
1. And Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was towards Absalom.

2. And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched there a wise woman, and said to her, I beg you, feign yourself to be a mourner, and put on now a mourning dress, and anoint not yourself with oil, but be as a woman that has for a long time mourned for the dead;

3. And come to the king, and speak on this manner to him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

4. And when the woman of Tekoah spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and bowed, and said, Help, O king.

5. And the king said to her, What ails you? And she answered, I am indeed a widowed woman, and my husband is dead.

6. And your maidservant had two sons, and they quarrelled with one another in the field, and there was none to part them, but one struck the other, and slew him.
7. And, behold, the whole family is risen against your maidservant, and they said, Deliver him who struck his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also; and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband a name or a remainder upon the earth.

8. And the king said to the woman, Go to your house, and I will give charge concerning you.

9. And the woman of Tekoah said to the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house; and the king and his throne be guiltless.

10. And the king said, Whoever says anything to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you any more.

11. Then said she, I beg you, let the king remember the Lord your God, that the avenger of blood to destroy not any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the Lord lives, there shall not one hair of your son fall to the earth.

12. Then the woman said, Let your maidservant, I beg you, speak one word to My lord the king. And he said, Speak.

13. And the woman said, Why then have you thought such a thing against the people of God? For the king speaks this thing as one who is guilty, in that the king does not fetch home again his banished one.
14. For we shall surely die, and are as water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither does God take away life; but devises means, that none of us be banished.

15. And therefore I have come to speak of this thing to My lord the king because the people have made me afraid; and your maidservant said, I will now speak to the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his maidservant.

16. For the king will hear, to deliver his maidservant from the hand of the man who would destroy me and my son together from the inheritance of God.

17. Then your maidservant said, The word of My lord the king shall now be comfortable; for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad; therefore the Lord your God will be with you.

18. Then the king answered and said to the woman, Hide not from me, I pray you, the thing that I shall ask you. And the woman said, Let My lord the king now speak.

19. And the king said, Is not the hand of Joab with you in all this? And the woman answered and said, As your soul lives, My lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that My lord the king has spoken; for your servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of your maidservant;
20. To turn this matter the other way has your servant Joab done this thing; and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

21. And the king said to Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing; go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.

22. And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed, and thanked the king; and Joab said, Today your servant knows that I have found grace in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has fulfilled the request of his servant.

23. So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24. And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

25. But in all Israel there was none so much praised as Absalom for his beauty; from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

26. And when he shaved his head, for it was at every year's end that he shaved it; because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he shaved it; he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels according to the king's weight.
27. And to Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar; she was a beautiful woman.

28. So Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face.

29. Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him; and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30. Therefore he said to his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire.

31. Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom to his house, and said to him, Why have your servants set my field on fire?

32. And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent for you, saying, Come here, that I may send you to the king, to say, Why have I come from Geshur? It would have been good for me to have been there still; now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there is any iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33. So Joab came to the king, and told him; and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed on his face to the ground before the king; and the king kissed Absalom.
1. And it came to pass after this, that Absalom got himself chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate; and it was so, that when any man who had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called to him, and said, Of what city are you? And he said, Your servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.

3. And Absalom said to him, See, your matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear you.

4. Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man who has any suit or cause might come to me, and I would do him justice!

5. And it was so, that when any man came near to him to bow down to him, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.

6. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel who came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7. And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said to the king, I beg you, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the Lord, in Hebron.
8. For your servant vowed a vow while I stayed at Geshur in Aram, saying, If the Lord shall bring me back indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord.

9. And the king said to him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10. But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as you hear the sound of the shofar, then you shall say, Absalom reigns in Hebron.

11. And with Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem, who were invited; and they went in their simplicity, and knew nothing.

12. And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilohnite, David's counsellor, from his city, from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy became strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13. And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom.

14. And David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom; make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword.
15. And the king's servants said to the king, Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king shall choose.

16. And the king went out, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, who were concubines, to keep the house.

17. And the king went out, and all the people after him, and stayed in a place that was far away.

18. And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19. Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Why do you go with us? Return, and take back your brothers with you in loyal kindness and truth.

20. You came but yesterday, should I this day make you go up and down with us? Return and take back your brothers with you in loyal kindness and truth.

21. And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will your servant be.
22. And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones who were with him.

23. And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over; the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24. And behold, Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, carrying the ark of the covenant of God; and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had passed out of the city.

25. And the king said to Zadok, Carry back the ark of God to the city; if I shall find favor in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me again, and show me both it, and its habitation;

26. But if he says, I have no delight in you; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seems good to him.

27. The king said also to Zadok the priest, Are you not a seer? Return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

28. See, I will remain in the plains of the wilderness, until there comes word from you bringing me news.
29. Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem; and they remained there.

30. And David went up by the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot; and all the people who was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

31. And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O Lord, I beg you, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

32. And it came to pass, that when David came to the top of the mount, where he bowed down to God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat torn, and earth upon his head;

33. To whom David said, If you pass on with me, then you shall be a burden to me;

34. But if you return to the city, and say to Absalom, I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant till now, so will I now also be your servant; then may you defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel.

35. And have you not there with you Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that whatever matter you shall hear from the king's house, you shall tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.
36. Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them you shall send to me every matter that you can hear.

37. So Hushai David's friend came to the city, and Absalom came to Jerusalem.
1. And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephi-Bosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruits, and a skin of wine.

2. And the king said to Ziba, What do you mean by these? And Ziba said, The asses are for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

3. And the king said, And where is your master's son? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he remains at Jerusalem; for he said, Today shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.

4. Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, yours is all that belonged to Mephi-Bosheth. And Ziba said, I humbly beseech you that I may find grace in your sight, my lord, O king.

5. And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came out, cursing as he came.

6. And he threw stones at David, and at all the servants of king David; and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.
7. And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, you bloody man, and you worthless man;

8. The Lord has returned upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the Lord has delivered the kingdom to the hand of Absalom your son; and, behold, you are in evil plight, because you are a bloody man.

9. Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah to the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I beg you, and take off his head.

10. And the king said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the Lord has said to him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Why have you done so?

11. And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, who came forth from my bowels, seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjamite do? Let him alone, and let him curse; for the Lord has bidden him.

12. It may be that the Lord will look on my affliction, and that the Lord will reward me good for his cursing this day.

13. And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side opposite him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and flung dust.
14. And the king, and all the people who were with him, arrived tired, and refreshed themselves there.

15. And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16. And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, Long live the king; long live the king!

17. And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this your kindness to your friend? why did you not go with your friend?

18. And Hushai said to Absalom, No; but whom the Lord, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I remain.

19. And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so will I be in your presence.

20. Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do.

21. And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that you have made yourself odious to your father; then shall the hands of all who are with you be strengthened.
22. So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

23. And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had inquired of the word of God; so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.
1. And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night;

2. And I will come upon him while he is tired and weak handed, and will make him afraid; and all the people who are with him shall flee; and I will strike the king only;

3. And I will bring back all the people to you; when all return, after the dead of the man who you seek, all the people shall be in peace.

4. And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

5. Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he says.

6. And when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, Ahithophel has spoken after this manner; shall we do after his saying? if not; speak you.

7. And Hushai said to Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel has given is not good at this time.
8. For, said Hushai, you know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are embittered in their minds, as a bear robbed of her cubs in the field; and your father is a man of war, and will not spend the night with the people.

9. Behold, he is hidden now in some pit, or in some other place; and it will come to pass, when some of them fall in the first attack, that whoever hears it will say, There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.

10. And he also who is brave, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall completely melt; for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who be with him are brave men.

11. Therefore I counsel that all Israel should be gathered to you, from Dan to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that you go to battle in your own person.

12. So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will encamp upon him like the dew falling on the ground; and of him and of all the men who are with him there shall not be left so much as one.

13. Moreover, if he withdraws himself into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will drag it into the ravine, until not one small stone should be found there.
14. And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the Lord had ordained it to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring evil upon Absalom.

15. Then said Hushai to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled.

16. And therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people who are with him.

17. And Jonathan and Ahimaaz waited by Ein-Rogel; for they might not be seen coming into the city; and a maidservant went and told them; and they went and told king David.

18. Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom; but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; where they went down.

19. And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground grain on it; and the thing was not known.
20. And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said to them, They are gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21. And it came to pass, after they departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said to David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water; for thus has Ahithophel counselled against you.

22. Then David arose, and all the people who were with him, and they passed over the Jordan; by the morning light not one of them had failed to pass over the Jordan.

23. And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and went home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulcher of his father.

24. Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25. And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab; and Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Ithra an Israelite, who had taken to himself Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother.

26. So Israel and Absalom camped in the land of Gilead.
27. And it came to pass, when David came to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-Debar, and Barzilai the Gileadite of Rogelim,

28. Brought beds, and basins, and earthen utensils, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched grain, and beans, and lentils, and parched pulse,

29. And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of cows, for David, and for the people who were with him, to eat; for they said, The people are hungry, and tired, and thirsty, in the wilderness.
1. And David counted the people who were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.

2. And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.

3. But the people answered, You shall not go forth; for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us; but now you are worth ten thousand of us; therefore now it is better that you should be our help from the city.

4. And the king said to them, What seems you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

5. And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6. So the people went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim;
7. And there the people of Israel were defeated by the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men.

8. For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9. And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the sky and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

10. And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging from an oak.

11. And Joab said to the man who told him, And, behold, you saw him, and why did you not strike him there to the ground? And I would have given you ten shekels of silver, and a girdle.

12. And the man said to Joab, Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in my hand, still I would not put forth my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king charged you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom.
13. Otherwise I should have acted falsely against my own life; for there is no matter hidden from the king, and you would have stood aloof.

14. Then said Joab, It is not proper for me to beg before you. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive in the midst of the oak.

15. And ten young men who carried Joab’s armor surrounded him and struck Absalom, and slew him.

16. And Joab blew the shofar, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel; for Joab held back the people.

17. And they took Absalom, and threw him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him; and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

18. And Absalom in his lifetime had taken and erected for himself a pillar, which is in the king's valley; for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance; and he called the pillar after his own name; and it is called to this day, Absalom’s monument.

19. Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bring the king news, how the Lord has avenged him of his enemies.
20. And Joab said to him, You shall not bring news this day, but you shall bring news another day; but this day you shall bring no news, because the king’s son is dead.

21. Then said Joab to the Cushite, Go tell the king what you have seen. And the Cushite bowed to Joab, and ran.

22. Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But nonetheless, let me, I beg you, also run after the Cushite. And Joab said, Why will you run, my son, seeing that you have no profitable news?

23. But nonetheless, said he, let me run. And he said to him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overtook the Cushite.

24. And David sat between the two gates; and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate to the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone.

25. And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he is alone, there are news in his mouth. And he came nearer and nearer.

26. And the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called to the gatekeeper, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also brings news.
27. And the watchman said, I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and comes with good news.

28. And Ahimaaz called, and said to the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delivered up the men who lifted up their hand against my lord the king.

29. And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was.

30. And the king said to him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

31. And, behold, the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, News, my lord the king; for the Lord has avenged you this day of all those who rose up against you.

32. And the king said to the Cushite, Is the young man Absalom safe? And the Cushite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do you hurt, be as that young man is.
1. And the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for you, O Absalom, my son, my son!

2. And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom.

3. And the victory that day was turned into mourning for all the people; for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

4. And the people went by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

5. But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!

6. And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, You have shamed this day the faces of all your servants, who this day have saved your life, and the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines;

7. In that you love your enemies, and hate your friends. For you have declared this day, that you regard neither princes nor servants; for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and we had all died this day, then it would have pleased you well.
8. And therefore arise, go forth, and speak kindly to your servants; for I swear by the Lord, if you do not go, no one will remain with you this night; and that will be worse to you than all the evil that has come upon you from your youth until now.

9. Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told to all the people, saying, Behold, the king sits in the gate. And all the people came before the king; for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

10. And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us from the hand of our enemies, and he saved us from the hand of the Philistines; and now he has fled from the land because of Absalom.

11. And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. And therefore why do you not speak a word about bringing the king back?

12. And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel has already come to the king, to his house.

13. You are my brothers, you are my bones and my flesh; why then are you the last to bring back the king?
14. And say to Amasa, Are you not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if you are not captain of the army before me continually in place of Joab.

15. And he turned the hearts of all the men of Judah, like the heart of one man; so that they sent this word to the king, Return, you, and all your servants.

16. So the king returned, and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over the Jordan.

17. And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, who was of Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David.

18. And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over the Jordan to meet the king.

19. And there went over a boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he came over the Jordan;

20. And said to the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity to me, nor should you remember that which your servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went from Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.
21. For your servant knows that I have sinned; therefore, behold, I am the first tocome this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

22. But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put
to death for this, because he cursed the Lord's anointed?

23. And David said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you
should this day be adversaries to me? Shall there any man be put to death this
day in Israel? For do not I know that I am this day king over Israel?

24. Therefore the king said to Shimei, You shall not die. And the king swore to
him.

25. And Mephi-Bosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had
neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the
day the king departed until the day he returned in peace.

26. And it came to pass, when he came to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the
king said to him, Why did you not go with me, Mephi-Bosheth?

27. And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me; for your
servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride on, and go to the king;
because your servant is lame.
28. And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is like an angel of God; do therefore what is good in your eyes.

29. For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who eat at your own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more to the king?

30. And the king said to him, Why do you speak any more of your affairs? I have decided, You and Ziba divide the land.

31. And Mephi-Bosheth said to the king, Let him take it all, since my lord the king has returned in peace to his own house.

32. And Barzilai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him over the Jordan.

33. And Barzilai was a very old man, eighty years old; and he had provided the king with food while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very wealthy man.

34. And the king said to Barzilai, Come over with me, and I will feed you with me in Jerusalem.

35. And Barzilai said to the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?
36. I am this day eighty years old; and can I discern between good and evil? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be a further burden to my lord the king?

37. Your servant will go a little way over the Jordan with the king; and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

38. Let your servant, I beg you, turn back, that I may die in my own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold your servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good in your eyes.

39. And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good in your eyes; and whatever you shall require of me, that will I do for you.

40. And all the people went over the Jordan. And when the king came over, the king kissed Barzilai, and blessed him; and he returned to his own place.

41. Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him; and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.
42. And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over the Jordan?

43. And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us. Why then are you angry about this matter? Have we eaten at all of the king's cost? Or has he given us any gift?

44. And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than you; why then did you despise us. And was not our word first for bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.
1. And there happened to be there a worthless man, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite; and he blew a shofar, and said, We have no part in David, nor do we have an inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to his tents, O Israel.

2. So every man of Israel withdrew from David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah followed fast their king, from the Jordan to Jerusalem.

3. And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them under guard, and fed them, but went not in to them. So they were shut up to the day of their death, widows of a living husband.

4. Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and you be present here.

5. So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah; but he delayed longer than the set time which he had assigned him.

6. And David said to Abishai, And shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom; take you your lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get himself fortified cities, and escape us.
7. And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men; and they went from Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

8. When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab was girded with a coat, his usual garment, and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in its sheath; and as he went forth it fell out.

9. And Joab said to Amasa, Are you well, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

10. But Amasa took no heed of the sword that was in Joab's hand; so he struck him with it in the belly, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and did not strike him again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai, his brother, pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.

11. And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He who favors Joab, and he who is for David, let him go after Joab.

12. And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa from the highway to the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one who came by him stood still.
13. When he was removed from the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14. And he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel, and to Beth-Maachah, and all the Berites; and they were gathered together, and went also after him.

15. And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-Maachah, and they threw up a mound of earth against the city, and it stood up against the wall; and all the people who were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.

16. Then cried a wise woman from the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, to Joab, Come near here, that I may speak with you.

17. And when he came near to her, the woman said, Are you Joab? And he answered, I am. Then she said to him, Hear the words of your maidservant. And he answered, I hear.

18. Then she spoke, saying, They were wont to speak in old times, saying, Let them ask counsel at Abel, and so they would have ended the matter.

19. I am one of those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel; you seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel; why will you swallow up the inheritance of the Lord?
20. And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

21. The matter is not so; but a man of Mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has lifted up his hand against the king, against David; deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said to Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall.

22. Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it out to Joab. And he blew a shofar, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

23. And Joab was in command of all the army of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites;

24. And Adoram was over the tribute; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

25. And Sheva was scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests;

26. And Ira also the Jairite was also a priest to David.
1. Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David inquired of the Lord. And the Lord answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

2. And the king called the Gibeonites, and said to them; now the Gibeonites were not of the people of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the people of Israel had sworn to them; and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the people of Israel and Judah.

3. Therefore David said to the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the Lord?

4. And the Gibeonites said to him, We will have no silver nor gold from Saul, nor from his house; neither for us shall you kill any man in Israel. And he said, What you shall say, that will I do for you.

5. And they answered the king, The man who consumed us, and who plotted against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel,

6. Let seven men of his sons be delivered to us, and we will hang them up to the Lord in Gibeah of Saul, whom the Lord did choose. And the king said, I will give them.
7. But the king spared Mephi-Bosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the Lord's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8. But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Ajah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephi-Bosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzilai the Meholathite;

9. And he delivered them to the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the Lord; and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of the barley harvest.

10. And Rizpah the daughter of Ajah took a sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of the harvest until water dropped upon them from heaven, and did not let the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

11. And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Ajah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

12. And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-Gilead, who had stolen them from the street of Beth-Shean, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa;
13. And he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of those who were hanged.

14. And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulcher of Kish his father; and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was entreated for the land.

15. Moreover the Philistines had war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines; and David grew tired.

16. And Ishbi-Benob, which was of the sons of the Rapha, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of bronze in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have killed David.

17. But Abishai the son of Zeruiah came to his help, and struck the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, You shall go no more out with us to battle, that you quench not the lamp of Israel.

18. And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob; then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Saph, who was of the sons of the Rapha.
19. And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaarei-Orgim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20. And there was yet another battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, who had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, twenty four in number; and he also was born to the Rapha.

21. And he taunted Israel, and Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him.

22. These four were born to the Rapha in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.
1. And David spoke to the Lord the words of this song in the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul;

2. And he said, The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3. The God of my rock; in him will I trust; he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.

4. I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.

5. When the waves of death surrounded me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;

6. The cords of Sheol encircled me; the snares of death confronted me;

7. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God; and he heard my voice from his temple, and my cry entered into his ears.

8. Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because of his anger.
9. There went up a smoke from his nostrils, and fire from his mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it.

10. He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet.

11. And he rode upon a Cherub, and did fly; and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

12. And he made darkness pavilions around him, the heavy mass of waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13. Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.

14. The Lord thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered his voice.

15. And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and confounded them.

16. And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were laid bare, at the rebuking of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17. He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;

18. He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me; for they were too strong for me.
19. They surprised me in the day of my calamity; but the Lord was my stay.

20. He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

21. The Lord rewards me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he recompenses me.

22. For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23. For all his judgments were before me; and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.

24. I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from my iniquity.

25. Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eyesight.

26. With the merciful you will show yourself merciful, and with the upright man you will show yourself upright.

27. With the pure you will show yourself pure; and with the perverse you will show yourself subtle.
28. And the afflicted people you will save; but your eyes are upon the haughty, that you may bring them down.

29. For you are my lamp, O Lord; and the Lord will lighten my darkness.

30. For by you I run through a troop; by my God I leap over a wall.

31. As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried; he is a shield to all those who trust in him.

32. For who is God, save the Lord? and who is a rock, save our God?

33. God is my strength and rampart; And he makes my way perfect.

34. He makes my feet like hinds' feet; and sets me upon my heights.

35. He teaches my hands to war; and trains my arms to bend a bow of bronze.

36. You have also given me the shield of your salvation; and your condescension has made me great.

37. You have enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.
38. I have pursued my enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

39. And I have consumed them, and crushed them, that they could not arise; they are fallen under my feet.

40. For you have girded me with strength to battle; those who rose up against me have you subdued under me.

41. You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might destroy those who hate me.

42. They looked, but there was none to save; to the Lord, but he answered them not.

43. Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, and did spread them abroad.

44. You also have delivered me from strife with of my people, you have kept me to be chief of the nations; a people whom I knew not shall serve me.

45. Strangers shall submit themselves to me; as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient to me.

46. Strangers shall fade away, and they shall come tottering from their closed places.
47. The Lord lives; and blessed be my rock; and exalted is the God of the rock of my salvation.

48. It is God who avenges me, and who brings down the people under me,

49. And who brings me out from my enemies; you also have lifted me up on high above those who rose up against me; you have saved me from the violent man.

50. Therefore I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praises to your name.

51. He is the tower of salvation for his king; and shows mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed forever.
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2. The spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and his word was in my tongue.

3. The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me, He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

4. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

5. Does not my house stand so with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure; for will he not make all my salvation, and all my desire, to prosper?

6. But the wicked shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, that cannot be taken with hands;

7. But the man who shall touch them must be fortified with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be completely burned with fire in their place.
8. These are the names of the mighty men whom David had; The Tachmonite, Yoshev-Bashevet, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite; he raised his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

9. And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away;

10. He arose, and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand cleaved to the sword; and the Lord wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder the killed.

11. And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together in a troop, where there was a piece of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Philistines.

12. But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and the Lord wrought a great victory.

13. And these three, chief of the thirty, went down, and came to David in harvest time to the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines camped in the valley of Rephaim.

14. And David was then in a fortress, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.
15. And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!

16. And the three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David; nevertheless he would not drink of it, but poured it out to the Lord.

17. And he said, Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this; is not this the blood of the men who went risking their lives? Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men do.

18. And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among the three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred killed, and had the name among three.

19. Was he not the most honorable of the three? Therefore he was their captain; but he attained not to the first three.

20. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a brave man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lion hearted men of Moab; he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in a time of snow;

21. And he slew an Egyptian, a good looking man; and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.
22. These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he had a name among the three mighty men.

23. He was more renowned than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard.

24. Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

25. Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite,

26. Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

27. Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,

28. Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

29. Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai from Geba of the sons of Benjamin,

30. Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash,

31. Abialbon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,
32. Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,

33. Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,

34. Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilohnite,

35. Hezra the Carmelite, Parai the Arbite,

36. Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37. Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Beerothite, armor bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah,

38. Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,

39. Uriah the Hittite; thirty seven in all.
1. And again the anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, count Israel and Judah.

2. For the king said to Joab the captain of the army, who was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and count the people, that I may know the number of the people.

3. And Joab said to the king, Now the Lord your God add to the people, how many they may be, a hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king should see it; but why does my lord the king desire this thing?

4. However the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the army. And Joab and the captains of the army went from the presence of the king, to count the people of Israel.

5. And they passed over the Jordan, and camped in Aroer, on the right side of the city that lies in the midst of the river of Gad, towards Jazer;

6. Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-Hodshi; and they came to Dan-Yaan, and about to Sidon,

7. And came to the fortress of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south of Judah, to Beersheba.
8. So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9. And Joab gave the result of the census of the people to the king; and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand brave men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

10. And David's heart struck him after he had counted the people. And David said to the Lord, I have sinned greatly in what I have done; and now, I beseech you, O Lord, take away the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly.

11. For when David was up in the morning, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

12. Go and say to David, Thus said the Lord, I offer you three alternatives; choose one of them, that I may do it to you.

13. So Gad came to David, and told him, and said to him, Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or should there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider, and see what answer I shall return to him who sent me.

14. And David said to Gad, I am in great distress; let us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for his mercies are great; and let me not fall into the hand of man.
15. So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

16. And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord repented of the evil, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, It is enough; stay now your hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing place of Araunah the Jebusite.

17. And David spoke to the Lord when he saw the angel who struck the people, and said, Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let your hand, I beg you, be against me, and against my father's house.

18. And Gad came that day to David, and said to him, Go up, erect an altar to the Lord in the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

19. And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded.

20. And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on towards him; and Araunah went out, and bowed before the king on his face upon the ground.
21. And Araunah said, Why has my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar to the Lord, that the plague may be averted from the people.

22. And Araunah said to David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him; behold, here are oxen for a burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

23. All these things did Araunah, a king, give to the king. And Araunah said to the king, The Lord your God accept you.

24. And the king said to Araunah, No; but I will surely buy it from you at a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God of that which costs me nothing. So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25. And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was entreated for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.
1. And king David was old and advanced in years; and they covered him with blankets, but he could not become warm.

2. And his servants said to him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin; and let her stand before the king, and be his attendant, and let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may become warm.

3. And they sought for a pretty girl throughout all the territory of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunemmite, and brought her to the king.

4. And the girl was very pretty, and she attended the king, and ministered to him; but the king knew her not.

5. Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king; and he set up chariots and horsemen for himself, and fifty men to run before him.

6. And his father had not displeased him at any time by saying, Why have you done so? And he also was a very handsome man; and his mother bore him after Absalom.

7. And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest; and they followed Adonijah and helped him.
8. But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rehi, and the mighty men who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

9. And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Ein-Rogel, and called all his brothers the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants;

10. But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

11. And Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith is reigning, and David our lord knows it not?

12. And therefore come, let me, I beg you, give you counsel, that you may save your own life, and the life of your son Solomon.

13. Go and get you in to king David, and say to him, Did you not, my lord, O king, swear to your maidservant, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? Why then does Adonijah reign?

14. Behold, while you still talk there with the king, I also will come in after you, and confirm your words.
15. And Bathsheba went to the king into the chamber; and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunemmite ministered to the king.

16. And Bathsheba bowed, and prostrated herself before to the king. And the king said, What do you want?

17. And she said to him, My lord, you swore by the Lord your God to your maidservant, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

18. And now, behold, Adonijah reigns; and now, my lord the king, you know it not;

19. And he has slaughtered oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and has called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the army; but Solomon your servant he has not called.

20. And you, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you, that you should tell those who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21. Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be considered offenders.

22. And, behold, while she still talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.
23. And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he came in before the king, he bowed before the king with his face to the ground.

24. And Nathan said, My lord, O king, have you said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25. For he is gone down this day, and has slaughtered oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and the captains of the army, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, Long live king Adonijah!

26. But me, your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon, he has not called.

27. Is this thing done by my lord the king, and you have not informed your servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28. Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came to the king's presence, and stood before the king.

29. And the king swore, and said, As the Lord lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all distress,
30. As I swore to you by the Lord God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my place; so will I certainly do this day.

31. Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and prostrated herself to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live forever!

32. And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

33. And the king said to them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride upon my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon;

34. And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel; and blow with the trumpet, and say, Long live king Solomon!

35. Then you shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my place; and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

36. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen; so say the Lord God of my lord the king too.
37. As the Lord has been with my lord the king, so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

38. And Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and had Solomon ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

39. And Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the shofar; and all the people said, Long live king Solomon!

40. And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth was split with their sound.

41. And Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they were finishing eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the shofar, he said, Why is the city in an uproar?

42. And while he was still speaking, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said to him, Come in; for you are a brave man, and you bring good news.

43. And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Truly our lord king David has made Solomon king.
44. And the king has sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have him riding upon the king's mule;

45. And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon; and they have come up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you have heard.

46. And also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom.

47. And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne. And the king bowed on the bed.

48. And also thus said the king, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has given one to sit on my throne this day, seeing it with my own eyes.

49. And all the guests who were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

50. And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold of the horns of the altar.
51. And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah fears king Solomon; for, behold, he has caught hold of the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear to me today that he will not kill his servant with the sword.

52. And Solomon said, If he will show himself a worthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth; but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

53. And king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed to king Solomon; and Solomon said to him, Go to your house.
1. And the days of David drew near that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2. I go the way of all the earth; be you strong therefore, and show yourself a man;

3. And keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Torah of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn yourself;

4. That the Lord may continue his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, If your children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you, said he, a man on the throne of Israel.

5. And also you know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the armies of Israel, to Abner, the son of Ner, and to Amasa, the son of Jether, whom he killed, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle around his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.

6. Do therefore according to your wisdom, and let not his grey head go down to Sheol in peace.
7. But show kindness to the sons of Barzilai the Gileadite, and let them be of those who eat at your table; for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom your brother.

8. And, behold, you have with you Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim; but he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the Lord, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword.

9. And therefore hold him not guiltless; for you are a wise man, and know what you ought to do to him; but his grey head bring down to Sheol with blood.

10. And David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

11. And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty three years he reigned in Jerusalem.

12. And Solomon sat on the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was firmly established.

13. And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Do you come peacefully? And he said, Peacefully.

14. And he said, I have something to say to you. And she said, Speak.
15. And he said, You know that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign; but the kingdom is turned about, and has become my brother's; for it was his from the Lord.

16. And now I ask one petition of you, deny me not. And she said to him, Speak.

17. And he said, Speak, I beg you, to Solomon the king, for he will not say you no, that he give me Abishag the Shunemmite to wife.

18. And Bathsheba said, Well; I will speak for you to the king.

19. And Bathsheba went to king Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed to her, and sat down on his throne, and had a seat brought for the king's mother; and she sat on his right.

20. Then she said, I desire one small petition of you; I beg you, do not deny me. And the king said to her, Ask, my mother; for I will not deny you.

21. And she said, Let Abishag the Shunemmite be given to Adonijah your brother for a wife.
22. And king Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why do you ask Abishag the Shunemmite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also; for he is my elder brother; for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

23. Then king Solomon swore by the Lord, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life.

24. And therefore, as the Lord lives, who has established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has made me a house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

25. And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he struck him and he died.

26. And to Abiathar the priest said the king, Go to Anathoth, to your own fields; for you deserve death; but I will not, at this time, put you to death, because you bore the ark of the Lord God before David my father, and because you were afflicted in all my father's afflictions.

27. And Solomon expelled Abiathar from being priest to the Lord; that he might fulfil the word of the Lord, which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.
28. Then news came to Joab; for Joab had supported Adonijah, though he had not supported Absalom. And Joab fled to the tabernacle of the Lord, and caught hold of the horns of the altar.

29. And it was told king Solomon that Joab had fled to the tabernacle of the Lord; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, strike him down.

30. And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the Lord, and said to him, Thus said the king, Come out. And he said, No; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought word back to the king, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

31. And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and strike him down, and bury him; that you may take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

32. And the Lord shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, my father David not knowing of it, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the army of Judah.

33. Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed forever; but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace forever from the Lord.
34. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and struck him down, and killed him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35. And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in place of him over the army; and Zadok the priest the king put in place of Abiathar.

36. And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Build a house in Jerusalem, and live there, and do not go from there anywhere.

37. For it shall be, that on the day that you go out, and pass over the brook Kidron, you shall know for certain that you shall surely die; your blood shall be upon your own head.

38. And Shimei said to the king, The saying is good; as my lord the king has said, so will your servant do. And Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

39. And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the slaves of Shimei ran away to Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, your slaves are in Gath.

40. And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his slaves; and Shimei went, and brought his slaves from Gath.
41. And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned.

42. And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Did I not make you swear by the Lord, and did I not warn you, saying, Know for certain, on the day you go out, and walk abroad anywhere, that you shall surely die? and you said to me, The word that I have heard is good.

43. Why then have you not kept the oath of the Lord, and the commandment that I charged you with?

44. And the king said to Shimei, You know in your own heart all the wickedness that you did to David my father; therefore the Lord shall return your wickedness upon your own head;

45. And king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the Lord forever.

46. And the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out, and struck him down, and he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.
1. And Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her to the city of David, until he finished building his own house, and the house of the Lord, and the surrounding wall of Jerusalem.

2. Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built to the name of the Lord, until those days.

3. And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father; only he sacrificed and burned incense in high places.

4. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place; a thousand burnt offerings Solomon offered upon that altar.

5. In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, Ask what I shall give you.

6. And Solomon said, You have shown to your servant David my father great mercy, because he walked before you in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great kindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king instead of David my father; and I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in.
8. And your servant is in the midst of your people which you have chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9. Give therefore your servant an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this your so great a people?

10. And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11. And God said to him, Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life; neither have you asked riches for yourself; nor have you asked for the life of your enemies; but have asked for yourself understanding to discern judgment;

12. Behold, I have done according to your words; lo, I have given you a wise and understanding heart; so that there was none like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

13. And I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches, and honor; so that there shall not be any among the kings like you all your days.

14. And if you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.
15. And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

16. Then came there two women, who were harlots, to the king, and stood before him.

17. And one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman live in one house; and I gave birth to a child with her in the house.

18. And it came to pass the third day after I had given birth, that this woman also gave birth; and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, only the two of us in the house.

19. And this woman's child died in the night; because she lay on it.

20. And she arose at midnight, and took my son from my side, while your maidservant slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

21. And when I rose in the morning to nurse my child, behold, it was dead; but when I had looked at it closely in the morning, behold, it was not my son, that I had borne.
22. And the other woman said, No; but the living child is my son, and the dead is your son. And this said, No; but the dead is your son, and the living is my son. Thus they spoke before the king.

23. Then said the king, One says, This is my son who lives, and your son is the dead; and the other says, No; but your son is the dead, and my son is the living.

24. And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

25. And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other.

26. Then the woman, whose son was the living child, spoke to the king, for her love was enkindled towards her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, but do not slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor yours, but divide it.

27. Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and do not slay it; she is its mother.

28. And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.
1. And king Solomon was king over all Israel.

2. And these were the princes which he had: Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,

3. Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder.

4. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army; and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests;

5. And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers; and Zabud the son of Nathan was priest, and the king's friend;

6. And Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute.

7. And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided provisions for the king and his household; each man provided provisions for a month in the year.

8. And these are their names: Ben-Hur, in Mount Ephraim;

9. Ben-Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-Shemesh, and Elon-Beth-Hanan;
10. Ben-Hesed, in Aruboth; to him belonged Socoh, and all the land of Hepher;

11. The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; who had Taphath the daughter of Solomon as wife;

12. Baana the son of Ahilud; to him belonged Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-Shean, which is by Zaretanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-Shean to Abel-Meholah, to the place that is beyond Jokneam;

13. Ben-Geber, in Ramoth-Gilead; to him belonged the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also belonged the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars;

14. Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim;

15. Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon as wife;

16. Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth;

17. Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar;

18. Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin;
19. Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer who was in the land.

20. Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and were happy.
1. And Solomon reigned over all the kingdoms from the river to the land of the Philistines, to the border of Egypt; they paid tribute, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

2. And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of meal,

3. Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen from the pastures, and a hundred sheep, apart from deer, and gazelles, and fallow deer, and geese.

4. For he had dominion over all the region on this side of the river, from Tiphsah to Gaza, over all the kings on this side of the river; and he had peace on all sides around him.

5. And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

6. And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

7. And those officers provided provisions for king Solomon, and for all who came to king Solomon's table, each one in his month; they lacked nothing.
8. Barley also and straw for the horses and swift steed brought they to the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.

9. And God gave Solomon wisdom and much understanding, and greatness of heart, as the sand that is on the sea shore.

10. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the people of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

11. For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.

12. And he uttered three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five.

13. And he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that comes out of the wall; he spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

14. And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.
15. And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always loved David.

16. And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

17. You know how that David my father could not build a house to the name of the Lord his God on account of the wars which were around him on every side, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet.

18. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil hindrance.

19. And, behold, I intend to build a house to the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spoke to David my father, saying, Your son, whom I will set upon your throne in your place, he shall build a house to my name.

20. And therefore command that they cut me cedar trees from Lebanon; and my servants shall be with your servants; and to you will I pay wages to your servants according to what you shall set; for you know that there is not among us any who can skillfully cut timber like the Sidonians.

21. And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the Lord this day, who has given to David a wise son over this great people.
22. And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which you sent to me for; and I will do all you wish concerning the timber of cedar, and concerning the timber of cypress.

23. My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon to the sea; and I will convey them by sea in floats to the place that you shall tell me, and will have them discharged there, and you shall receive them; and you shall meet my wishes by providing food for my household.

24. And Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and cypress trees according to all his wishes.

25. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food for his household, and twenty measures of pure oil; thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

26. And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and the two made a covenant together.

27. And king Solomon raised a levy from all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

28. And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by turns; a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home; and Adoniram was over the levy.
29. And Solomon had seventy thousand men who carried burdens, and eighty thousand stone cutters in the mountains;

30. Beside the chiefs of Solomon's officers who supervised the work, three thousand and three hundred, who ruled over the people who did the work.

31. And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with dressed stones.

32. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders cut them, and the Giblim; and they prepared timber and stones to build the house.
1. And it came to pass in the four hundred and eighty eighth year after the people of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord.

2. And the house which king Solomon built for the Lord, its length was sixty cubits, and its breadth twenty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

3. And the vestibule before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was its length, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was its breadth before the house.

4. And for the house he made windows wide outside and narrow inside.

5. And against the wall of the house he built a side structure around the walls of the house, both of the temple and of the sanctuary; and he made chambers around;

6. The lowest chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad; for outside around the wall of the house he made narrowed rests around, that the beams should not be fastened into the walls of the house.
7. And the house, when it was being built, was built of stone prepared before it was brought there; so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was being built.

8. The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house; and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

9. And he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

10. And then he built the side structure against all the house, five cubits high; and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11. And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying,

12. Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with you, which I spoke to David your father;

13. And I will dwell among the people of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14. And Solomon built the house, and finished it.
15. And he built the walls of the house inside with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling; and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of cypress.

16. And he built twenty cubits on the back of the house, from the floor to the top of the walls with boards of cedar; he built them for it inside, for the sanctuary, that is for the Most Holy place.

17. And the house, that is, the temple in front, was forty cubits long.

18. And the cedar of the house inside was carved in the form of gourds, and open flowers; all was cedar; was no stone seen.

19. And the sanctuary he prepared in the house inside, to set there the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

20. And the space for the sanctuary was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in its height; and he overlaid it with pure gold; and he covered the altar which was of cedar.

21. And Solomon overlaid the house inside with pure gold; and he drew chains of gold across before the sanctuary; and he overlaid it with gold.

22. And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house; also the whole altar that was by the sanctuary he overlaid with gold.
23. And inside the sanctuary he made two Cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high.

24. And five cubits was one wing of the Cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the Cherub; from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other were ten cubits.

25. And the other Cherub was ten cubits; both the Cherubim were of one measure and one size.

26. The height of one Cherub was ten cubits, and so was the height of the other Cherub.

27. And he set the Cherubim inside the inner house; and they stretched out the wings of the Cherubim, so that the wing of one touched one wall, and the wing of the other Cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28. And he overlaid the Cherubim with gold.

29. And he carved all around the walls of the house with carved figures of Cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, inside and outside.

30. And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, inside and outside.
31. And for the entrance of the sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

32. The two doors also were of olive wood; and he carved upon them carvings of Cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the Cherubim, and upon the palm trees.

33. And he also made for the door of the temple posts of olive wood, a fourth part of the wall.

34. And the two doors were of cypress wood; one door had two folding leaves, and the other door had two folding leaves.

35. And he carved on them Cherubim and palm trees and open flowers; and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.

36. And he built the inner court with three rows of cut stone, and a row of cedar beams.

37. In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the Lord laid, in the month Ziv;

38. And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished in all its parts, and according to all its specifications. And he was seven years in building it.
1. And Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished his entire house.

2. He built also the House of the Forest of Lebanon; its length was a hundred cubits, and its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

3. And it was covered with cedar above upon the beams, that lay on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

4. And there were window spaces in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks.

5. And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows; and light was against light in three ranks.

6. And he made the Hall of Pillars; its length was fifty cubits, and its breadth thirty cubits; and the vestibule was before them; and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them.

7. Then he made the Hall of the Throne where he would judge, the Hall of Judgment; and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.
8. And his house where he lived had another court inside the hall, which was of similar workmanship. Solomon made also a house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken as a wife, similar to this hall.

9. All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of cut stones, sawed with saws, inside and outside, from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.

10. And the foundation was of costly stones, large stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

11. And above were costly stones, after the measures of cut stones, and cedars.

12. And the great court around had three rows of cut stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the Lord, and for the vestibule of the house.

13. And king Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.

14. He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze; and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and skilled in doing any work in bronze. And he came to king Solomon, and did all his work.
15. For he cast two pillars of bronze, of eighteen cubits high apiece; and a line of twelve cubits measured the circle around each of them.

16. And he made two capitals of molten bronze, to set upon the tops of the pillars; the height of one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits;

17. And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the capitals which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital.

18. And he made the pillars, and two rows around upon the one network, to cover the capitals that were upon the top, with pomegranates; and so did he for the other capital.

19. And the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work in the vestibule, four cubits.

20. And there were capitals upon the two pillars also above, over against the protuberance which was by the network; and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows around upon the other capital.

21. And he set up the pillars in the vestibule of the temple; and he set up the right pillar, and called its name Jachin; and he set up the left pillar, and called its name Boaz.
22. And upon the top of the pillars was lily work; so was the work of the pillars finished.

23. And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from one brim to the other; it was round all around, and its height was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits measured the circle around it.

24. And under its brim around there were gourds surrounding it, ten in a cubit, surrounding the sea around; the gourds were cast in two rows, cast with it when it was cast.

25. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

26. And it was a hand breadth thick, and its brim was done like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; it contained two thousand bat.

27. And he made ten bases of bronze; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits its breadth, and three cubits its height.

28. And the work of the bases was on this manner; they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges;
29. And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and Cherubim; and upon the ledges there was a base above; and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work.

30. And every base had four bronze wheels, and plates of bronze; and its four corners had shoulders; under the basin were shoulders molten, at the side of each were wreaths.

31. And its mouth inside the capital and above was a cubit; but its mouth was round according to the work of the base, a cubit and a half; and also upon the mouth of it were engravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

32. And under the borders were four wheels; and the axles of the wheels were joined to the base; and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

33. And the wheels were like chariot wheels; their axles, and their rims, and their spokes, and their hubs, were all cast.

34. And there were four shoulders to the four corners of one base; and the shoulders were of one piece with the base.

35. And in the top of the base was there a round band half a cubit high; and on the top of the base its ledges and its borders were of one piece with it.
36. For on the plates, on its stays, and on its borders, he engraved Cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the space between each one, and wreaths were around.

37. After this manner he made the ten bases; all of them had the same casting, the same measure, the same size.

38. Then made he ten basins of bronze; one basin contained forty bats; and every basin was four cubits; and upon every one of the ten bases one basin.

39. And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house; and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward towards the south.

40. And Hiram made the pans, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hiram finished doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the Lord;

41. The two pillars, and the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were upon the top of the pillars;

42. And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were upon the pillars;
43. And the ten bases, and ten basins on the bases;

44. And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

45. And the pans, and the shovels, and the basins; and all these utensils, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the Lord, were of burnished bronze.

46. In the plain of the Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zaretan.

47. And Solomon left all the utensils unweighed, because they were very many; neither was the weight of the bronze determined.

48. And Solomon made all the utensils that belonged to the house of the Lord; the altar of gold, and the table of gold, upon which was the bread of display,

49. And the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the sanctuary, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,

50. And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the dishes for incense of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the Most Holy place, and for the doors of the house, namely, of the temple.
51. And so was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the Lord. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had consecrated; the silver, and the gold, and the utensils, did he put among the treasures of the house of the Lord.
1. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the people of Israel, before king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the city of David, which is Zion.

2. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

4. And they brought up the ark of the Lord, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy utensils that were in the tabernacle, those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

5. And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

6. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord to his place, to the sanctuary of the house, to the Most Holy place, under the wings of the Cherubim.
7. For the Cherubim spread out their two wings over the place of the ark, and the Cherubim covered the ark and its poles above.

8. And they drew out the poles, so that the ends of the poles were seen out in the holy place before the sanctuary, and they were not seen outside; and there they are to this day.

9. There was nothing in the ark save the two tablets of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10. And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord,

11. And that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord.

12. Then spoke Solomon, The Lord said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

13. I have surely built you a house to dwell in, a settled place for you to abide in forever.

14. And the king turned his face around, and blessed all the congregation of Israel; and all the congregation of Israel stood;
15. And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David my father, and has with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

16. Since the day when I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city from all the tribes of Israel to build a house, that my name might be in there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.

17. And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel.

18. And the Lord said to David my father, Because it was in your heart to build a house to my name, you did well that it was in your heart.

19. Nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come forth from your loins, he shall build the house to my name.

20. And the Lord has performed his word that he spoke, and I have risen in place of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and I have built a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel.

21. And I have set there a place for the ark, where the covenant of the Lord is, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.
22. And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven;

23. And he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keeps covenant and mercy with your servants who walk before you with all their heart;

24. Who have kept with your servant David my father what you promised him; you spoke also with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is this day.

25. Therefore now, Lord God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father what you promised him, saying, There shall not fail you a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that your children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as you have walked before me.

26. And now, O God of Israel, let your word, I pray you, be confirmed, which you spoke to your servant David my father.

27. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built?

28. Yet have regard for the prayer of your servant, and for his supplication, O Lord my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer, which your servant prays before you today;
29. That your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the
place of which you have said, My name shall be there; that you may listen to the
prayer which your servant shall make toward this place.

30. And listen to the supplication of your servant, and of your people Israel,
when they shall pray toward this place; and hear you in heaven your dwelling
place; and when you hear, forgive.

31. If any man trespasses against his neighbor, and an oath is laid upon him to
cause him to swear, and the oath comes before your altar in this house;

32. Then hear you in heaven, and do, and judge your servants, condemning the
wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him
according to his righteousness.

33. When your people Israel are stuck down before the enemy, because they
have sinned against you, and shall turn again to you, and confess your name,
and pray, and make supplication to you in this house;

34. Then hear you in heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and
bring them again to the land which you gave to their fathers.
35. When heaven is closed, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and acknowledge your name, and turn from their sin, when you afflict them;

36. Then hear you in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people Israel, and teach them the good way where they should walk, and give rain upon your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance.

37. If there is in the land famine, if there is pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there is caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague, whatever sickness there might be;

38. Whatever prayer and supplication is made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread out his hands toward this house;

39. Then hear you in heaven your dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart you know; for you, you only, know the hearts of all the children of men;

40. That they may fear you all the days that they live in the land which you gave to our fathers.

41. And also concerning a stranger, who is not of your people Israel, but comes from a far country for your name's sake;
42. For they shall hear of your great name, and of your strong hand, and of your stretched out arm; when he shall come and pray toward this house;

43. Hear you in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to you for; that all people of the earth may know your name, to fear you, as do your people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have built, is called by your name.

44. If your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever you shall send them, and shall pray to the Lord toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the house that I have built for your name;

45. Then hear you in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

46. If they sin against you, for there is no man who does not sin, and you are angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive to the land of the enemy, far or near;

47. Yet if they take thought in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to you in the land of them that carried them captive, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;
48. And so return to you with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, who led them away captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name;

49. Then hear you their prayer and their supplication in heaven your dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

50. And forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions where they have transgressed against you, and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them;

51. For they are your people, and your inheritance, whom you brought forth out of Egypt, O Lord God.

52. That your eyes may be open to the supplication of your servant, and to the supplication of your people Israel, to listen to them in all that they call for to you.

53. For you did set them apart from among all the people of the earth, to be your inheritance, as you spoke by the hand of Moses your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.
54. And it was so, that when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

55. And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56. Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised; there has not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

57. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers; let him not leave us, nor forsake us;

58. That he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

59. And let these my words, with which I have made supplication before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as each day may require;

60. That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is no one else.
61. Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

62. And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the Lord.

63. And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the Lord, twenty two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. And the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord.

64. The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord for there he offered burnt offerings, and meal offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings; because the bronze altar that was before the Lord was too small to receive the burnt offerings, and meal offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65. And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entrance to Hamath to the brook of Egypt, before the Lord our God, seven days and seven days, fourteen days.

66. On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the Lord had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.
And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

That the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.

And the Lord said to him, I have heard your prayer and your supplication, that you have made before me; I have hallowed this house, which you have built, to put my name there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.

And if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my judgments;

Then I will establish the throne of your kingdom upon Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man upon the throne of Israel.

But if you shall turn from following me, you or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them;
7. Then will I cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast from my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people;

8. And at this house, which is high, every one who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why has the Lord done thus to this land, and to this house?

9. And they shall answer, Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them; therefore has the Lord brought upon them all this evil.

10. And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the Lord, and the king’s house,

11. And Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and cypress trees, and with gold, according to all his desire, that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12. And Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they did not please him.
13. And he said, What kind of cities are these which you have given me, my brother? And he called them the Land of Cabul to this day.

14. And Hiram sent to the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

15. And this is the manner of the levy which king Solomon raised; to build the house of the Lord, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16. For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burned it with fire, and killed the Canaanites who lived in the city, and given it for a present to his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17. And Solomon rebuilt Gezer, and lower Beth-Horon,

18. And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

19. And all the storage cities that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20. And all the people who were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of the people of Israel,
21. Their children who were left after them in the land, whom the people of Israel also were not able completely to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of forced labor to this day.

22. But of the people of Israel did Solomon make no slaves; but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23. These were the chiefs of the officers who supervised Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people who did the work.

24. But Pharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David to her house which Solomon had built for her; then did he build Millo.

25. And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built to the Lord, and he burned incense upon the altar that was before the Lord. And he finished the house.

26. And king Solomon built a fleet of ships in Ezion-Geber, which is besides Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom.

27. And Hiram sent in the fleet his servants, shipmen who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.
28. And they came to Ophir, and brought from there gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.
1. And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon and what he had done in the name of the Lord, she came to test him with difficult questions.

2. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that carried spices, and much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was in her heart.

3. And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king, which he did not tell her.

4. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5. And the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up to the house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in her.

6. And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts and of your wisdom.

7. But I did not believe the words, until I came, and my eyes saw it; and, behold, the half was not told me; your wisdom and prosperity exceeds the fame which I heard.
8. Happy are your men, happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you, and who hear your wisdom.

9. Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel; because the Lord loved Israel forever, therefore he made you king, to do judgment and justice.

10. And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones; there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

11. And also the fleet of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir a great amount of almug wood, and precious stones.

12. And the king made of the almug wood pillars for the house of the Lord, and for the king's house, lyres also and lutes for singers; there came no such almug wood, nor were seen to this day.

13. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. And she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

14. And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty six talents of gold,
15. Besides what he had from the traders, and from the commerce of the spice merchants, and from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the land.

16. And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.

17. And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three minas of gold went to one shield; and the king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

18. Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold.

19. The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind; and there were arm rests on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the arm rests.

20. And twelve lions stood there on one side and on the other upon the six steps; the like of it was never made in any kingdom.

21. And all king Solomon's drinking utensils were of gold, and all the utensils of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver; it was accounted for nothing in the days of Solomon.

22. For the king had at sea a fleet of Tarshish with the fleet of Hiram; once in three years came the fleet of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.
23. And king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

24. And all the earth sought Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25. And they brought every man his gift, utensils of silver, and utensils of gold, and garments, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26. And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen; and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he placed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27. And the king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar as common as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland, because of their abundance.

28. And Solomon had horses brought from Egypt, and from Keve; the king's traders received them from Keve at a price.

29. And a chariot could be imported from Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so they were exported to the kings of the Hittites, and to the kings of Aram, through the traders.
1. And king Solomon loved many foreign women, the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites.

2. Of the nations concerning which the Lord said to the people of Israel, You shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in to you; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods; Solomon attached himself to these in love.

3. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.

4. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.

5. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father.

7. Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the Ammonites.
8. And likewise did he for all his foreign wives, which burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

9. And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared to him twice,

10. And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he kept not that which the Lord commanded.

11. Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, Since this is your mind, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

12. However in your days I will not do it for David your father's sake; but I will tear it from the hand of your son.

13. But I will not tear away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to your son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

14. And the Lord raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of the king's seed in Edom.

15. For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the army was gone to bury the killed, after he had struck every male in Edom;
16. For six months Joab remained there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom;

17. That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go to Egypt; Hadad being still a little child.

18. And they arose from Midian, and came to Paran; and they took men with them from Paran, and they came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him a house, and bread, and gave him land.

19. And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him for a wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

20. And the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

21. And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to my own country.

22. Then Pharaoh said to him, But what have you lacked with me, that, behold, you seek to go to your own country? And he answered, Nothing; but let me go anyway.
23. And God also raised up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah;

24. And he gathered men to him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them; and they went to Damascus, and lived there, and made him king in Damascus.

25. And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did; and he loathed Israel, and reigned over Aram.

26. And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, lifted up his hand against the king.

27. And this was the reason why he lifted up his hand against the king; Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

28. And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon seeing that the young man was industrious, made him ruler over all the labor of the house of Joseph.

29. And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went from Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and the two were alone in the field;
30. And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and tore it in twelve pieces;

31. And he said to Jeroboam, Take you ten pieces; for thus said the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you;

32. But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel;

33. Because they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the Ammonites, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in my eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

34. But I will not take the whole kingdom from his hand; but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes;

35. But I will take the kingdom from his son's hand, and will give it to you, ten tribes.

36. And to his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a lamp always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen to put my name there.
37. And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and you shall be king over Israel.

38. And it shall be, if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do what is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with you, and build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

39. And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not forever.

40. Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled to Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41. And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the Acts of Solomon?

42. And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

43. And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.
1. And Rehoboam went to Shechem; for all Israel came to Shechem to make him king.

2. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was still in Egypt, heard of it, for he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;

3. That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam came, and all the congregation of Israel, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4. Your father made our yoke grievous; now therefore make you the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve you.

5. And he said to them, Depart for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

6. And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he still lived, and said, How do you advise that I should answer this people?
7. And they spoke to him, saying, If you will be a servant to this people this day, and will serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.

8. But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, and who stood before him;

9. And he said to them, What counsel do you give that we answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make lighter the yoke which your father put upon us?

10. And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, Thus shall you speak to this people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter to us; thus shall you say to them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11. And now because my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12. And Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.
13. And the king answered the people roughly, forsaking the old men's counsel that they gave him;

14. And spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke; my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15. Therefore the king listened not to the people; for this was caused by the Lord, that he might perform his saying, which the Lord spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16. And when all Israel saw that the king listened not to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; to your tents, O Israel; Look now to your own house, David. And Israel departed to their tents.

17. But as for the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18. Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the forced labor; and all Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Therefore king Rehoboam hurried to mount his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19. And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.
20. And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel; there was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21. And when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22. But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

23. Speak to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24. Thus said the Lord, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers the people of Israel; return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They listened therefore to the word of the Lord, and turned and went their way, according to the word of the Lord.

25. Then Jeroboam built Shechem in Mount Ephraim, and lived there; and went out from there, and built Penuel.

26. And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David;
27. If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn back to their lord, to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28. And the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

29. And he set one in Beth-El, and the other he placed in Dan.

30. And this thing became a sin; for the people went to worship before the one, as far as Dan.

31. And he made a house of high places, and made priests from among all the people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

32. And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So he did in Beth-El, sacrificing to the calves that he had made; and he placed in Beth-El the priests of the high places that he had made.

33. And he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-El the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast to the children of Israel; and he offered upon the altar, and burned incense.
1. And, behold, there came a man of God from Judah by the word of the Lord to Beth-El; and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2. And he cried against the altar in the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus said the Lord; Behold, a child shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon you shall he slay the priests of the high places that burn incense upon you, and men's bones shall be burned upon you.

3. And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the Lord has spoken; Behold, the altar shall be torn, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

4. And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who had cried against the altar in Beth-El, that he stretched his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he had stretched against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it back to him.

5. The altar also was torn, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord.
6. And the king answered and said to the man of God, Entreat now the face of the Lord your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me again. And the man of God prayed to the Lord, and the king’s hand was restored to him again, and became as it was before.

7. And the king said to the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.

8. And the man of God said to the king, If you will give me half your house, I will not go in with you, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place;

9. For so was it charged me by the word of the Lord, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn back by the same way that you came.

10. And he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-El.

11. And there lived an old prophet in Beth-El; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-El; the words which he had spoken to the king, them they told also to their father.

12. And their father said to them, Which way did he go? For his sons had seen which way the man of God went, who came from Judah.
13. And he said to his sons, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him the ass; and he rode on it,

14. And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak; and he said to him, Are you the man of God who came from Judah? And he said, I am.

15. Then he said to him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16. And he said, I may not return with you, nor go in with you; neither will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place;

17. For it was said to me by the word of the Lord, You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn back to go by the way that you came.

18. He said to him, I am a prophet also as you are; and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied to him.

19. And he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

20. And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the Lord came to the prophet who brought him back;
21. And he cried to the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus said the Lord, For as much as you have disobeyed the mouth of the Lord, and have not kept the commandment which the Lord your God commanded you,

22. But came back, and have eaten bread and drank water in the place, about which the Lord said to you, Eat no bread, and drink no water; your carcass shall not come to the sepulcher of your fathers.

23. And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drank, that he saddled for him the ass, that is, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24. And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and killed him; and his carcass was thrown in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.

25. And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcass thrown in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass; and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet lived.

26. And when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient to the word of the Lord; therefore the Lord has delivered him to the lion, who has torn him, and killed him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke to him.

27. And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.
28. And he went and found his carcass thrown in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass; the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass.

29. And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back; and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

30. And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

31. And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulcher where the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones;

32. For the saying which he cried by the word of the Lord against the altar in Beth-El, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

33. After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again from among all the people priests of the high places; whoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

34. And this thing became a sin to the house of Jeroboam, to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.
1. At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

2. And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I beg you, and disguise yourself, that you be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get you to Shiloh; behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, who told me that I should be king over this people.

3. And take with you ten loaves, and cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him; he shall tell you what shall become of the child.

4. And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were dim because of his age.

5. And the Lord said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam comes to inquire of you for her son; for he is sick; thus and thus shall you say to her; for it shall be, when she comes in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman.

6. And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, you wife of Jeroboam; why feign yourself to be another? for I am sent to you with heavy news.
7. Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, Since I exalted you from among the people, and made you prince over my people Israel,

8. And tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it you; and yet you have not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do only what was right in my eyes;

9. But you have done evil above all who were before you; for you have gone and made you other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and have cast me behind your back;

10. Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam any who pisses against the wall, and he who is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man takes away dung, till it be all gone.

11. He who dies of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and he who dies in the field shall the birds of the air eat; for the Lord has spoken it.

12. Arise therefore, get to your own house; and when your feet enter the city, the child shall die.

13. And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward the Lord God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.
14. And the Lord shall raise a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam, those who are here today, and those who are still to come.

15. For the Lord shall strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel from this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the Lord to anger.

16. And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel sin.

17. And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah; and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;

18. And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

19. And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he fought, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20. And the days which Jeroboam reigned were twenty two years; and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.
21. And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord chose from all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

22. And Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done.

23. For they also built them high places, and images, and Asherim on every high hill, and under every green tree.

24. And there were also cult prostitutes in the land; and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the people of Israel.

25. And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem;

26. And he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he took away all; and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.
27. And king Rehoboam made in their place bronze shields, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

28. And it was so, when the king went to the house of the Lord, that the guard carried them, and brought them back to the guard chamber.

29. And the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

30. And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

31. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.
1. And in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.

2. Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

3. And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father.

4. Nevertheless for David's sake did the Lord his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem;

5. Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6. And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7. And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.
8. And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son reigned in his place.

9. And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.

10. And forty one years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11. And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father.

12. And he expelled the male cult prostitutes from the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

13. And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol for an Ashera; and Asa destroyed her idol and burned it by the brook Kidron.

14. But the high places were not removed; nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days.

15. And he brought in the things which his father had consecrated, and the things which he himself had consecrated, to the house of the Lord, silver, and gold, and utensils.

16. And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.
17. And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

18. Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king’s house, and delivered them to the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben-Hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Aram, who lived at Damascus, saying,

19. There is a covenant between me and you, and between my father and your father; behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold; come and break your covenant with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

20. And Ben-Hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of the armies which he had against the cities of Israel, and struck Iyon, and Dan, and Abel-Beth-Maachah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard of it, that he stopped building of Ramah, and lived in Tirzah.

22. Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted; and they took away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.
23. The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? But in his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24. And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

25. And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

26. And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Israel sin.

27. And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

28. In the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his place.

29. And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he struck all the house of Jeroboam; he did not leave to Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the Lord, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite;
30. Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation with which he provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger.

31. And the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

32. And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33. In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty four years.

34. And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he made Israel sin.
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1. Then the word of the Lord came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

2. Since I have exalted you from the dust, and made you prince over my people Israel; and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made my people Israel sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

3. Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4. He who dies of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and he who dies of his in the fields shall the birds of the air eat.

5. And the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

6. And Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his place.

7. And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the Lord against Baasha, and against his house, for all the evil that he did in the sight of the Lord, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.
8. In the twenty sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

9. And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah.

10. And Zimri went in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

11. And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha; he left him not one who pisses against a wall, neither of his kinfolks, nor of his friends.

12. Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,

13. For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel sin, in provoking the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

14. And the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
15. In the twenty seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16. And the people who were encamped heard say, Zimri has conspired, and has also killed the king; therefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17. And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

18. And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went to the palace of the king's house, and burned the king's house over him with fire, and died.

19. For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the Lord, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel sin.

20. And the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his conspiracy that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

21. Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts; half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.
22. But the people who followed Omri prevailed against the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath; so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23. In the thirty first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years; six years reigned he in Tirzah.

24. And he bought the hill Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.

25. But Omri did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did worse than all who were before him.

26. For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin with which he made Israel sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

27. And the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

28. And Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his place.
29. And in the thirty eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty two years.

30. And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all who were before him.

31. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took for a wife Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

32. And he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33. And Ahab made an Ashera; and Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

34. In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho; he laid its foundation with Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates with his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.
1. And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, 
As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor 
rain these years, but according to my word.

2. And the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

3. Get you here, and turn you eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, 
that is before the Jordan.

4. And it shall be, that you shall drink of the brook; and I have commanded the 
ravens to feed you there.

5. And he went and did according to the word of the Lord; for he went and 
dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan.

6. And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and 
meat in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7. And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had 
been no rain in the land.

8. And the word of the Lord came to him, saying,
9. Arise, get you to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain you.

10. And he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her, and said, Bring me, I beg you, a little water in a utensil, that I may drink.

11. And she said, As the Lord your God lives, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a jar; and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and prepare it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

12. And Elijah said to her, Fear not; go and do as you have said; but make me of it a little cake first, and bring it to me, and after make for you and your son.

13. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah; and she, and he, and her house, ate many days.

14. For thus said the Lord God of Israel, The jar of meal shall not be spent, neither shall the jar of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.

15. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah; and she, and he, and her house, ate many days.
16. And the barrel of meal was not consumed, nor did the jar of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by Elijah.

17. And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so severe, that there was no breath left in him.

18. And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O you man of God? Have you come to me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19. And he said to her, Give me your son. And he took him from her bosom, and carried him up to a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20. And he cried to the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, have you also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

21. And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried to the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray you, let this child's soul come into him again.

22. And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.
23. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down from the chamber into the house, and delivered him to his mother; and Elijah said, See, your son lives.

24. And the woman said to Elijah, And by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.
1. And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show yourself to Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2. And Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. And there was a severe famine in Samaria.

3. And Ahab called Obadiah, who was the governor of his house. And Obadiah feared the Lord greatly;

4. For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifties in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.

5. And Ahab said to Obadiah, Go to the land, to all the water springs, and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

6. And they divided the land between them to pass throughout it; Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7. And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him; and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Are you my lord Elijah?
8. And he answered him, I am; go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

9. And he said, What have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant to the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10. As the Lord your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom, where my lord has not sent to seek you; and when they said, He is not there, he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found you not.

11. And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

12. And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the spirit of the Lord shall carry you where I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall slay me; but I your servant fear the Lord from my youth.

13. Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the Lord, how I hid a hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifties in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14. And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here; and he shall slay me.

15. And Elijah said, As the Lord of Hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today.
16. And Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17. And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, Are you he who troubles Israel?

18. And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but you, and your father's house, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and you have followed Baalim.

19. And therefore send, and gather to me all Israel to Mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the Ashera four hundred, who eat at Jezebel's table.

20. And Ahab sent to all the people of Israel, and gathered the prophets together in Mount Carmel.

21. And Elijah came to all the people, and said, How long will you hobble between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22. Then said Elijah to the people, I am the only remaining prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.
23. Let them therefore give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under.

24. And call you on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God that answers by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

25. And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose one bull for yourselves, and prepare it first; for you are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

26. And they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any who answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

27. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud; for he is a god; either he is musing, or he has gone aside, or he is in a journey, or perhaps he sleeps, and must be awakened.

28. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their custom with knives and lances, till the blood gushed out upon them.
29. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was no voice, no one answered, nor any who regarded.

30. And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down.

31. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be your name;

32. And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a ditch about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33. And he put the wood pile in order, and cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, Fill four jars with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35. And the water ran around the altar; and he filled the ditch also with water.
36. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word.

37. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that you are the Lord God, and that you have turned their heart back again.

38. Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood pile, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the ditch.

39. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.

40. And Elijah said to them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

41. And Elijah said to Ahab, Get up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of the rumbling of the rain.

42. And Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he threw himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,
43. And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there arises a little cloud from the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Prepare your chariot, and get down, that the rain should not stop you.

45. And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the sky was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

46. And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.
1. And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

2. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

3. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree; and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5. And as he lay and slept under a broom tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said, Arise and eat.

6. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a jar of water at his head. And he ate and drank, and laid himself down again.

7. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for you.
8. And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that meal forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

9. And he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, What are you doing here, Elijah?

10. And he said, I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword; and I am the only one left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11. And he said, Go out, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake;

12. And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

13. And it was so, when Elijah heard it that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice to him, and said, What are you doing here, Elijah?
14. And he said, I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword; and I am the only one left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15. And the Lord said to him, Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; and when you come, anoint Hazael to be king over Aram;

16. And Jehu the son of Nimshi shall you anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shall you anoint to be prophet in your place.

17. And it shall come to pass, that he who escapes the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay; and he who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth who has not kissed him.

19. And he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth; and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray you, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you. And he said to him, Go and come back again; for what have I done to you?
21. And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and attended to him.
1. And Ben-Hadad the king of Aram gathered all his army together; and there were thirty two kings with him, and horses, and chariots; and he went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it.

2. And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel to the city, and said to him, Thus said Ben-Hadad,

3. And he said to him: thus speaks Ben-Hadad: your silver and your gold is mine; your wives also and your children, even the best, are mine.

4. And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to your saying, I am yours, and all that I have.

5. And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaks Ben-Hadad, saying, Although I have sent to you, saying, You shall deliver me your silver, and your gold, and your wives, and your children; yet I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house, and the houses of your servants; and it shall be, that they shall put in their hand on whatever pleases you and take it away.

6. Yet I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house, and the houses of your servants; and it shall be, that they shall put in their hand on whatever pleases you and take it away.

7. Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeks mischief; for he sent to me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.
8. And all the elders and all the people said to him, Listen not to him, nor consent.

9. Therefore he said to the messengers of Ben-Hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that you did send for to your servant at the first I will do; but this thing I will not do. And the messengers departed, and brought back word to him.

10. And Ben-Hadad sent to him, and said, The gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people who follow me.

11. And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not he who girds on his harness boast himself as he that takes it off.

12. And it came to pass, when Ben-Hadad heard this message, while he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said to his servants, Set yourselves in array. And they set themselves in array against the city.

13. And, behold, there came a prophet to Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus said the Lord, Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it to your hand this day; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

14. And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus said the Lord, By the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall open the battle? And he answered, You.
15. Then he counted the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two; and after them he counted all the people, all the people of Israel, being seven thousand.

16. And they went out at noon. But Ben-Hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty two kings who helped him.

17. And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-Hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men coming out from Samaria.

18. And he said, If they come out for peace, take them alive; and if they come out for war, take them alive.

19. And these young men of the princes of the provinces came from the city, and the army which followed them.

20. And they slew every one his man; and the Arameans fled; and Israel pursued them; and Ben-Hadad the king of Aram escaped on a horse with the horsemen.

21. And the king of Israel went out, and struck the horses and chariots, and slew the Arameans with a great slaughter.
22. And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said to him, Go, strengthen yourself, and mark, and see what you do; for at the return of the year the king of Aram will come up against you.

23. And the servants of the king of Aram said to him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

24. And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man from his place, and put captains in their places;

25. And muster an army, like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot; and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he listened to their voice, and did so.

26. And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-Hadad mustered the Arameans, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

27. And the people of Israel were mustered, and were provisioned, and went against them; and the people of Israel camped before them like two little flocks of goats; but the Arameans filled the country.
28. And there came a man of God, and spoke to the king of Israel, and said,
Thus said the Lord, Because the Arameans have said, The Lord is God of the
hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great
multitude to your hand, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

29. And they camped one opposite the other seven days. And so it was, that in
the seventh day the battle was joined; and the people of Israel slew of the
Arameans a hundred thousand foot soldiers in one day.

30. But the rest fled to Aphek, to the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty
seven thousand of the men who were left. And Ben-Hadad fled, and came to the
city, to an inner chamber.

31. And his servants said to him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the
house of Israel are merciful kings; let us, I beg you, put sackcloth on our loins, and
ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will save your life.

32. And they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and
came to the king of Israel, and said, Your servant Ben-Hadad said, I beg you, let
me live. And he said, Is he still alive? He is my brother.

33. And the men took it for a good sign, and they quickly took it up from him;
and they said, Your brother Ben-Hadad. Then he said, Go, bring him. Then Ben-
Hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.
34. And Ben-Hadad said to him, The cities, which my father took from your father, I will restore; and you shall make streets for you in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send you away with this covenant. And he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

35. And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor in the word of the Lord, Strike me, I beg you. And the man refused to strike him.

36. Then said he to him, Because you have not obeyed the voice of the Lord, behold, as soon as you are departed from me, a lion shall kill you. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and killed him.

37. Then he found another man, and said, Strike me, I pray you. And the man struck him, so that in striking he wounded him.

38. And the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with a veil upon his face.

39. And as the king passed by, he cried to the king; and he said, Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man to me, and said, Guard this man; if by any means he is missing, then shall your life be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.

40. And as your servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said to him, So shall your judgment be; you yourself have decided it.
41. And he hastened, and took the veil away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned that he was one of the prophets.

42. And he said to him, Thus said the Lord, Because you have let go from your hand a man whom I have appointed to destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.

43. And the king of Israel went to his house sullen and displeased, and came to Samaria.
1. And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, near the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2. And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near to my house; and I will give you for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money.

3. And Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you.

4. And Ahab came to his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5. But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, Why is your spirit so sad, that you eat no bread?

6. And he said to her, Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it; and he answered, I will not give you my vineyard.
7. And Jezebel his wife said to him, Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let your heart be merry; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8. And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who were in his city, living with Naboth.

9. And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people;

10. And set two worthless men before him, to bear witness against him, saying, You blasphemed against God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

11. And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them.

12. They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people.

13. And there came in two worthless men, and sat before him; and the worthless men testified against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth blasphemed against God and the king. Then they carried him out from the city, and stoned him with stones, and he died.
14. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth was stoned, and is dead.

15. And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17. And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18. Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to possess it.

19. And you shall speak to him, saying, Thus said the Lord, Have you killed, and also taken possession? And you shall speak to him, saying, Thus said the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood.

20. And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found you; because you have given yourself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.
21. Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every one who pisses against the wall, and he who is shut up and he who is left free in Israel,

22. And will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation with which you have provoked me to anger, and made Israel sin.

23. And of Jezebel also spoke the Lord, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

24. He who dies of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and he who dies in the field shall the birds of the air eat.

25. But there was none like to Ahab, who gave himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife incited.

26. And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the Lord cast out before the people of Israel.

27. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28. And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,
29. Do you see how Ahab humbles himself before me? Because he humbles himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.
And they continued three years without war between Aram and Israel.

And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

3. And the king of Israel said to his servants, Know you that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we keep quiet, and take it not from the hand of the king of Aram?

4. And he said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-Gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.

5. And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Inquire, I beg you, at the word of the Lord today.

6. Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go against Ramoth-Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it to the hand of the king.

7. And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might inquire of him?
8. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, There is still one man, Micah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I hate him; for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9. Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Bring here quickly Micah the son of Imlah.

10. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a threshing floor in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made himself horns of iron; and he said, Thus said the Lord, With these shall you push the Arameans, until you have consumed them.

12. And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-Gilead, and triumph; for the Lord shall deliver it to the king's hand.

13. And the messenger who went to call Micah spoke to him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth; let your word, I beg you, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

14. And Micah said, As the Lord lives, what the Lord said to me, that will I speak.
15. And he came to the king. And the king said to him, Micah, shall we go against Ramoth-Gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and triumph; for the Lord shall deliver it to the hand of the king.

16. And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure you that you tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the Lord?

17. And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd; and the Lord said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace.

18. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

19. And he said, Hear you therefore the word of the Lord; I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

20. And the Lord said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-Gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him.
22. And the Lord said to him, With what? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, You shall persuade him, and prevail also; go forth, and do so.

23. And therefore, behold, the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and the Lord has spoken evil concerning you.

24. But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and struck Micah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the spirit of the Lord from me to speak to you?

25. And Micah said, Behold, you shall see in that day, when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.

26. And the king of Israel said, Take Micah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

27. And say, Thus said the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with scant bread and with scant water, until I return in peace.

28. And Micah said, If you return at all in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me. And he said, Listen, O people, every one of you.

29. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-Gilead.
30. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put you on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went to the battle.

31. But the king of Aram commanded his thirty two captains who had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel.

32. And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely he is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him; and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33. And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that he was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34. And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor; so he said to the driver of his chariot, Turn your hand, and carry me from the camp; for I am wounded.

35. And the battle increased that day; and the king was propped up in his chariot against the Arameans, and died at evening; and the blood ran from the wound into the midst of the chariot.

36. And there went a proclamation throughout the camp around sunset, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.
37. And the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

38. And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and the harlots washed themselves in it; according to the word of the Lord which he spoke.

39. And the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

40. And Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

41. And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42. Jehoshaphat was thirty five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43. And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord; nevertheless the high places were not taken away;

44. For the people still offered and burned incense in the high places.
45. And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

46. And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he fought, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

47. And the remnant of the cult prostitutes, which remained from the days of his father Asa, he took from the land.

48. There was then no king in Edom; a deputy was king.

49. Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold; but they went not; for the ships were wrecked at Ezion-Geber.

50. Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab to Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

51. And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

52. Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.
53. And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin;

54. For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the Lord God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.
II Kings

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II Kings Chapter 1

1. Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2. And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick; and he sent messengers, and said to them, Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this disease.

3. But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that you go to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?

4. And therefore thus said the Lord, You shall not come down from that bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die. And Elijah departed.

5. And when the messengers turned back to him, he said to them, Why have you now turned back?

6. And they said to him, There came a man up to meet us, and said to us, Go, turn back to the king who sent you, and say to him, Thus said the Lord, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that you send to inquire of Baal-Zebub the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from that bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die.
7. And he said to them, What kind of a man was he who came up to meet you, and told you these words?

8. And they answered him, He was a hairy man, and with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

9. Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him; and, behold, he sat on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him, You man of God, the king had said, Come down.

10. And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

11. Again he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, O man of God, thus had the king said, Come down quickly.

12. And Elijah answered and said to them, If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.
13. And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third
captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and
pleaded with him, and said to him, O man of God, I beg you, let my life, and the
life of these fifty your servants, be precious in your sight.

14. Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burned up the two captains
of the former fifties with their fifties; therefore let my life now be precious in your
sight.

15. And the angel of the Lord said to Elijah, Go down with him; be not afraid of
him. And he arose, and went down with him to the king.

16. And he said to him, Thus said the Lord, Because you have sent messengers
to inquire of Baal-Zebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in
Israel to inquire of his word? therefore you shall not come down off that bed on
which you have gone up, but shall surely die.

17. And he died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken.
And Jehoram reigned in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of
Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

18. And the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the
Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

And Elijah said to Elisha, Remain here, I beg you; for the Lord has sent me to Beth-El. And Elisha said to him, As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And they went down to Beth-El.

And the sons of the prophets who were at Beth-El came out to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from your head today? And he said, Yes, I know it; hold your peace.

And Elijah said to him, Elisha, remain here, I beg you; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And they came to Jericho.

And the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from your head today? And he answered, Yes, I know it; hold you your peace.

And Elijah said to him, Remain here, I beg you; for the Lord has sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And the two went on.
7. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to look from far away; and the two stood by Jordan.

8. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and struck the waters, and they parted to one side and to the other, so that the two went over dry ground.

9. And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken away from you. And Elisha said, I beg you, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.

10. And he said, You have asked a difficult thing; nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so to you; but if not, it shall not be so.

11. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and separated them one from the other; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven.

12. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen. And he saw him no more; and he took hold of his own clothes, and tore them in two pieces.

13. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;
14. And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and struck the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had struck the waters, they parted to one side and to the other; and Elisha went over.

15. And when the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

16. And they said to him, Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men; let them go, we beg you, and seek your master; lest perhaps the spirit of the Lord has taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or in some valley. And he said, you shall not send.

17. And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

18. And when they came again to him, for he remained at Jericho, he said to them, Did I not say to you, Go not?

19. And the men of the city said to Elisha, Behold, we beg you, the situation of this city is pleasant, as our lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren.

20. And he said, Bring me a new jar, and put salt in it. And they brought it to him.
21. And he went forth to the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus said the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from there any more death or miscarriage.

22. And the waters were healed until this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spoke.

23. And he went up from there to Beth-El; and as he was going up by the way, there came out little children from the city, and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, you bald head; go up, you bald head.

24. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came out two female bears from the wood, and tore forty two children of them.

25. And he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.
And Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; but not like his father, or like his mother; for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

Nevertheless he held fast to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel sin; he departed not from that.

And Meysha king of Moab was a sheep breeder, and delivered to the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs, and a hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

And king Jehoram went from Samaria the same time, and mustered all Israel.

And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab had rebelled against me; will you go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up; I am as you are, my people as your people, and my horses as your horses.
8. And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

9. And the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom; and they made a circuit of seven days' journey; and there was no water for the camp, and for the cattle that followed them.

10. And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the Lord had called these three kings together, to deliver them to the hand of Moab!

11. But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of the Lord by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

12. And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the Lord is with him. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13. And Elisha said to the king of Israel, What have I to do with you? go to the prophets of your father, and to the prophets of your mother. And the king of Israel said to him, No; for the Lord has called these three kings together, to deliver them to the hand of Moab.
14. And Elisha said, As the Lord of Hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward you, nor see you.

15. But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

16. And he said, Thus said the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches.

17. For thus said the Lord, you shall not see wind, neither shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that you may drink, both you, and your cattle, and your beasts.

18. And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord; he will deliver the Moabites also to your hand.

19. And you shall strike every fortified city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

20. And it came to pass in the morning, when the meal offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21. And when all the Moabites heard that the kings came to fight against them, they gathered all who were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood in the border.
22. And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood;

23. And they said, This is blood; the kings have fought together, and they have struck one another; now therefore, Moab, to the plunder.

24. And when they came to the camp of Israel, Israel rose up and defeated the Moabites, so that they fled before them; but they went forward striking the Moabites.

25. And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees; only in Kir-Haraseth left they its stones; and the slingers surrounded it, and struck it.

26. And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too hard for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not.

27. Then he took his eldest son who should have reigned in his place, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation upon Israel; and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.
1. And there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets to Elisha, saying, Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the Lord; and the creditor has come to take to him my two sons to be slaves.

2. And Elisha said to her, What shall I do for you? tell me, what have you in the house? And she said, Your maidservant had not any thing in the house, save a jar of oil.

3. Then he said, Go outside, borrow utensils from all your neighbors, empty utensils; borrow not a few.

4. And when you come in, you shall close the door upon you and upon your sons, and shall pour out into all those utensils, and you shall set aside that which is full.

5. And she went from him, and closed the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the utensils to her; and she poured out.

6. And it came to pass, when the utensils were full, that she said to her son, Bring me yet a utensil. And he said to her, There is not any utensil more. And the oil stopped flowing.
7. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt, and live you and your children of the rest.

8. And it happened one day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where there was a wealthy woman; and she urged him to eat bread. And so it was, that whenever he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread.

9. And she said to her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us continually.

10. Let us make a little chamber, I beg you, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a lampstand; and it shall be, when he comes to us, that he shall turn in there.

11. And it happened one day, that he came there, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

12. And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunemmite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13. And he said to him, Say now to her, Behold, you have been careful to take all this trouble for us. What is to be done for you? Would you be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the army? And she answered, I live among my own people.
14. And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Truly she has no child, and her husband is old.

15. And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16. And he said, About this season, in the coming year, you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, you man of God, do not lie to your maidservant.

17. And the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season that Elisha had said to her, in the following year.

18. And when the child was grown, he fell one day, when he went out to his father to the reapers.

19. And he said to his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

20. And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

21. And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and closed the door upon him, and went out.

22. And she called to her husband, and said, Send me, I beg you, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.
23. And he said, Why will you go to him today? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.

24. Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; do not slacken the pace, unless I bid you.

25. And she went and came to the man of God to Mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her far away, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunemnite;

26. Run now, I beg you, to meet her, and say to her, Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.

27. And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet; but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is grieved inside her; and the Lord hid it from me, and did not tell me.

28. Then she said, Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?

29. Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go your way; if you meet any man, greet him not; and if any greets you, do not answer him back; and lay my staff upon the face of the child.
30. And the mother of the child said, As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And he arose, and followed her.

31. And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor sound. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awakened.

32. And when Elisha came into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

33. He went in therefore, and closed the door upon the two of them, and prayed to the Lord.

34. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child became warm.

35. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him; and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36. And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunemmite. And he called her. And when she came to him, he said, Take up your son.

37. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.
And Elisha came again to Gilgal; and there was a famine in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him; and he said to his servant, Set on the great pot, and boil a pottage for the sons of the prophets.

And one went out to the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered of it his lap full of wild gourds, and came and sliced them into the pot of pottage; and they knew not what they were.

And they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O you man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat of it.

But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

And there came a man from Baal-Shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of grain in its husk. And he said, Give to the people, that they may eat.

And his servant said, What, should I set this before a hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat; for thus said the Lord, They shall eat, and shall leave of it.

And he set it before them, and they ate, and left of it, according to the word of the Lord.
1. And Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and highly esteemed, because by him the Lord had given deliverance to Aram; he was also a mighty man in valor, but he was a leper.

2. And the Arameans had gone out in raiding parties, and had brought captive from the land of Israel a little girl; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3. And she said to her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! for he would heal him of his leprosy.

4. And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid who is from the land of Israel.

5. And the king of Aram said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of garments.

6. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And when this letter reaches you, know that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy.
7. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends me a man to cure him of his leprosy? Only consider, I beg you, how he seeks a quarrel with me.

8. And it was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

9. And Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come back to you, and you shall be clean.

11. But Naaman was angry, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper.

12. Are not Amana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean? And he turned and went away in a rage.
13. And his servants came near, and spoke to him, and said, My father, if the
prophet had bid you do some great thing, would you not have done it? How
much rather then, when he said to you, Wash, and be clean?

14. So he went down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according
to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a
little child, and he was clean.

15. And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and
stood before him; and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all
the earth, but in Israel; now therefore, I beg you, take a blessing of your servant.

16. But he said, As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And
he urged him to take it; but he refused.

17. And Naaman said, If not, let then, I beg you, be given to your servant two
mules' burden of earth? for your servant will henceforth offer neither burnt
offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to the Lord.

18. In this thing the Lord pardon your servant, that when my master goes to the
house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow myself
in the house of Rimmon; when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the
Lord pardon your servant in this thing.
19. And he said to him, Go in peace. And when he departed from him a short distance.

20. Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master had spared Naaman this Aramean, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought; but, as the Lord lives, I will run after him, and take something from him.

21. And Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he alighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well?

22. And he said, All is well. My master had sent me, saying, Behold, just now came to me from Mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets; give them, I beg you, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

23. And Naaman said, Be pleased to accept two talents. And he urged him, and tied two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they carried them before him.

24. And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand, and he put them in the house; and he let the men go, and they departed.

25. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, Where do you come from, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant went nowhere.
26. And he said to him, Went not my heart with you, when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive orchards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

27. The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave to you, and to your seed forever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.
1. And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, Behold now, the place where we live with you is too small for us.

2. Let us go, we beg you, to the Jordan, and take there every man a log, and let us make us a place there, where we may live. And he answered, Go.

3. And one said, Be pleased, I beg you, to go with your servants. And he answered, I will go.

4. And he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.

5. But as one was felling a log, the ax head fell to the water; and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

6. And the man of God said, Where did it fall? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and threw it in there; and made the iron float.

7. And he said, Take it up to you. And he put out his hand, and took it.
8. Then the king of Aram fought against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9. And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Beware that you pass not such a place; for there the Arameans have come down.

10. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11. Therefore the heart of the king of Aram was very troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said to them, Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12. And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bed chamber.

13. And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and bring him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14. Therefore sent he there horses, and chariots, and a great army; and they came by night, and surrounded the city.
15. And the servant of the man of God had risen early, and gone out, and behold, an army surrounded the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, Alas, my master! What shall we do?

16. And he answered, Fear not; for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.

17. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray you, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha.

18. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, Strike this people, I pray you, with blindness. And he struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19. And Elisha said to them, This is not the way, nor is this the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek. And he led them to Samaria.

20. And it came to pass, when they came to Samaria, that Elisha said, Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21. And the king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I strike them? shall I strike them?
22. And he answered, You shall not strike them. Would you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Place bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

23. And he prepared a great feast for them; and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the bands of Aram came no more to the land of Israel.

24. And it came to pass after this, that Ben-Hadad king of Aram gathered all his army, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

25. And there was a great famine in Samaria; and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a qab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.

26. And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman to him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

27. And he said, If the Lord does not help you, from where shall I help you? From the threshing floor, or from the wine press?

28. And the king said to her, What ails you? And she answered, This woman said to me, Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.
29. And we boiled my son, and ate him; and I said to her on the next day, Give your son, that we may eat him; and she had hid her son.

30. And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth inside upon his flesh.

31. Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

32. But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him; but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, Do you see you how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, close the door and hold him fast at the door. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

33. And while he still talked with them, behold, the messenger came down to him; and he said, Behold, this evil is of the Lord. Why should I wait for the Lord any longer?
1. Then Elisha said, Hear the word of the Lord; Thus said the Lord, Tomorrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2. Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it.

3. And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said one to another, Why should we sit here until we die?

4. If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. And therefore come, and let us go over to the camp of the Arameans; if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

5. And they rose up in the twilight, to go to the camp of the Arameans; and when they came to the outer edge of the camp of Aram, behold, there was no man there.

6. For the Lord had made the camp of the Arameans hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, the noise of a great army; and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.
7. Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their 
horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

8. And when these lepers came to the outer edge of the camp, they went into 
one tent, and ate and drank, and carried from there silver, and gold, and 
garments, and went and hid it; and returned, and entered into another tent, and 
carried there also, and went and hid it.

9. Then they said one to another, We do not well; this day is a day of good 
news, and we hold our peace; if we remain till the morning light, punishment 
will come upon us; now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's 
household.

10. And they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city; and they told them, 
saying, We came to the camp of the Arameans, and, behold, there was no man 
there, nor voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they 
were.

11. And he called the gatekeepers; and they told it to the king's house inside.

12. And the king arose in the night, and said to his servants, I will now tell you 
what the Arameans have done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore 
they are gone from the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they 
come from the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.
13. And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I beg you, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that have perished; and let us send and see.

14. They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the camp of the Arameans, saying, Go and see.

15. And they went after them to the Jordan; and, lo, all the way was full of garments and utensils, which the Arameans had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

16. And the people went out, and plundered the tents of the Arameans. And a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord.

17. And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to be in charge of the gate; and the people trampled upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.

18. And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria;
19. And that lord answered the man of God, and said, And, behold, if the Lord should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it.

20. And so it happened to him; for the people trampled upon him in the gate, and he died.
Then spoke Elisha to the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go you and your household, and sojourn wherever you can sojourn; for the Lord has called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God; and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went out to cry to the king for her house and for her land.

And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I beg you, all the great things that Elisha has done.

And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.
6. And when the king asked the woman, she told him. And the king appointed to her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

7. And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-Hadad the king of Aram was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God has come here.

8. And the king said to Hazael, Take a gift in your hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the Lord by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

9. And Hazael went to meet him, and took gifts with him, of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Your son Ben-Hadad king of Aram has sent me to you, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

10. And Elisha said to him, Go, say to him, You may certainly recover; but the Lord has told me that he shall surely die.

11. And he fixed his gaze steadfastly, until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept.

12. And Hazael said, Why does my lord weep? And he answered, Because I know the evil that you will do to the people of Israel; their fortresses will you set on fire, and their young men will you kill with the sword, and will dash their children, and rip up their women with child.
13. And Hazael said, But what is your servant, who is but a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The Lord has told me that you shall be king over Aram.

14. And he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What did Elisha say to you? And he answered, He told me that you should surely recover.

15. And it came to pass on the next day, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.

16. And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.

17. Thirty two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab; for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the Lord.

19. Yet the Lord would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give to him and to his children a lamp for all time.
20. In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and set up a king over themselves.

21. And Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him; and he rose by night, and defeated the Edomites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots; and the people fled to their tents.

22. Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

23. And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

24. And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

25. In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.

26. Twenty two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.
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27. And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the Lord, as did the house of Ahab; for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

28. And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Aram in Ramoth-Gilead; and the Arameans wounded Joram.

29. And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Arameans had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Aram. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.
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1. And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, Gird up your loins, and take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-Gilead;

2. And when you come there, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brothers, and take him to an inner chamber;

3. Then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus said the Lord, I have anointed you king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and do not wait.

4. And the young man, namely the young man, the prophet, went to Ramoth-Gilead.

5. And when he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to you, O captain. And Jehu said, To which of us? And he said, To you, O captain.

6. And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, I have anointed you king over the people of the Lord, over Israel.
7. And you shall strike the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord, at the hand of Jezebel.

8. For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab any who pisses against the wall, and he who is shut up and left in Israel;

9. And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah;

10. And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

11. Then Jehu came out to the servants of his lord; and one said to him, Is all well? Why did this madman come to you? And he said to them, you know the man, and his way of talking.

12. And they said, That is not true; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, Thus said the Lord, I have anointed you king over Israel.

13. Then they hurried, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with the shofar, saying, Jehu is king!
14. And Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. And Joram was guarding Ramoth-Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Aram.

15. But king Joram had returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Arameans had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Aram. And Jehu said, If this is your mind, then let none go out nor escape from the city to go to tell it in Jezreel.

16. And Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah came down to see Joram.

17. And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me.

18. And there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus said the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he does not return.

19. Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus said the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me.
20. And the watchman told, saying, He came to them, and does not return; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he drives furiously.

21. And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22. And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?

23. And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, Treachery, O Ahaziah!

24. And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and struck Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow pierced his heart, and he sank down in his chariot.

25. Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and throw him in the plot of ground of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite; for remember how, when I and you rode together after Ahab his father, the Lord pronounced this burden upon him;

26. Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, said the Lord; and I will requite you in this plot, said the Lord. And therefore take him and throw him in the plot of ground, according to the word of the Lord.
27. But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Strike him also in the chariot. And they did so at the ascent to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

28. And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulcher with his fathers in the city of David.

29. And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

30. And when Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and adorned her head, and looked out from a window.

31. And as Jehu entered the gate, she said, Is it peace, you Zimri, who murdered his master?

32. And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? Who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

33. And he said, Throw her down. And they threw her down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses; and he trampled her under foot.

34. And when he came in, he ate and drank, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter.
35. And they went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

36. And they returned, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the Lord, which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the territory of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel;

37. And the carcass of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the territory of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.
1. And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to those who brought up Ahab's children, saying,

2. And as soon as this letter comes to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and armor;

3. Select the best and fittest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

4. But they were very much afraid, and said, Behold, two kings could not stand before him; how then shall we stand?

5. And he who was over the house, and he who was over the city, the elders also, and the guardians of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are your servants, and will do all that you shall bid us; we will not make any king; do that which is good in your eyes.

6. Then he wrote a letter a second time to them, saying, If you are mine, and if you will listen to my voice, take the heads of your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time. And the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the notables of the city, who were bringing them up.
7. And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them to him to Jezreel.

8. And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning.

9. And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, You are just men; behold, I conspired against my master, and killed him; but who killed all these?

10. Know now that there shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of the Lord, which the Lord spoke concerning the house of Ahab; for the Lord has done that which he spoke by his servant Elijah.

11. And Jehu killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12. And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And as he was at the shepherd's meeting house in the way,

13. Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are you? And they answered, We are the brothers of Ahaziah; and we go down to greet the sons of the king and the sons of the queen.
14. And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and killed them at the pit of the meeting house, forty two men; and he did not leave any of them.

15. And when he had departed from there, he came across Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him; and he greeted him, and said to him, Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it is, give me your hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16. And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord. And they made him ride in his chariot.

17. And when he came to Samaria, he killed all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the Lord, which he spoke to Elijah.

18. And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.

19. And therefore call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be missing; for I have a great sacrifice to make to Baal; whoever shall be missing, he shall not live. But Jehu did it with cunning in order to destroy the worshippers of Baal.
20. And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

21. And Jehu sent through all Israel; and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And they came to the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to the other.

22. And he said to him who was in charge of the wardrobe, Bring out garments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them out garments.

23. And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, to the house of Baal, and said to the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that none of the servants of the Lord should be here with you, but the worshippers of Baal only.

24. And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu stationed eighty men outside, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he who lets him go, his life shall be for the life of him.

25. And it came to pass, as soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and kill them; let none come out. And they struck them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains threw them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

26. And they brought out the images from the house of Baal, and burned them.
27. And they broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a latrine to this day.

28. Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel.

29. But from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, Jehu departed not from after them, namely, the golden calves who were in Beth-El, and who were in Dan.

30. And the Lord said to Jehu, Because you have done well in doing that which is right in my eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, your sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.

31. But Jehu did not take heed to walk in the Torah of the Lord God of Israel with all his heart; for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin.

32. In those days the Lord began to cut off parts of Israel; and Hazael struck them in all the borders of Israel;

33. From the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and Gilead and Bashan.
34. And the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

35. And Jehu slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place.

36. And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty eight years.
1. And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal seed.

2. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons who were killed; and they hid him, him and his nurse, in the bed chamber, from Athaliah, so that he was not killed.

3. And he was with her hidden in the house of the Lord six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land.

4. And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and brought the rulers over hundreds of the guards, with the runners, and brought them to him to the house of the Lord, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath from them in the house of the Lord, and showed them the king's son.

5. And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that you shall do; A third part of you who enter in on the sabbath shall guard the king's house;

6. And a third part shall be at the Gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the runners; so shall you guard the house, as a defense.
7. And the two parts of you who go forth on the sabbath, they shall guard the house of the Lord around the king.

8. And you shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he who comes inside the ranks, let him be killed; and be with the king when he goes out and when he comes in.

9. And the captains over the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with those who should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10. And to the captains over hundreds the priest gave king David's spears and shields, who were in the temple of the Lord.

11. And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, around the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple.

12. And he brought out the king's son, and placed the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they proclaimed him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, Long live the king!

13. And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people in the temple of the Lord.
14. And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the custom was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets; and Athaliah tore her clothes, and cried, "Treason, Treason!"

15. But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the army, and said to them, Bring her out between the ranks; and he who follows her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be killed in the house of the Lord.

16. And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by which the horses came to the king's house; and there she was killed.

17. And Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord and the king and the people, that they should be the Lord's people; also between the king and the people.

18. And all the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and broke it down; his altars and his images broke they in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the Lord.

19. And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the Lord, and came by the way of the Gate of the Guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.
20. And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet; and they killed Athaliah with the sword in the king's house.
1. Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign.

2. In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

3. And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all his days because Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

4. But the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.

5. And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the consecrated things that is brought to the house of the Lord, the money of persons, for which each man is assessed, and the money that any man is prompted by his heart to bring to the house of the Lord,

6. Let the priests take it to them, every man from his acquaintance; and let them repair the breaches of the house, wherever any breach shall be found.

7. But it was so, that in the twenty third year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.
8. Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said to them, Why do you not repair the breaches of the house? Now therefore receive no more money from your acquaintances, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

9. And the priests agreed to receive no more money from the people, nor to repair the breaches of the house.

10. But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of the Lord; and the priests who guarded the door put in there all the money that was brought to the house of the Lord.

11. And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they counted and tied up in bags the money that was found in the house of the Lord.

12. And they gave the money, that was counted, to the hands of the workmen, who supervised the house of the Lord; and they paid it out to the carpenters and builders, who worked upon the house of the Lord.

13. And to the masons, and the stone cutters, and to buy timber and quarried stones to repair the breaches of the house of the Lord, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.
14. But there were not made for the house of the Lord bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any utensils of gold, or utensils of silver, from the money that was brought to the house of the Lord;

15. But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired with it the house of the Lord.

16. And they did not ask an accounting from the men into whose hand they delivered the money to be paid to the workmen; for they dealt in good faith.

17. The money for guilt offerings and the money for sin offerings was not brought to the house of the Lord; it was delivered to the priests'.

18. Then Hazael king of Aram went up, and fought against Gath, and took it; and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

19. And Jehoash king of Judah took all the consecrated things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had consecrated, and his own consecrated things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Aram; and he went away from Jerusalem.

20. And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
21. And his servants arose, and conspired, and killed Joash in the house of Millo, on the way that goes down to Silla.

22. For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Amaziah his son reigned in his place.
1. In the twenty third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and he reigned seventeen years.

2. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel sin; he did not depart from them;

3. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them to the hand of Hazael king of Aram, and to the hand of Ben-Hadad the son of Hazael, all their days.

4. And Jehoahaz prayed to the Lord, and the Lord listened to him; for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Aram oppressed them.

5. And the Lord gave Israel a savior, so that they went out from under the hand of the Arameans; and the people of Israel lived in their tents, as formerly.

6. Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, but walked in them; and there remained the Ashera also in Samaria.
7. And there was not left to Jehoahaz an army of more than fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand foot soldiers; for the king of Aram had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust at threshing.

8. And the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

9. And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria; and Joash his son reigned in his place.

10. In the thirty seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, and he reigned sixteen years.

11. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin; but he walked in them.

12. And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

13. And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne; and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.
14. And Elisha had fallen ill with the sickness of which he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen.

15. And Elisha said to him, Take a bow and arrows. And he took for himself a bow and arrows.

16. And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it; and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

17. And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Aram; for you shall strike the Arameans in Aphek, till you have consumed them.

18. And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike upon the ground. And he struck three times, and stopped.

19. And the man of God was angry with him, and said, You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Aram till they had been consumed; whereas now you shall strike Aram only three times.

20. And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.
21. And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulcher of Elisha; and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22. But Hazael king of Aram oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23. And the Lord was gracious to them, and had compassion on them, and turned towards them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither has he till now cast them away from his presence.

24. And Hazael king of Aram died; and Ben-Hadad his son reigned in his place.

25. And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again from the hand of Ben-Hadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken from the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.
1. In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

2. He was twenty five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, yet not like David his father; he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

4. But the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

5. And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he killed his servants who had killed the king his father.

6. But the children of the murderers he did not kill; according to that which is written in the Book of the Torah of Moses, because the Lord commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin

7. He killed of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Sela by war, and called the name of it Yoktehel to this day.
8. Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

9. And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son for a wife; and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled down the thistle.

10. You have indeed defeated Edom, and your heart has lifted you up; keep your glory, and remain at home; for why should you provoke trouble, that you should fall, you, and Judah with you?

11. But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

12. And Judah was defeated by Israel; and they fled every man to their tents.

13. And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-Shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits.
14. And he took all the gold and silver, and all the utensils that were found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15. And the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

16. And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place.

17. And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

18. And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

19. And they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there.

20. And they brought him on horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21. And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.
22. He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23. In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty one years.

24. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin.

25. He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord God of Israel, which he spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gath-Hepher.

26. For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter; for there was not any shut up, nor any left free, nor any helper for Israel.

27. And the Lord did not say that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28. And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he fought, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
29. And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his place.
1. In the twenty seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

2. Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

3. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

4. Save that the high places were not removed; the people sacrificed and burned incense still on the high places.

5. And the Lord struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land.

6. And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

7. And Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Jotham his son reigned in his place.
8. In the thirty eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months.

9. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his fathers had done; he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin.

10. And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck him before the people, and killed him, and reigned in his place.

11. And the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

12. This was the word of the Lord which he spoke to Jehu, saying, Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation. And so it came to pass.

13. Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria.

14. For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him, and reigned in his place.
15. And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

16. Then Menahem struck Tiphsah, and all who were there, and its borders from Tirzah; because they opened not to him, therefore he struck it; and all the women there who were with child he ripped up.

17. In the thirty ninth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria.

18. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin.

19. And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

20. And Menahem exacted the money of Israel, from all the mighty men of wealth, from each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. And the king of Assyria turned back, and did not remain in the land.

21. And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
22. And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.

23. In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years.

24. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin.

25. But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him, and struck him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, by Argob and Arieh, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites; and he killed him, and reigned in his place.

26. And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

27. In the fifty second year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and he reigned twenty years.

28. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin.
29. In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, and took Iyon, and Abel-Beth-Maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

30. And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him, and killed him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31. And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

32. In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

33. Twenty five years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

34. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35. But the high places were not removed; the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the Lord.
36. And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

37. In those days the Lord began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

38. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.
1. In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2. Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not do that which was right in the sight of the Lord his God, like David his father.

3. But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and he even made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations, whom the Lord cast out from before the people of Israel.

4. And he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5. Then Rezin king of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war; and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.

6. At that time Rezin king of Aram recovered Elath for Aram, and drove the men of Judah from Elath; and the Arameans came to Elath, and lived there to this day.

7. And Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am your servant and your son; come up, and save me from the hand of the king of Aram, and from the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me.
8. And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

9. And the king of Assyria listened to him; for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried its people captive to Kir, and killed Rezin.

10. And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus; and king Ahaz sent to Uriah the priest the model of the altar, and its pattern, according to all its workmanship.

11. And Uriah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus; so Uriah the priest made it before king Ahaz came from Damascus.

12. And when the king came from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and the king approached to the altar, and offered on it.

13. And he burned his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar.

14. And he brought also the bronze altar, which was before the Lord, from the front of the house, from between the altar and the house of the Lord, and put it on the north side of the altar.
15. And king Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meal offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; and the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by.

16. Thus did Uriah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17. And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the basin from off them; and took down the sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

18. And the covered passage for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's outer entrance, he turned from the house of the Lord, because of the king of Assyria.

19. And the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

20. And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.
1. In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

2. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, but not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

3. Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his vassal, and paid him tribute.

4. And the king of Assyria found treachery in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and brought no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year; therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

5. Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

6. In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7. For so it was, that the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up from the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,
8. And walked in the statutes of the nations, whom the Lord cast out from before the people of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they practiced.

9. And the people of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God, and they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from the watchtower to the fortified city.

10. And they set up for themselves pillars and Asherim in every high hill, and under every green tree;

11. And there they burned incense in all the high places, as did the nations whom the Lord carried away before them; and did wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger;

12. For they served idols, about which the Lord had said to them, you shall not do this thing.

13. Then the Lord warned Israel, and Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the Torah which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

14. However they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like the neck of their fathers, who did not believe in the Lord their God.
15. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies with which he warned them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the nations that were around them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16. And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, two calves, and made an Ashera, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

17. And they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

18. Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them from his sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

19. Also Judah kept not the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they practiced.

20. And the Lord rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them to the hand of plunderers, until he had cast them from his sight.

21. For he tore Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king; and Jeroboam drove Israel from following the Lord, and made them sin a great sin.
22. For the people of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;

23. Until the Lord removed Israel from his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. And Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria to this day.

24. And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the people of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria, and lived in its cities.

25. And so it was at the beginning of their living there, that they feared not the Lord; therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which killed some of them.

26. And they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which you have removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the customs of the God of the land; therefore he has sent lions among them, and, behold, they kill them, because they know not the customs of the God of the land.

27. Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Take there one of the priests whom you brought from there; and let them go and live there, and let him teach them the customs of the God of the land.
28. Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Beth-El, and taught them how they should fear the Lord.

29. But every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities where they lived.

30. And the men of Babylon made idolatrous tents for impure purposes, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31. And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their sons in fire to Adram-Melech and Anam-Melech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

32. And they feared the Lord, and appointed from among themselves all sorts of people as priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33. They feared the Lord, and served their own gods, according to the customs of the nations from among whom they had been carried away.
34. To this day they do according to their former customs; they do not fear the Lord, nor do they follow the statutes, or the ordinances, or the Torah and commandment which the Lord commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

35. With whom the Lord had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them;

36. But the Lord, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall you fear, and him shall you worship, and to him shall you do sacrifice.

37. And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the Torah, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, you shall be careful to do for all time; and you shall not fear other gods.

38. And the covenant that I have made with you you shall not forget; nor shall you fear other gods.

39. But the Lord your God you shall fear; and he shall save you from the hand of all your enemies.

40. But they did not listen, but did according to their former customs.
41. And these nations feared the Lord, and served their carved idols, both their children, and their grandchildren; as did their fathers, so do they to this day.
1. And it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2. Twenty five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi, the daughter of Zechariah.

3. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did.

4. He removed the high places, and broke the images, and cut down the Ashera, and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for in those days the people of Israel burned incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan.

5. He trusted in the Lord God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any who were before him.

6. For he held fast to the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses.

7. And the Lord was with him; and he prospered wherever he went forth; and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

8. He struck the Philistines, as far as Gaza, and its borders, from the watchtower to the fortified city.
9. And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

10. And at the end of three years they took it; in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.

11. And the king of Assyria carried away Israel to Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes;

12. Because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

13. And in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them.

14. And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; withdraw from me; that which you put on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria imposed on Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15. And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house.
16. At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the Lord, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

17. And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-Saris and Rab-Shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great army against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they came up, they came and stood by the aqueduct of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the washer's field.

18. And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

19. And Rab-Shakeh said to them, Speak now to Hezekiah, Thus said the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this in which you trust?

20. You say, A mere word with the lips will serve as counsel and strength for the war. And on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

21. And, behold, you trust upon the staff of this broken reed, upon Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand, and pierce it; so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust on him.
22. But if you say to me, We trust in the Lord our God; is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah had taken away, and has said to Judah and Jerusalem, you shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23. And therefore, I beg you, make a wager with my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver to you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders upon them.

24. How then will you turn away the face of one officer of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

25. Am I now come up without the Lord against this place to destroy it? The Lord said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

26. Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, to Rab-Shakeh, Speak, I beg you, to your servants in the Aramean language; for we understand it; and talk not with us in the language of Judah in the hearing of the people who are on the wall.

27. But Rab-Shakeh said to them, Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? has he not sent me to the men who sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?
28. Then Rab-Shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the language of Judah, and spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria;

29. Thus said the king. Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he shall not be able to save you from his hand;

30. Nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely save us, and this city shall not be delivered to the hand of the king of Assyria.

31. Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus said the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me and come out to me, and then eat every man from his own vine, and every one from his fig tree, and drink every one the waters of his cistern;

32. Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that you may live, and not die; and listen not to Hezekiah, when he misleads you, saying, The Lord will save us.

33. Had any of the gods of the nations saved at all his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

34. Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? Have they saved Samaria from my hand?
35. Who among all the gods of the countries, have saved their country from my hand, that the Lord should save Jerusalem from my hand?

36. But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was Do not answer him.

37. Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of Rab-Shakeh.
1. And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord.

2. And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3. And they said to him, Thus said Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of reviling, and blasphemy; for the children have come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring them forth.

4. It may be the Lord your God will hear all the words of Rab-Shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to taunt the living God; and will revile with words which the Lord your God had heard; therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant who are left.

5. And the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6. And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you say to your master, Thus said the Lord, Be not afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.
7. Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8. And Rab-Shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah; for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

9. And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Cush, Behold, he has come out to fight against you; he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying,

10. Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered to the hand of the king of Assyria.

11. Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them completely; and shall you be saved?

12. Have the gods of the nations saved those whom my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Telasar?

13. Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

14. And Hezekiah received the letters from the hand of the messengers, and read them; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread them before the Lord.
15. And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said, O Lord God of Israel, who dwells between the Cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.

16. Lord, bend your ear, and hear; open, Lord, your eyes, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, who has sent him to taunt the living God.

17. Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,

18. And have thrown their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them.

19. And therefore, O Lord our God, I beseech you, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are the Lord God, you only.

20. Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, That which you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

21. This is the word that the Lord has spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion despises you, and laughs at you with scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.
22. Whom have you taunted and blasphemed? and against whom have you exalted your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel.

23. By your messengers you have taunted the Lord, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down their tall cedar trees, and their choice cypresses; and I will enter into its farthest lodges, and into the forest of his Carmel.

24. I have dug and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the canals of Mazor.

25. Have you not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? Now have I brought it to pass, that fortified cities should be laid waste into ruinous heaps.

26. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as grain blasted before it has grown up.

27. But I know your abode, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against me.
28. Because your rage against me and your arrogance has come into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.

29. And this shall be a sign to you, you shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruits.

30. And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

31. For from Jerusalem shall go out a remnant, and they who escape from Mount Zion; the zeal of the Lord of Hosts shall do this.

32. Therefore thus said the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it.

33. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, said the Lord.

34. For I will defend this city, to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.
35. And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and struck in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty five thousand; and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

36. And Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and lived in Nineveh.

37. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adram-Melech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword and they escaped to the land of Ararat. And Esar-Haddon his son reigned in his place.
1. In those days was Hezekiah mortally ill. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus said the Lord, Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live.

2. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying,

3. I beseech you, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight. And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4. And it came to pass, before Isaiah was gone out to the middle court that the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

5. Turn back, and tell Hezekiah the prince of my people, Thus said the Lord, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.

6. And I will add to your days fifteen years; and I will save you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

7. And Isaiah said, Take a cake of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.
8. And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the Lord the third day?

9. And Isaiah said, This sign shall you have of the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he has spoken; shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

10. And Hezekiah answered, It is easy for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go back ten degrees.

11. And Isaiah the prophet cried to the Lord; and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

12. At that time Berodach-Baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah; for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

13. And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the house of his treasures, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures; there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah showed them not.
14. Then came Isaiah the prophet to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What said these men? and from where came they to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a far country, from Babylon.

15. And he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in my house have they seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I did not show them.

16. And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord.

17. Behold, the days will come, that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store to this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, said the Lord.

18. And of your sons that shall issue from you, which you shall father, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19. Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which you have spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth are in my days?

20. And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and an aqueduct, and brought water to the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
21. And Hezekiah slept with his fathers; and Manasseh his son reigned in his place.
1. Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah.

2. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, after the abominations of the nations, whom the Lord cast out before the people of Israel.

3. For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he erected altars for Baal, and made an Ashera, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4. And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord said, In Jerusalem will I put my name.

5. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord.

6. And he made his son pass through the fire, and practiced soothsaying, and used enchantments, and dealt with mediums and wizards; he did much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

7. And he set a carved idol of the Ashera that he had made in the house, of which the Lord said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever;
8. Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more from the land which I gave to their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the Torah that my servant Moses commanded them.

9. But they listened not; and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the people of Israel.

10. And the Lord spoke by his servants the prophets, saying,

11. Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, and has done more wickedly than the Amorites did, who were before him, and had made Judah also sin with his idols;

12. Therefore thus said the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle.

13. And I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.

14. And I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance, and deliver them to the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a plunder to all their enemies;
15. Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came out of Egypt, even to this day.

16. Moreover Manasseh shed much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin with which he made Judah sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord.

17. And the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

18. And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza; and Amon his son reigned in his place.

19. Amon was twenty two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh did.

21. And he walked in all the ways that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them;

22. And he forsook the Lord God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the Lord.
23. And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and killed the king in his own house.

24. And the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

25. And the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

26. And he was buried in his sepulcher in the garden of Uzza; and Josiah his son reigned in his place.
Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the Lord, saying,

Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the silver which is brought to the house of the Lord, which the gatekeepers have gathered from the people; and let them give it to workers who are in the house of the Lord, to repair the breaches of the house.

But there was no account made with them of the money that was delivered to their hand, because they dealt in good faith.
8. And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the Book of the Torah in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9. And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it to the hand of the workmen, who supervise the house of the Lord.

10. And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

11. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the Book of the Torah, that he tore his clothes.

12. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

13. Go, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that was found; for great is the anger of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us.
14. And Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter; and they talked with her.

15. And she said to them, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, Tell the man who sent you to me,

16. Thus said the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon its inhabitants, all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read;

17. Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my anger shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18. But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, Concerning the words which you have heard;

19. Because your heart was tender, and you have humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and have torn your clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard you, said the Lord.
20. Behold therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought back word to the king.
1. And the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2. And the king went up to the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the Lord.

3. And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

4. And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the gatekeepers, to bring out from the temple of the Lord all the utensils that were made for Baal, and for the Ashera, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Beth-El.

5. And he deposed the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places around Jerusalem; also those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven.
6. And he brought out the Ashera from the house of the Lord, outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to dust, and cast its dust upon the graves of the common people.

7. And he broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes, that were by the house of the Lord, where the women wove covering for the Ashera.

8. And he brought all the priests from the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and broke down the high places of the gates that were in the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

9. Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the Lord in Jerusalem, but they ate of the unleavened bread among their brothers.

10. And he defiled the Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

11. And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of the Lord, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.
12. And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the Lord, did the king beat down, and broke them down from there, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

13. And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites, did the king defile.

14. And he broke in pieces the images, and cut down the Asherim, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15. Moreover the altar that was at Beth-El, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the Ashera.

16. And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchers that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones from the sepulchers, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the Lord which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.
17. Then he said, What monument is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulcher of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Beth-El.

18. And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. And they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.

19. And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the Lord to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-El.

20. And he killed all the priests of the high places who were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

21. And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the Passover to the Lord your God, as it is written in the Book of this Covenant.

22. Surely there was not celebrated such a Passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

23. But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, when this Passover was celebrated to the Lord in Jerusalem.
24. Moreover the mediums, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the Torah which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord.

25. And like him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Torah of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

26. However the Lord turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, with which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him with.

27. And the Lord said, I will remove Judah also from my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

28. And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

29. In his days Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates; and king Josiah went against him; and he killed him at Megiddo, when he saw him.
30. And his servants carried him dead in a chariot from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulcher. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's place.

31. Jehoahaz was twenty three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

33. And Pharaoh Necho put him in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

34. And Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in place of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away; and he came to Egypt, and died there.

35. And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it to Pharaoh Necho.
36. Jehoiakim was twenty five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.
1. In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his vassal three years; then he turned and rebelled against him.

2. And the Lord sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Arameans, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the Ammonites, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by his servants the prophets.

3. Surely at the commandment of the Lord came this upon Judah, to remove them from his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

4. And also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the Lord would not pardon.

5. And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

6. And Jehoiakim slept with his fathers; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

7. And the king of Egypt came not again any more from his land; for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates all that belonged to the king of Egypt.
8. Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father had done.

10. At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

11. And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants besieged it.

12. And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers; and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13. And he carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the utensils of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the Lord, as the Lord had said.

14. And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths; none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.
15. And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the
king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those he carried into
exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16. And all the men of might, seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a
thousand, all who were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon
brought captive to Babylon.

17. And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his
place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18. Zedekiah was twenty one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned
eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of
Jeremiah of Libnah.

19. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that
Jehoiakim had done.

20. For through the anger of the Lord it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah,
until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the
king of Babylon.
1. And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the
ten day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all
his army, against Jerusalem, and camped against it; and they built a siege wall
around against it.

2. And the city was besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3. And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city,
and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4. And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way
of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden; and the Chaldeans
were against the city surrounding it; and the king went the way toward the
Arabah.

5. And the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in
the plains of Jericho; and all his army were scattered from him.

6. And they took the king, and brought him to the king of Babylon to Riblah;
and they gave judgment upon him.

7. And they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of
Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of bronze, and carried him to Babylon.
8. And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, to Jerusalem;

9. And he burned the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burned he with fire.

10. And all the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down the walls around Jerusalem.

11. And the rest of the people who were left in the city, and the fugitives who fell to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away.

12. But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and field workers.

13. And the pillars of bronze that were in the house of the Lord, and the bases, and the bronze sea that was in the house of the Lord, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried the bronze of them to Babylon.

14. And the pans, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the utensils of bronze with which they ministered, took they away.
15. And the firepans, and the basins, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away.

16. The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the Lord; the bronze of all these utensils beyond weight.

17. The height of one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the capital upon it was bronze; and the height of the capital three cubits; and the network, and pomegranates upon the capital around it, all of bronze; and the second pillar had the like, with the network.

18. And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three gatekeepers;

19. And from the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war, and five men of those who were in the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the scribe of the commander of the army, who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the city;

20. And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah;

21. And the king of Babylon struck them, and killed them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. And Judah was carried away from their land.
22. And as for the people who remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

23. And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

24. And Gedaliah swore to them, and to their men, and said to them, Do not fear to be the servants of the Chaldeans; live in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

25. But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of royal seed, came, and ten men with him, and struck Gedaliah, and he died, and the men of Judah and the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah.

26. And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.
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27. And it came to pass in the thirty seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty seventh day of the month, that Evil-Merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison;

28. And he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon;

29. And changed his prison garments; and he ate bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30. And his allowance was a continual allowance given to him by the king, a daily portion for every day, all the days of his life.

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1. The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken, I have reared and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3. The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people does not consider.

4. Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children who are corrupters; they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger, they have turned backwards.

5. Where should you still be stricken that you revolt again? Every head is sick, and every heart is faint.

6. From the sole of the foot to the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and sores; they have not been pressed, nor bound up, nor softened with oil.

7. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; as for your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as if overthrown by strangers.
8. And the daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city.

9. If the Lord of Hosts had not left us a very small remnant, we should have been like Sodom, and we should have been like Gomorrah.

10. Hear the word of the Lord, rulers of Sodom; give ear to the Torah of our God, people of Gomorrah.

11. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to me? said the Lord; I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of male goats.

12. When you come to appear before me, who has required this at your hand, to trample my courts?

13. Bring no more vain offerings; incense of abomination they are to me; as for new moons and sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies, I cannot bear iniquity along with solemn meeting.

14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they are a trouble to me; I am weary of enduring them.

15. And when you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; and, when you make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood.
16. Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil;

17. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the orphan, plead for the widow.

18. Come now, and let us reason together, said the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

20. But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

21. How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

22. Your silver has become dross, your wine is mixed with water;

23. Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; every one loves bribes, and follows after rewards; they judge not the orphans neither does the cause of the widow reach them.

24. Therefore said the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of my adversaries, and avenge me of my enemies;
25. And I will turn my hand upon you, and smelt away your dross as with lye, and take away all your base alloy;

26. And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counsellors as at the beginning; afterward you shall be called, The City of Righteousness, the Faithful City.

27. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and those who return to her with righteousness.

28. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

29. For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired, and you shall be confounded because of the gardens that you have chosen.

30. For you shall be like an oak whose leave withers, and like a garden that has no water.

31. And the strong shall be as tow, and his work a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.
1. The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the Mountain of the Lord's House shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

3. And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for from Zion shall go forth Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more.

5. O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

6. For you have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob, because they are replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

7. And their land is full of silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; and their land is full of horses, and there is no end to their chariots;
8. And their land is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made;

9. And man is humbled, and man is brought low; forgive them not.

10. Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty.

11. The lofty looks of man shall be brought low, and the arrogance of men shall be brought low, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

12. For the day of the Lord of Hosts shall be upon every one who is arrogant and lofty, and upon every one who is lifted up and shall be brought low;

13. And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14. And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the lofty hills,

15. And upon every high tower, and upon every fortified wall,

16. And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all delightful craftsmanship.

17. And the haughtiness of man shall be bowed down, and the arrogance of men shall be brought down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.
18. And the idols he shall completely abolish.

19. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake terribly the earth.

20. In that day man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made for him to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21. To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crevices of the rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake terribly the earth.

22. Cease you from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for in what is he to be accounted for?
1. For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.

2. The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the diviner, and the elder,

3. The captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counsellor, and the skilful artisan, and the eloquent orator.

4. And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

5. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor; the child shall behave himself arrogantly against the elder, and the base against the honorable.

6. When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, You have clothing, be you our ruler, and let this ruin be under your hand;

7. In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be a healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing; make me not a ruler of the people.
8. For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen; because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9. The show of their countenance does witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe to their soul! for they have rewarded evil to themselves.

10. Say to the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

11. Woe to the wicked! it shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

12. As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they who lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths.

13. The Lord stands up to plead, and stands to judge the people.

14. The Lord will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and its princes; for you have eaten up the vineyard; the plunder of the poor is in your houses.

15. What do you mean beating my people to pieces, and grinding the faces of the poor? said the Lord God of hosts.
Moreover the Lord said, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched out necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet;

Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will lay bare their secret parts.

In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their anklets, and their tiaras, and their necklaces.

The ear rings, and the bracelets, and the scarves,

The bonnets, and the arm bands, and the belts, and the perfume boxes, and the amulets,

The rings, and nose jewels,

The cloaks, and the mantles, and the gowns, and the handbags,

The gauze, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.

And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be a stench; and instead of a girdle a rope; and instead of well set hair, baldness; and instead of a fine dress a girding of sackcloth; and a brand instead of beauty.
25. Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war.

26. And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.
1. And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach.

2. In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for those of Israel who have escaped.

3. And it shall come to pass, that he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, every one who has been recorded among the living in Jerusalem;

4. When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from its midst by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

5. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for upon all the glory shall be a canopy.

6. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.
Now will I sing to my well beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well beloved has a vineyard in a very fruitful hill; and he dug it, and cleared away its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in its midst, and also made there a winepress; and he looked for it to yield grapes, and it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I beg you, between me and my vineyard.

4. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, it yielded wild grapes?

5. And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard; I will take away its hedge, and it shall be eaten up; and break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down; and I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned, nor dug; but there shall come up briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds not to rain upon it.

7. For the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant; and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.
8. Woe to those who join house to house, who lay field to field, till there is no room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land!

9. In my ears said the Lord of Hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, great and fair, without inhabitant.

10. For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bat, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

11. Woe to those who rise up early in the morning, that they may go after strong drink; and continue until night, till wine inflames them!

12. And the lyre, and the lute, the tambourine, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts; but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13. Therefore my people are gone to exile, because they have no knowledge; and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14. Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself, and opened its mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he who rejoices, shall descend into it.

15. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled;
16. But the Lord of Hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God who is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17. Then shall the lambs feed as in their pasture, and fat ones and strangers shall feed in the ruins.

18. Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope;

19. Who say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it!

20. Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22. Woe to those who are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mix strong drink;

23. Who justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!
24. Therefore as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have cast away the Torah of the Lord of Hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25. Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against his people, and he stretched out his hand against them, and struck them; and the hills trembled, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger was not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26. And he will lift up a banner to the nations from far, and will whistle to them from the end of the earth; and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly;

27. None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the strap of their sandals be broken;

28. Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a stormy wind.

29. Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions; yes, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall rescue it.

30. And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea; and if one looks to the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in its heavens.
1. In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2. Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly.

3. And one cried to another, and said, Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of he who cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.

6. Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;

7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.

8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.
9. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear hear, but do not understand. See see, but do not perceive.

10. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return, and be healed.

11. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities are destroyed without inhabitants, and the houses without man, and the land is completely desolate,

12. And the Lord has moved men far away, and there is a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13. And if one tenth remain in it, then that shall again be consumed; but like a terebinth tree, or like an oak, whose stump remains, when they cast their leaves; so the holy seed shall be its stump.
1. And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to fight against it, but could not prevail against it.

2. And it was told the house of David, saying, Aram is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest are moved with the wind.

3. Then said the Lord to Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shear-Yashuv your son, at the end of the aqueduct of the upper pool in the highway of the washers' field;

4. And say to him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be faint hearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Aram, and of the son of Remaliah.

5. Because Aram, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against you, saying,

6. Let us go up against Judah, and harass it, and let us make a breach in it for us, and set a king in its midst, the son of Tabeal;

7. Thus said the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.
8. For the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within sixty five years shall Ephraim be broken, and it will not be a people.

9. And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established.

10. Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

11. Ask a sign of the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord.

13. And he said, Hear now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?

14. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, the young woman is with child, and she will bear a son, and shall call his name Immanu-El.

15. Butter and honey shall he eat, when he shall know how to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16. For before the child shall know how to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread shall be deserted.
17. The Lord shall bring upon you, and upon your people, and upon your father's house, days that have not come since the day when Ephraim departed from Judah: the king of Assyria.

18. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall whistle to the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

19. And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.

20. In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor which is hired, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the legs; and it shall also sweep away the beard.

21. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;

22. And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter; for butter and honey shall every one eat who is left in the land.

23. And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place where there were a thousand vines worth a thousand silver shekels, will become briers and thorns.
24. With arrows and with bows shall men come there; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

25. And on all hills that shall be hoed with a hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of bulls, and for the treading of sheep.
1. Moreover the Lord said to me, Take a great roll, and write on it with common characters, "The spoil speeds, the prey hastens".

2. And I took to myself faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

3. And I went to the prophetess; and she conceived, and bore a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz (The spoil speeds, the prey hastens).

4. For before the child shall know how to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

5. The Lord spoke also to me again, saying,

6. Because this people refuse the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;

7. Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory; and it will rise over all its channels, and go over all its banks;
8. And it shall pass through Judah; it shall overflow and go over, it shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of your land, O Immanu-El.

9. Be broken up, O you people, and be dismayed; and give ear, all you of far countries; gird yourselves, and you shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and you shall be broken in pieces.

10. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nothing; speak the word, and it shall not stand; for God is with us.

11. For the Lord spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

12. Do not say, It is a conspiracy, to all that this people shall call a conspiracy; neither fear their fear, nor be afraid.

13. Sanctify the Lord of Hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

14. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a trap to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be trapped, and be taken.
16. Bind up the testimony, seal the Torah among my disciples.

17. And I will wait upon the Lord, who hides his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

18. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of Hosts, who dwells in mount Zion.

19. And when they shall say to you, Consult mediums and wizards who peep and mutter; Should not a people consult their God? Why seek the living among the dead,

20. For Torah and for testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

21. And they shall pass through it, greatly distressed and hungry; and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they will be enraged, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.

22. And they shall look to the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

23. For there is no weariness to him who is set against her; at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, and afterwards he afflicted her more grievously by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.
1. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; they who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined.

2. You have multiplied the nation, and increased the joy; they rejoice before you according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the plunder.

3. For you have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the days of Midian.

4. For every shoe of the stormy warrior, and every garment rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel of fire.

5. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government is upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called "Wonderful counsellor of the mighty God, of the everlasting Father, of the Prince of peace".

6. For the increase of the realm and for peace there without end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from now and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts performs this.

7. The Lord sent a word to Jacob, and it will descend upon Israel.
8. And all the people shall know, Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, who say in the pride and arrogance of heart,

9. The bricks have fallen down, but we will build with cut stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will change them into cedars.

10. Therefore the Lord shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and stirs up their enemies;

11. The Arameans before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.

12. For the people turns not to him who strikes them, neither do they seek the Lord of Hosts.

13. Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.

14. The elder and honorable, he is the head; and the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.

15. For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and those who are led by them are destroyed.
16. Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their orphans and widows; for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.

17. For wickedness burns as the fire; it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up in a billow of smoke.

18. Through the anger of the Lord of Hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire; no man shall spare his brother.

19. And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied; they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm;

20. Manasseh against Ephraim; and Ephraim against Manasseh; and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.
1. Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers who prescribe oppression;

2. To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the orphan!

3. And what will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will you flee for help? and where will you leave your glory?

4. There is nothing to be done but to crouch among the prisoners, and fall among the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.

5. O Assyrian, the rod of my anger, for the staff in their hand is my indignation.

6. I will send him against a hypocritical nation, and against the people of my anger will I give him a charge, to take the plunder, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7. But he means not so, neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off not a few nations.
8. For he said, Are not my princes all of them kings?

9. Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus?

10. As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, whose carved idols exceeded those of Jerusalem and of Samaria;

11. Shall I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12. And it shall come to pass, that when the Lord has performed his whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

13. For he said, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent; and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the mighty number of their inhabitants;

14. And my hand has found as a nest the riches of the people; and as one gathers eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none who moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or chirped.
15. Shall the ax boast itself against he who cuts with it? or shall the saw magnify itself against he who wields it? as if the rod should shake itself against those who lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up them who are not wood.

16. Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17. And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

18. And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body; and they shall be like when a sick person wastes away.

19. And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them down.

20. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such of the house of Jacob who have escaped, shall no more again rely upon him who struck them; but shall rely upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21. The remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

22. For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, still a remnant of them shall return; the destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.
23. For the Lord God of hosts shall make a destruction, as decreed, in the midst of all the land.

24. Therefore thus said the Lord God of hosts, O my people who live in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian; he shall strike you with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against you, as Egypt did.

25. But yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and my anger in their destruction.

26. And the Lord of Hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up as he did in Egypt.

27. And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the fatness.

28. He has come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he has laid up his baggage;

29. They are gone over the passage; they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul has fled.

30. Lift up your voice, O daughter of Gallim; cause it to be heard to Laish, O poor Anathoth.
31. Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

32. This very day he will halt at Nob; he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33. Behold, the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, shall lop the bough with terror; and the high ones of stature shall be cut down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

34. And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.
1. And there shall come forth a rod from the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow from his roots;

2. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

3. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord; and he shall not judge by what his eyes see, nor decide by what his ears hear.

4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the humble of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6. The wolf also shall live with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den.

9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

10. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, who shall stand for a banner of the people; to it shall the nations seek; and his resting place shall be glorious.

11. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, who shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12. And he shall set up a banner for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

13. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

14. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall plunder together those of the east; they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the Ammonites shall obey them.
15. And the Lord shall completely destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his scorching wind shall shake his hand over the river, and shall strike it in the seven streams, and make men go over dry.

16. And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, who shall be left, from Assyria; like it was for Israel in the day when he came up out of the land of Egypt.
1. And in that day you shall say, O Lord, I will praise you; though you were angry with me, your anger is turned away, and you comforted me.

2. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song; he also has become my salvation.

3. Therefore with joy shall you draw water from the wells of salvation.

4. And in that day shall you say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

5. Sing to the Lord; for he has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth.

6. Cry out and shout, you inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst.
1. The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

2. Lift up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice to them, wave the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3. I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for my anger, my proudly exalting ones.

4. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like that of a great crowd; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together; the Lord of Hosts prepares his war troops.

5. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6. Howl; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt;

8. And they shall be afraid; pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman in labor; they shall be amazed at one another; their faces shall be as flames.
9. Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy its sinners from out of it.

10. For the stars of heaven and their constellations shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the tyrants.

12. I will make men more rare than fine gold; and mankind than the pure gold of Ophir.

13. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall be removed from her place, in the anger of the Lord of Hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14. And it shall be like the outcast gazelle, and like a sheep that no man takes up; they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one to his own land.

15. Every one who is found shall be thrust through; and every one who is joined to them shall fall by the sword.

16. Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be looted, and their wives raped.
17. Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

18. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19. And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation; neither shall the Arab pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their flock lie there.

21. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of owls; and ostriches shall live there, and wild goats shall prance there.

22. And jackals shall cry in their castles, and wild dogs in their pleasant palaces; and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.
1. For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land; and foreigners shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2. And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and maidservants; and they shall take them captive, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

3. And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear, and from the hard slavery in which you were made to serve.

4. That you shall take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How has the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5. The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, and the scepter of the rulers.

6. Who struck the people in anger with a continual stroke, who ruled the nations in anger with unrelenting persecution.

7. The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into singing.

8. Also the cypress trees rejoice at you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since you are laid down, no one has come to cut us down.
9. Sheol from beneath is stirred up to meet you when you come; it stirs up the shades for you, all the rulers of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10. All they shall speak and say to you, Are you also become weak as we? Are you become like to us?

11. Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the noise of your lutes; worms are spread under you, and worms cover you.

12. How are you fallen from heaven, O bright star, son of the morning! how are you cut down to the ground, you who ruled the nations!

13. For you have said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the farthest north;

14. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.

15. Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the sides of the pit.

16. Those who see you shall narrowly look upon you, and consider you, saying, Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms;

17. Who made the world a wilderness, and destroyed its cities; who did not open the house of his prisoners?
18. All the kings of the nations, all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

19. But you are cast out from your grave like an abominable branch, dressed in the garment of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword; like those who go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trampled under feet.

20. You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, and slain your people; the seed of evildoers shall never more be named.

21. Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, for the face of the world would be filled with enemies.

22. For I will rise up against them, said the Lord of Hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and offspring and posterity, said the Lord.

23. I will also make it a possession for wild birds, and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, said the Lord of Hosts.

24. The Lord of Hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand;

25. That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains trample him under foot; then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.
26. This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27. For the Lord of Hosts has purposed, and who shall annul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28. In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

29. Do not rejoice, O Philistia, because the rod of him who struck you is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a viper, and his fruit shall be a venomous flying serpent.

30. And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and he shall slay your remnant.

31. Howl, O gate; cry, O city; you, the entire Philistia, melt in fear; for there shall come from the north a smoke, and there shall be no straggler in his ranks.

32. What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the Lord has founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall shelter in it.
1. The burden of Moab. Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and ruined; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and ruined.

2. He is gone up to the shrine, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep; Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba; on all their heads shall be baldness, and every beard will be cut off.

3. In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth; on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, weeping abundantly.

4. And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh; their voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz; therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his soul trembles.

5. My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee to Zoar, a heifer of three years old; for by the ascent of Luhith with weeping shall they go up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

6. For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate; for the hay is withered away, the grass fails, there is no green thing.

7. Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away past the brook of the willows.
8. For the cry is gone around the borders of Moab; its howling as far as Eglaim, and its roaring to Beer-Elim.

9. For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood; for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him who escapes of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.
1. Send the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, to the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2. For it shall be, that, like a wandering bird, like scattered nestlings, the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.

3. Take counsel, execute judgment; make your shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; betray not the wanderer.

4. Let my outcasts, the outcasts of Moab live with you; be a refuge to them from the face of the plunderer; for the extortioner is at an end, the plunderer ceases, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5. And in mercy a throne was established; and he sat upon it in truthfulness in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and quick to do righteousness.

6. We have heard of the pride of Moab, he is very proud, of his arrogance, and his pride, and his anger; but his boasts are false.

7. Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl; for the foundations of Kir-Hareeth shall you mourn; surely they are stricken.
8. For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah; the lords of the nations have broken down its choice branches, they have come even to Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness; her branches are stretched out, they went over the sea.

9. Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah; I will water you with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh; for on your summer fruits and on your harvest the battle cry has fallen.

10. And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting; the men who trample grapes shall no more make wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting cease.

11. Therefore my heart shall moan like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kir-Haresh.

12. And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

13. This is the word that the Lord has spoken concerning Moab long ago.

14. But now the Lord has spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.
1. The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2. The cities of Aroer are forsaken; they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

3. The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Aram; they shall be as the glory of the people of Israel, said the Lord of Hosts.

4. And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall become lean.

5. And it shall be as when the reaper gathers the grain, and reaps the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he who gathers ears in the valley of Rephaim.

6. And gleanings shall be left of him, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in its fruitful branches, said the Lord God of Israel.

7. At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have regard to the Holy One of Israel.
8. And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, nor shall he regard that which his fingers have made, either the Asherim or the sun images.

9. In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken portion of the thicket and the uppermost branch, which they left because of the people of Israel; and there shall be desolation.

10. Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the rock of your strength, therefore shall you plant pleasant plants, and shall set it slips of a strange god;

11. Though in the day of your planting you make it grow, and in the morning you make your seed flourish; yet the harvest shall disappear in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12. Woe to the multitude of many people, who make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

13. The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters; but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like whirling dust before the storm.

14. And behold at evening, trouble; and before the morning they are no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.
1. Woe to the land of buzzing wings, which is beyond the rivers of Cush;

2. That sends ambassadors by the sea, in vessels of papyrus upon the waters, saying, Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide!

3. All you inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see when he lifts up a banner on the mountains; and when he blows a shofar, hear!

4. For so the Lord said to me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat in sunlight, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

5. For before the harvest, when the blossom is past, and the bud is ripening into young grapes, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches.

6. They shall be left together to the birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth; and the birds shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.
7. In that time shall a gift be brought to the Lord of Hosts, by a people tall and smooth, and from a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of the Lord of Hosts, the Mount Zion.
1. The burden of Egypt. Behold, the Lord rides upon a swift cloud, and shall come to Egypt; and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

2. And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians; and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

3. And the spirit of Egypt shall be emptied in its midst; and I will destroy its counsel; and they shall consult the idols, and the enchanters, and the mediums, and the wizards.

4. And the Egyptians will I give over to the hand of a cruel Lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, said the Lord, the Lord of Hosts.

5. And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.

6. And the rivers shall become foul, and the canals of Mazor shall be emptied and dried up; the reeds and flags shall wither.

7. The meadows by the river, by the mouth of the river, and every thing sown by the river, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.
8. The fishers also shall mourn, and all those who cast angle into the river shall lament, and those who spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

9. Moreover those who work in fine flax, and those who weave white cotton shall be confounded.

10. And its foundations shall be broken, all who make dams shall be sad in their soul.

11. Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh has become stupid; How can you say to Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

12. Where are they? Where are your wise men? and let them tell you now, and let them know what the Lord of Hosts intends concerning Egypt.

13. The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also made Egypt go astray, even those who are the stay of its tribes.

14. The Lord has mingled within her a spirit of confusion; and they have caused Egypt to err in all its work, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.

15. Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.
16. In that day shall Egypt be like women; and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the Lord of Hosts, which he shakes over it.

17. And the land of Judah shall be a terror to Egypt, every one who makes mention of that shall be afraid, because of the counsel of the Lord of Hosts, which he has determined against it.

18. In that day five cities in the land of Egypt shall speak the language of Canaan, and swear by the Lord of Hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

19. In that day there shall be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at its border to the Lord.

20. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness to the Lord of Hosts in the land of Egypt; for they shall cry to the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them one who shall save them and plead for them, and he shall save them.

21. And the Lord shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day, and shall do sacrifice and meal offering; and they shall vow a vow to the Lord, and perform it.

22. And the Lord shall strike Egypt; he shall strike and heal it; and they shall return to the Lord, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them.
23. In that day there shall be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come to Egypt, and the Egyptian to Assyria, and the Egyptians shall worship with the Assyrians.

24. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the land;

25. Whom the Lord of Hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.
1. In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and fought against Ashdod, and took it;

2. At the same time spoke the Lord by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off your loins, and take off your shoe from your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

3. And the Lord said, Like my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Cush;

4. So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Cushites captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

5. And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Cush their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

6. And the inhabitant of this coast land shall say on that day, Behold, such is our expectation, where we flee for help to be saved from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?
1. The burden of the desert of the sea. As storms in the south sweep through; so it comes from the desert, from a terrible land.

2. A grievous vision is declared to me; he who desires to be treacherous may be treacherous, and he who desires to plunder may plunder. Go up, O Elam; besiege O Media; all its sighing have I made to cease.

3. Therefore are my loins filled with anguish; pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman in labor; I was bowed down so that I could not hear; I was dismayed so that I could not see.

4. My heart reeled, fearfulness terrified me; the night of my pleasure has he turned into fear for me.

5. Prepare the table, lay out the carpet, eat, drink; arise, you princes, and anoint the shield.

6. For thus has the Lord said to me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees.

7. And if he should see riders, pairs of horsemen, riders on asses, and riders on camels; he should listen diligently with much heed;
8. And he cried like a lion; My Lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I stand on guard whole nights;

9. And, behold, here comes men riding, pairs of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon has fallen, has fallen; and all the carved images of her gods he has broken to the ground.

10. O my trampled one, and child of my threshing floor; that which I have heard from the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared to you.

11. The burden of Dumah. One calls to me from Seir: Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

12. The watchman said, The morning comes, and also the night; if you will inquire, inquire; return, come.

13. The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall you lodge, O you travelling companies of Dedanim.

14. O inhabitants of the land of Tema bring water to him who is thirsty, meet the fugitive with bread.

15. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.
16. For thus has the Lord said to me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail;

17. And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of Kedar, shall be diminished; for the Lord God of Israel has spoken it.
1. The burden of the Valley of Vision. What ails you now, that you are wholly gone up to the housetops?

2. You who are full of uproar, a tumultuous city, a joyous city; your slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

3. All your rulers have fled together, they are bound by the archers; all of you who were found are bound together, who have fled from far.

4. Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, do not try to comfort me, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.

5. For it is a day of trouble, and of trampling, and of confusion by the Lord God of hosts in the Valley of Vision, a breaking down of walls, and a crying to the mountains.

6. And Elam bore the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.

7. And it came to pass, when your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate.

8. And he stripped the covering of Judah, and you did look in that day to the armor of the house of the forest.
9. You have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10. And you have counted the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses that you have broken down to fortify the wall.

11. You made also a pond between the two walls for the water of the old pool; but you have not looked to him who made it, nor did you see him who fashioned it long ago.

12. And in that day the Lord God of hosts called to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth;

13. And behold joy and gladness, slaying bulls, and killing sheep, eating meat, and drinking wine; let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die.

14. And it was revealed in my ears by the Lord of Hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till you die, said the Lord God of hosts.

15. Thus said the Lord God of hosts, Go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the house, and say,

16. What have you here? and whom have you here, that you have cut out for yourself a sepulcher here, as he who cuts out for himself a sepulcher on the height, carving a habitation for himself in a rock?
17. Behold, the Lord will hurl you away with a mighty throw, and will seize you firmly.

18. He will violently turn and toss you like a ball into a wide land; there shall you die, and there the chariots of your glory shall be the shame of your Lord's house.

19. And I will drive you from your station, and from your state shall he pull you down.

20. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah;

21. And I will clothe him with your robe, and strengthen him with your girdle, and I will commit your government to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22. And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall close; and he shall close, and none shall open.

23. And I will fasten him as a tent peg in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

24. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all utensils of small quantity, from the utensils of cups, even to all the utensils of flagons.
25. In that day, said the Lord of Hosts, shall the tent peg that is in the sure place be removed and be cut down, and fall; and the fastened burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the Lord has spoken it.
1. The burden of Tyre. Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in; from the land of Kittim it is revealed to them.

2. Be still, you inhabitants of the island; you whom the merchants of Sidon, who pass over the sea, have replenished.

3. And by great waters the grain of Sihor, the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is the merchant of nations.

4. Be you ashamed, O Sidon; for the sea has spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I labored not, nor brought forth children, nor did I nourish up young men, nor brought up virgins.

5. When the report comes to Egypt, so shall they tremble at the report of Tyre.

6. Pass over to Tarshish; howl, you inhabitants of the coast land

7. Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her far off to sojourn.

8. Who has taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traders are the honorable of the earth?
9. The Lord of Hosts has purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

10. Overflow your land like the river, O daughter of Tarshish; there is no more restraint.

11. He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms; the Lord has given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy its fortresses.

12. And he said, You shall no more rejoice, O you oppressed virgin, daughter of Sidon; arise, pass over to Kittim; also there you shall have no rest.

13. Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for desert dwellers; they set up its towers, they destroyed its palaces; they have brought it to ruin.

14. Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for your strength is laid waste.

15. And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king; after the end of seventy years it shall be Tyre as in the harlot's song.

16. Take a lyre, go about the city, you harlot that have been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that you may be remembered.
17. And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the Lord will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall play the harlot with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

18. And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the Lord; it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for those who dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and for fine clothing.
1. Behold, the Lord makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters abroad its inhabitants.

2. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor.

3. The land shall be completely emptied, and completely ruined; for the Lord has spoken this word.

4. The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the haughty people of the earth languish.

5. The earth also is defiled under its inhabitants; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

6. Therefore has a curse devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it have been found guilty; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are parched, and few men left.

7. The new wine mourns, the vine languishes, all the merry hearted sigh.

8. The mirth of tambourines ceases, the noise of those who rejoice ends, the joy of the lyre ceases.
9. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to those who drink it.

10. The city of confusion is broken down; every house is shut up, and no man may come in.

11. There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

12. In the city is left desolation, and the gate is struck with destruction.

13. When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.

14. They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord, they shall cry aloud from the sea.

15. Therefore glorify the Lord in the fires, the name of the Lord God of Israel in the islands of the sea.

16. From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe to me! traitors have dealt treacherously; traitors have dealt very treacherously.

17. Fear, and the pit, and the trap, are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.
18. And it shall come to pass, that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who comes up from the midst of the pit shall be taken in the trap; for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth shake.

19. The earth is completely broken down, the earth crumbles away, the earth is violently shaken.

20. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall sway like a hut; and its transgression shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

21. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones who are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

22. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be punished.

23. Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of Hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his elders gloriously.
1. O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things; your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

2. For you have made of a city a heap; of a fortified city a ruin; a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be rebuilt.

3. Therefore shall the strong people glorify you, the city of the terrible nations shall fear you.

4. For you have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of tyrants was like a storm against the wall.

5. You shall bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; as the heat is removed by the shadow of a cloud; so the song of tyrants shall be brought low.

6. And in this mountain shall the Lord of Hosts make to all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

7. And he will destroy in this mountain the covering that is cast over all the people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.
8. He will destroy death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the insult of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the Lord has spoken it.

9. And it shall be said on that day, Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10. For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trampled down in his own place, like straw is trampled down in the dunghill.

11. And he shall spread out his hands in the midst of them, as he who swims spreads out his hands to swim; and he shall bring down their pride together with the plunder of their hands.

12. And the high fortifications of your walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.
On that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you; because he trusts in you.

Trust you in the Lord forever; for the Lord God is an eternal Rock;

For he brings down those who dwell on high; the lofty city, he lays low; he lays it low, even to the ground; he brings it even to the dust.

The foot shall trample it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

The way of the just is uprightness; you, most upright, do make level the path of the just.

Indeed, in the way of your judgments, O Lord, have we waited for you; the desire of our soul is to your name, and to the remembrance of you.
9. With my soul have I desired you in the night; yes, with my spirit within me I seek you; for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

10. Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.

11. Lord, when your hand is lifted up, they will not see; but they shall see with shame your zeal for the people, the fire which shall devour your enemies.

12. Lord, you will ordain peace for us; for you also have performed all our works for us.

13. O Lord our God, other masters beside you have had dominion over us; but by you only will we make mention of your name.

14. They are dead, they shall not live; they are shades, they shall not rise; therefore have you visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

15. You have increased the nation, O Lord, you have increased the nation; you are glorified; you have enlarged all the borders of the land.

16. Lord, when in trouble they sought you, they prayed to you a silent prayer when your chastening was upon them.
17. Like a woman with child, who draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and cries out in her pangs; so have we been in your sight, O Lord.

18. We were child, we were pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19. Your dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the shades of the dead.

20. Come, my people, enter into your chambers, and close your doors behind you; hide yourself for a little while, until the wrath has passed.

21. For, behold, the Lord comes from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.
1. On that day the Lord with his hard, great and strong sword shall punish Leviathan the flying serpent, Leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the crocodile that is in the sea.

2. In that day sing to her, A vineyard of pleasant wine.

3. I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment; lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4. Fury is not in me; who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.

5. Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me.

6. In days to come Jacob shall take root; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

7. Did he strike him, as he struck those who struck him? or is he slain according to the slaughter of those who are slain by him?

8. By measure, by exile, you contended with them; he removed her by his rough blast in the day of the east wind.
9. By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be atoned; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he makes all the stones of the altar as chalk stones crushed to pieces, the Asherim and the sun images shall not remain standing.

10. Yet the fortified city shall be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness; there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume its branches.

11. When its boughs are withered, they shall be broken off; the women shall come, and set them on fire; for it is a people of no understanding; therefore he who made them will not have mercy on them, and he who formed them will show them no favor.

12. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat out his harvest from the strongly flowing river to the brook of Egypt, and you shall be gathered one by one, O you people of Israel.

13. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great shofar shall be blown, and those shall come who were lost in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.
1. Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which is at the head of the rich valleys of those who are overcome with wine!

2. Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one, who as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with might.

3. The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trampled under feet;

4. And the fading flower of the glorious beauty, which is at the head of the Rich Valley, shall be as the first ripe fig before the summer; which he who sees it, while it is yet in his hand, eats it up.

5. In that day shall the Lord of Hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, to the residue of his people,

6. And for a spirit of judgment to him who sits in judgment, and for strength to those who turn the battle to the gate.

7. But they also reel through wine, and stagger through strong drink; the priest and the prophet reel through strong drink, they are confused by wine; they stagger through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.
8. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

9. To whom shall one teach knowledge? and whom shall one make understand doctrine? Those who are weaned from the milk, and removed from the breasts.

10. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little;

11. For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12. To whom he said, This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear.

13. Therefore the word of the Lord was to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and trapped, and taken.

14. Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scornful men, who rule this people who is in Jerusalem.

15. Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hidden ourselves;
16. Therefore thus said the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he who believes shall not make haste.

17. Judgment also will I lay by a line, and righteousness by a plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18. And your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then you shall be trampled down by it.

19. As often as it goes forth it shall take you; for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night; and it shall be a terror just to understand the report.

20. For the bed is too short for a man to stretch himself on it; and the covering is too narrow for him to wrap himself in it.

21. For the Lord shall rise up as in Mount Perazim, he shall be angry as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to do his act, his strange act.

22. Now therefore do not be mockers, lest your bands be made strong; for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts that a destruction is decreed upon the whole land.
23. Give ear, and hear my voice; listen, and hear my speech.

24. Does the plowman plow all day to sow? Does he open and harrow his ground?

25. When he has prepared a smooth surface, does he not scatter the black seeds, and scatter the cumin, and throw in wheat by rows, and the barley in the marked spot, and spelt along its border?

26. For he is instructed properly; his God instructs him.

27. For the black seeds are not threshed with a threshing instrument, nor is a cart wheel rolled over cumin; but the black seeds are beaten with a staff, and the cumin with a rod.

28. Does one crush bread grain? No, he will not thresh it ever, and when he drives the wheel of his cart and his horses over it, he does not crush it.

29. This also comes forth from the Lord of Hosts, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.
1. Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David encamped! Add year to year; let the feasts come round.

2. Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow; and it shall be to me as an Ariel.

3. And I will camp around against you, and will lay siege against you with a mound, and I will raise siege works against you.

4. And you shall be brought down, and shall speak from the ground, and your speech shall be low from the dust, and your voice shall be, as of a medium, from the ground, and your speech shall whisper from the dust.

5. And the multitude of your strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passes away; and it shall be in an instant suddenly.

6. You shall be visited by the Lord of Hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

7. And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, all who fight against her and her fortress, and who distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.
8. It shall be as when a hungry man dreams, and, behold, he eats; but he awakes, and his soul is empty; or as when a thirsty man dreams, and, behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and, behold, he is weak, and his soul longs for water; so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against Mount Zion.

9. Amaze yourselves, and be amazed; blind yourselves and be blind; be drunk but not with wine; stagger, but not with strong drink.

10. For the Lord has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, the prophets; and has covered your heads, the seers.

11. And the vision of all has become to you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is learned, saying, Read this, I beseech you; and he says, I cannot; for it is sealed;

12. And the book is delivered to him who is not learned, saying, Read this, I beseech you; and he says, I am not learned.

13. And the Lord said, Since this people draw near me, and with their mouth, and with their lips honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men learned by rote;
14. Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, marvelous and wonderful; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden.

15. Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who sees us? and Who knows us?

16. You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay? Shall the work say of him who made it, He did not make me! Or shall the thing framed say of him who framed it, He has no understanding!

17. Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

18. And on that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

19. The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poorest among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20. For the terrible one is brought to nothing, and the scorner is consumed, and all who watch for iniquity are cut off;

21. Who, by a word, make a man an offender, and lay a trap for him who reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just for nothing.
22. Therefore thus said the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now become pale.

23. But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

24. Those who erred in spirit shall come to understand, and those who murmured shall learn a lesson.
1. Woe to the rebellious children, said the Lord, who take counsel, but not from me; and who prepare a plan, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin;

2. Who walk down to Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

3. Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.

4. For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.

5. They were all ashamed of a people who could not profit them, nor be a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

6. The burden of the beasts of the south; to the land of trouble and anguish, from where the young and the old lion come, the viper and the venomous flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the backs of young asses, and their treasures upon the humps of camels, to a people who shall not profit them.

7. For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose; therefore have I called this people, Rahab who sits still.
8. Now go, write it before them in a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever;

9. That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the Torah of the Lord;

10. Who say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits;

11. Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

12. Therefore thus said the Holy One of Israel, Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and depend on that;

13. Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly at an instant.

14. And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare; so that there shall not be found in its bursting a shard to take fire from the hearth, or to take with it water from the cistern.
15. For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; in ease and rest shall you be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength; and you did not wish it.

16. But you said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall you flee; and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall those who pursue you be swift.

17. One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall you flee; till you are left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as a banner on a hill.

18. And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious to you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you; for the Lord is a God of judgment; happy are all those who wait for him.

19. For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more; he will be very gracious to you at the voice of your cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer you.

20. And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet your teacher shall not withdraw himself any more, but your eyes shall see your teacher;

21. And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left.
22. You shall defile also the silver covering of your carved idols, and the golden ornament of your molten images; you shall throw them away like a menstruous cloth; you shall say to it, Get away from here.

23. Then shall he give the rain for your seed, that you shall sow the ground with it; and bread of the produce of the earth, and it shall be fat and abundant; in that day shall your cattle feed in large pastures.

24. The bulls likewise and the young asses that till the ground shall eat clean provender, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork.

25. And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

26. Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, on the day that the Lord binds up the breach of his people, and heals the stroke of their wound.

27. Behold, the name of the Lord comes from far, burning with his anger, and in a thick column of smoke; his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire;
28. And his breath is as an overflowing stream, that reaches to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity; and to put a bridle on the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

29. You shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to come to the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel.

30. And the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall show the descending blow of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with cloudburst, and tempest, and hailstones.

31. For through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down, with a rod will he strike him.

32. And in every place where the appointed staff shall pass, which the Lord shall lay upon him, it shall be with tambourines and lyres; and in battles of shaking will he fight with it.

33. For its hearth is ordained of old; yes, for the king it is prepared; he has made it deep and large; its bonfire is of fire and much wood; the breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, kindles it.
1. Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help; and depend on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not to the Holy One of Israel, nor do they seek the Lord!

2. Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words; but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of those who work iniquity.

3. Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the Lord shall stretch out his hand, the helper shall stumble, and he who is helped shall fall down, and they all shall perish together.

4. For thus has the Lord spoken to me, Like the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them; so shall the Lord of Hosts come down to fight for Mount Zion, and for its hill.

5. As birds flying, so will the Lord of Hosts defend Jerusalem; he will defend and deliver it; and passing over it he will preserve it.

6. Turn to him from whom the people of Israel have deeply revolted.
7. For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made to you for a sin.

8. Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him; but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become slaves.

9. And his rock shall pass away in terror, and his princes desert the banner in fear, said the Lord, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.
1. Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2. And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3. And the eyes of those who see shall not be blind, and the ears of those who hear shall listen.

4. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

5. The fool shall be no more called Noble, nor the vile person said to be Generous.

6. For the fool speaks folly, and his heart works iniquity, to practice hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7. The instruments also of the vile person are evil; he devises wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, and the needy when he speaks right.
8. But the generous devises generous things; and by generous things shall he stand.

9. Rise up, you women who are at ease; hear my voice, you careless daughters; give ear to my speech.

10. Many days and years shall you be troubled, you careless women; for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

11. Tremble, you women who are at ease; be troubled, you careless ones; strip, and make yourselves naked, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

12. Striking the breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13. Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yes, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city;

14. Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the city with its tumult shall be deserted; the forts and towers shall be for dens forever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

15. Until the spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness is a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted for a forest.

16. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.
17. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and security forever.

18. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in secure dwellings, and in safe resting places;

19. And it shall hail when the forest comes down; and the city shall descend into the valley.

20. Happy are you who sow beside all waters, who let the feet of the ox and the ass range freely.
1. Woe to the plunderer, and you were not plundered; and the traitor and they dealt not treacherously with you! when you shall cease to plunder, you shall be plundered; and when you shall make an end to betraying, they shall betray you.

2. O Lord, be gracious to us; we have waited for you; be you their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

3. At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of yourself the nations were scattered.

4. And your plunder shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar; as the running of locusts shall he run upon them.

5. The Lord is exalted; for he dwells on high; he has filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6. And he shall be the stability of your times, a store of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is his treasure.

7. Behold, their brave ones shall cry outside; the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

8. The highways lie destroyed, the wayfaring man ceases; he has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, he regards no man.
9. The earth mourns and languishes; Lebanon is ashamed and withers; the Sharon is like the Arabah; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves.

10. Now will I rise, says the Lord; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

11. You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring forth stubble; your breath is a fire that shall devour you.

12. And the people shall be as the burnings of lime; as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.

13. Hear, you who are far off, what I have done; and, you who are near, acknowledge my might.

14. The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has surprised the flatterers. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

15. He who walks righteously, and speaks uprightly; he who despises the gain of oppression, he who shakes his hands from holding bribes, he who stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil;

16. He shall dwell on high; his place of defense shall be the fortresses of rocks; bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.
17. Your eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off.

18. Your heart shall meditate on terror. Where is the scribe? Where is the receiver? Where is he who counted the towers?

19. You shall not see the fierce people, the people of a deeper speech than you can not understand; of a stammering tongue, that you can not apprehend.

20. Look upon Zion, the city of our solemn feasts; your eyes shall see Jerusalem a safe habitation, a tent that shall not be taken down; not one of its pegs shall ever be removed, neither shall any of its cords be broken.

21. But there the glorious Lord will be to us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

22. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

23. Your tacklings hang loose; they could not strengthen the socket of their mast; they could not spread the sail; then is the prey of a great plunder divided; the lame take the prey.

24. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick; the people who dwell there shall be forgiven their iniquity.
1. Come near, you nations, to hear; and listen, you people; let the earth hear, and all that is in it; the world, and all things that come out of it.

2. For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies; he has completely destroyed them, he has delivered them to the slaughter.

3. Their slain also shall be thrown out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4. And all the host of heaven shall rot away, and the heavens shall be rolled together like a scroll; and all their host shall fall down, like the leaf falls off from the vine, and like a falling fig from the fig tree.

5. For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

6. The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for the Lord has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

7. And wild oxen shall come down with them, and the steers with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.
8. For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the cause of Zion.

9. And its streams shall be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone, and its land shall become burning pitch.

10. It shall not be quenched night nor day; its smoke shall go up forever; from generation to generation it shall lie ruined; none shall pass through it forever and ever.

11. But the wild birds of the night shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it; and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the plummet of emptiness.

12. They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

13. And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in its fortresses; and it shall be the habitation of wild dogs, and a court for owls.

14. The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the jackals; the scops owl shall cry to his fellow; Lilith also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

15. There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow; there shall the kites also be gathered, every one with her mate.
16. Seek out of the Book of the Lord, and read; none of these shall fail, none shall want her mate; for my mouth has commanded, and his spirit has gathered them.

17. And he has cast the lot for them, and his hand has divided it to them by line; they shall possess it forever, from generation to generation shall they dwell in it.
1. The wilderness and the arid land shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom like the tulip.

2. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

3. Strengthen the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, with a divine recompense; he will come and save you.

5. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; the habitation of jackals shall become a pasture for cattle, an enclosure of reeds and rushes.
8. And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; and he shall be to them a guide, and fools shall not err in it.

9. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up on it, they shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there;

10. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
1. Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them.

2. And the king of Assyria sent Rab-Shakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the aqueduct of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller’s field.

3. Then came out to him Eliakim, Hilkiah’s son, who was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph’s son, the recorder.

4. And Rab-Shakeh said to them, Say now to Hezekiah, Thus said the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this in which you trust?

5. I said, A mere word with the lips is your counsel and strength for war; now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

6. Behold, you trust in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; which will pierce the hand of a man who leans in it; so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him.
7. But if you say to me, We trust in the Lord our God; is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar?

8. Now therefore make a wager, I beg you, with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders upon them.

9. How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10. And am I now come up without the Lord against this land to destroy it? the Lord said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

11. Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah to Rab-Shakeh, I beg you, speak to your servants in the Aramean language, for we understand it; but do not speak to us in the language of Judah, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall.

12. But Rab-Shakeh said, Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? Has he not sent me to the men who sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own urine with you?
Then Rab-Shakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the language of Judah, and said, Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

Thus said the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he shall not be able to save you.

Nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely save us; this city shall not be saved from the hand of the king of Assyria.

Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus said the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me, and come out to me; and eat every one of his own vine, and every one of his own fig tree, and drink every one the waters of his own cistern;

Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The Lord will save us. Has any of the gods of the nations saved his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they saved Samaria from my hand?

Which of the gods of these lands have saved their land from my hand, that the Lord should save Jerusalem from my hand?
21. But they held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, Do not answer him.

22. Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of Rab-Shakeh.
1. And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord.

2. And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3. And they said to him, Thus said Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble and of reviling, and of blasphemy; for the children have come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring them forth.

4. It may be the Lord your God will hear the words of Rab-Shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to taunt the living God, and will revile with words which the Lord your God has heard; therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.

5. And the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6. And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you say to your master, Thus said the Lord, Be not afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.
7. Behold, I will send another spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8. So Rab-Shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah; for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

9. And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Cush, He has come forth to make war with you. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10. Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not your God, in whom you trust, deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given to the hand of the king of Assyria.

11. Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them completely; and shall you be saved?

12. Have the gods of the nations saved those whom my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Telasar?

13. Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arhad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

14. And Hezekiah received the letters from the hand of the messengers, and read them; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread them before the Lord.
15. And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord, saying,

16. O Lord of Hosts, God of Israel, you who sit between the Cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.

17. Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, who has sent to taunt the living God.

18. Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the nations, and their countries.

19. And have thrown their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them.

20. Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are the Lord, you only.

21. Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria;

22. This is the word which the Lord has spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, despises you, and laughs you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem tosses her head at you.
23. Whom have you taunted and blasphemed? And against whom have you exalted your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel.

24. By your servants have you taunted the Lord, and have said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down its tall cedars, and its choice cypress trees; and I will enter into its farthest height, and the forest of his Carmel.

25. I have dug, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of Mazor.

26. Have you not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of old times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that you should destroy fortified cities into ruinous heaps.

27. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as grain blasted before it has grown.

28. But I know your abode, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against me.

29. Because your rage against me, and your confidence, have come up to my ears, therefore will I put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.
30. And this shall be a sign to you, You shall eat this year what grows of itself; and the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

31. And the remnant that has escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward;

32. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Zion; the zeal of the Lord of Hosts shall do this.

33. Therefore thus said the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast up a mound against it.

34. By the way by which he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come to this city, said the Lord.

35. For I will defend this city to save it for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

36. Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and struck in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty five thousand; and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

37. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and lived in Nineveh.
38. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch, his god, that Adram-Melech and Sharezer, his sons, struck him with the sword; and they escaped to the land of Armenia; and Esar-Haddon, his son, reigned in his place.
1. In those days Hezekiah fell mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus said the Lord, Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live.

2. Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord,

3. And said, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight. And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4. Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying,

5. Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus said the Lord, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add to your days fifteen years.

6. And I will save you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city.

7. And this shall be a sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he has spoken;
8. Behold, I will turn the shadow of the degrees, which has gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun turned back ten degrees, by which degrees it had gone down in the dial.

9. The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and has recovered of his sickness:

10. I said in the noontide of my days, I shall go to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of the residue of my years.

11. I said, I shall not see the Lord, the Lord, in the land of the living; I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

12. My dwelling is plucked up, and removed from me as a shepherd's tent; I have rolled up my life like a weaver; he cuts me off from the loom; from day to night you make an end of me.

13. I wait for morning, as a lion, even so he breaks all my bones; from day to night you make an end of me.

14. Like a crane or a swallow, so do I chirp; I moan like a dove; my eyes fail with looking upward; O Lord, I am oppressed; be you my security.

15. What shall I say? he has both spoken to me, and himself has done it; I shall walk softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.
16. O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit; so will you recover me, and make me live.

17. Behold, for in peace I had great bitterness; but you have in love to my soul saved it from the pit of destruction; for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

18. For Sheol cannot praise you, death can not celebrate you; they who go down into the pit cannot hope for your truth.

19. The living, the living, shall praise you, as I do this day; the father to the children shall make known your truth.

20. The Lord was ready to save me; therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.

21. For Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover.

22. Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the Lord?
1. At that time Merodach-Baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah; for he had heard that he had been sick, and had recovered.

2. And Hezekiah was glad of them, and showed them the house of his treasures, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures; there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them.

3. Then came Isaiah the prophet to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What did these men say? and from where do they come to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a far country to me, from Babylon.

4. Then said he, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in my house have they seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I did not show them.

5. Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord of Hosts;

6. Behold, the days will come, that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, said the Lord.
7. And your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall father, they shall take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8. Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which you have spoken. He said moreover, But there shall be peace and truth in my days.
1. Comfort my people, comfort them, says your God.

2. Speak comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry to her, that her fighting is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

3. A voice cries, Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain;

5. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

6. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all its grace is as the flower of the field;

7. The grass withers, the flower fades; when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people is like grass.

8. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God shall endure forever.
9. You who bring good news to Zion, get up to the high mountain; You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

10. Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his hire before him.

11. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

12. Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and marked out the heavens with a span, and enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13. Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor has taught him?

14. With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?

15. Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance; behold, he takes up the islands as fine dust.

16. And Lebanon is not sufficient for fuel, nor are its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering.
17. All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

18. To whom then will you liken God? or what likeness will you compare to him?

19. The workman melts an engraved image, and the goldsmith plates it over with gold, and casts silver chains.

20. He who is too poor for such a gift chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks for himself a skilful workman to prepare a carved idol, that shall not be moved.

21. Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22. It is he who sits upon the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are as grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in;

23. Who brings princes to nothing; he makes the judges of the earth as vanity.

24. Scarcely are they planted; scarcely are they sown; scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth; and he merely blows upon them, and they wither, and the stormy wind takes them away as stubble.

25. To whom then will you liken me, that I should be his equal? said the Holy One.
26. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who has created these things; who brings out their host by number, he calls them all by names by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

27. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, My way is hidden from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

28. Have you not known? Have you not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, faints not, nor is he weary? There is no searching of his understanding.

29. He gives power to the faint; and to those who have no might he increases strength.

30. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall fall;

31. But those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.
1. Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength; let them come near; then let them speak; let us come near together to judgment.

2. Who raised up one from the east whom righteousness met wherever he set his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? His sword make them as dust, his bow as driven stubble.

3. He pursued them, and passed safely; even by a path that he had not gone with his feet.

4. Who has wrought and done it? He who calls the generations from the beginning; I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he.

5. The islands saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

6. Everyone helped his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be strong.

7. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he who beats the idol smooth with the hammer him who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, It is good; and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

8. But you, Israel, are my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.
9. You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called you from its farthest corners, and said to you, You are my servant; I have chosen you, and not cast you away.

10. Fear not; for I am with you; be not dismayed; for I am your God; I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.

11. Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing; and those who strive with you shall perish.

12. You shall seek them, and shall not find them, those who contended with you; those who war against you shall be as nothing.

13. For I the Lord your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, Fear not; I will help you.

14. Fear not, you worm Jacob, and you men of Israel; I will help you, said the Lord, and your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15. Behold, I will make you a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth; you shall thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shall make the hills as chaff.
16. You shall fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the stormy wind shall scatter them; and you shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall glory in the Holy One of Israel.

17. The poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue fails for thirst, I the Lord will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

18. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

19. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the Arabah the cypress, the maple, and the box tree together;

20. That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

21. Produce your cause, said the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, said the King of Jacob.

22. Let them bring them forth, and show us what shall happen; let them show the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things to come.
23. Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

24. Behold, you are nothing, and your work is nothing; an abomination is he who chooses you.

25. I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come; from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name; and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treads clay.

26. Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know? and in former time, that we may say, Is he righteous? There is none who declares, there is none who proclaims, there is none who hears your words.

27. The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good news.

28. For I behold, and there is no man among them, and there is no counsellor who could answer a word, when I asked of them.

29. Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing; their molten images are wind and confusion.
1. Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my elect, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the nations.

2. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the dimly burning flax shall he not quench; he shall bring forth judgment to truth.

4. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set judgment in the earth; and the islands shall wait for his Torah.

5. Thus said God the Lord, he who created the heavens, and stretched them out; he who spread forth the earth, and that which comes out of it; he who gives breath to the people upon it, and spirit to those who walk in it;

6. I the Lord have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and give you for a covenant of the people, for a light to the nations;

7. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and those who sit in darkness, out of the prison house.

8. I am the Lord; that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to carved idols.
9. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10. Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it; the islands, and their inhabitants.

11. Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

12. Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands.

13. The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up his fury like a man of war; he shall cry, yes, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

14. I have long time held my peace; I have kept still, and refrained myself; now will I cry like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant together.

15. I will destroy mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

16. And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them by paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These are the things I will do, and not forsake them.

17. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, those who trust in carved idols, who say to the molten images, You are our gods.
18. Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see.

19. Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger whom I sent? Who is blind as he who is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant?

20. Seeing many things, but you observe not; opening the ears, but he hears not.

21. The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the Torah, and make it glorious.

22. But this is a people robbed and plundered; they are all of them trapped in holes, and hidden in prison houses; they have become a prey, and none rescues; for a plunder, and none says, Restore.

23. Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come?

24. Who gave Jacob for a plunder, and Israel to the robbers? did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient to his Torah.

25. Therefore he has poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle; and it has set him on fire around, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.
1. But now thus says the Lord who created you, O Jacob, and he who formed you, O Israel, Fear not; for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.

2. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you; when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; nor shall the flame kindle upon you.

3. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba instead of you.

4. Since you were precious in my sight, you were honored, and I have loved you; therefore will I give men for you, and people for your life.

5. Fear not; for I am with you; I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west;

6. I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7. Every one who is called by my name; for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yes, I have made him.
8. Bring forth the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears.

9. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled; who among them can declare this, and show us former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

10. You are my witnesses, said the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11. I, I myself, am the Lord; and beside me there is no savior.

12. I have declared, and have saved, and I have proclaimed, and there was no strange god among you; therefore you are my witnesses, said the Lord, that I am God.

13. Yes, from the first I am he; and there is none who can deliver from my hand; I will work, and who shall reverse it?

14. Thus said the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and will bring down all of them as fugitives, the Chaldeans, in the ships of their songs.

15. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.
16. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

17. Who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are quenched like a wick.

18. Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

19. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

20. The beast of the field shall honor me, the jackals and the owls; because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

21. This people have I formed for myself; they shall proclaim my praise.

22. But you have not called upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel.

23. You have not brought me the small cattle of your burnt offerings; neither have you honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with a meal offering, nor wearied you with incense.
24. You have bought me no sweet cane with money, nor have you filled me with the fat of your sacrifices; but you have burdened me with your sins, you have wearied me with your iniquities.

25. I, I myself, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and will not remember your sins.

26. Put me in remembrance; let us plead together; declare you, that you may be justified.

27. Your first father has sinned, and your teachers have transgressed against me.

28. Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to destruction, and Israel to reviling.
1. Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen;

2. Thus says the Lord who made you, and formed you from the womb, who will help you; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

3. For I will pour water upon the thirsty land, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your seed, and my blessing upon your offspring;

4. And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

5. One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall write on his hand The Lord's, and surname himself by the name of Israel.

6. Thus says the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of Hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

7. And who is like me? Let him declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the eternal people; and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them relate to themselves.
8. Fear not, neither be afraid; have not I told you from that time, and have declared it? You are my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? Yes, there is no rock; I know not any.

9. They who make an engraved image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things do not profit; and their witnesses do not see, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

10. Who forms a god, or casts an engraved image that is good for nothing?

11. Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed; and the workmen, they are but men; let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

12. The metal worker makes an axe, and works in the coals, and fashions it with hammers, and works it with the strength of his arms; if he is hungry his strength fails; if he drinks no water he is faint.

13. The carpenter stretches out his rule; he marks it out with a pencil; he fits it with chisels, and he marks it out with the compass, and makes it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of man; that it may remain in the house.

14. He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the cypress and the oak, which he strengthens for himself among the trees of the forest; he plants a forest tree, and the rain nourishes it.
15. Then shall it be for a man for fuel; for he will take of it, and warm himself; yes, he kindles it, and bakes bread; or, he makes a god, and worships it; he makes of it a carved idol, and falls down to it.

16. He burns half of it in the fire; with this half of it he eats meat; he roasts the roast, and is satisfied; yes, he warms himself, and says, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire;

17. And with what is left of it he makes a god, his carved image; he falls down to it, and worships it, and prays to it, and says, Save me, for you are my god!

18. They have not known nor understood; for he has shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

19. And none considers in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned half of it in the fire; yes, also I have baked bread upon its embers; I have roasted meat, and eaten it; and shall I make what is left of it an abomination? Shall I fall down to worship a block of wood?

20. He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has turned him aside, that he cannot save his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

21. Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for you are my servant; I have formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you shall not be forgotten by me.
22. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins; return to me; for I have redeemed you.

23. Sing, O heavens; for the Lord has done it; shout, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; for the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

24. Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, and he who formed you from the womb, I am the Lord who makes all things; who stretches the heavens alone; who spreads abroad the earth by myself; who confirms the word of his servant, and performs the counsel of his messengers; who says to Jerusalem, You shall be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, You shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up its ruins.

25. Who frustrates the omens of liars and makes fools of diviners; who turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolish;

26. Who says to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers;

27. Who says to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers;

28. Who says of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure; and saying to Jerusalem, You shall be rebuilt; and to the temple, Your foundation shall be laid.
1. Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him doors and gates; and the gates shall not be closed;

2. I will go before you, and make the hilly places level; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze, and cut in sunder the bars of iron;

3. And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel.

4. For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my elect, I have called you by your name; I have surnamed you, though you have not known me.

5. I am the Lord, and there is no one else, there is no God beside me; I girded you, though you have not known me;

6. That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is no one else.

7. I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I the Lord do all these things.
8. Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up also; I, the Lord, have created it.

9. Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him who fashions it, What do you make? or your work, He has no hands?

10. Woe to him who says to his father, What are you begetting? or to the woman, With what are you in labor?

11. Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command me.

12. I have made the earth, and created man upon it; I, my own hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

13. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, says the Lord of Hosts.

14. Thus says the Lord, The labor of Egypt, and the merchandise of Cush and of the Sebaim, men of stature, shall come over to you, and they shall be yours; they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down to you, they shall make supplication to you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is no one else, there is no God.
15. Truly you are a God who hides yourself, O God of Israel, who saves them.

16. They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them; they shall go to confusion together those who are makers of idols.

17. But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation; you shall not be ashamed nor confounded to all eternity.

18. For thus says the Lord who created the heavens; God himself who formed the earth and made it; he has established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited; I am the Lord; and there is no one else.

19. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I do not say to the seed of Jacob, Seek me in vain; I, the Lord, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you of the nations who have escaped; they have no knowledge those who carry the wood of their carved idols, and pray to a god who cannot save.

21. Declare, and bring them near; yes, let them take counsel together; Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Did not I the Lord? And there is no other God beside me; a just God and a savior; there is none beside me.
22. Look to me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no one else.

23. I have sworn by myself, a word of righteousness is gone out of my mouth, and shall not be reversed, That to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24. Surely, he said to me, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength; to him shall men come; and all who are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25. In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.
1. Bel bows down, Nebo stoops, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle; your carriages were heavily loaded; the things you carry are a burden to the weary beast.

2. They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.

3. Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who are borne by me from birth, who are carried from the womb;

4. And even to your old age I am he; and even to gray hairs will I carry you; I have made, and I will bear; I will carry, and will deliver you.

5. To whom will you liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6. They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he makes it a god; they fall down, yes, they worship.

7. They carry it upon the shoulder, they carry it, and set it in its place, and it stands; from its place it shall not move; one shall cry to it, yet it can not answer, nor save him from his trouble.
8. Remember this, and show yourselves men; bring it again to mind, O you transgressors.

9. Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is no one like me,

10. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from old times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure;

11. Calling an eagle from the east, the man who executes my counsel from a far country; I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

12. Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, who are far from righteousness;

13. I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not delay; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.
1. Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground; there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called tender and delicate.

2. Take the millstones, and grind meal; take off your veil, strip off your robe, uncover your legs, pass over the rivers.

3. Your nakedness shall be uncovered, your shame shall be seen; I will take vengeance, and I will spare no man.

4. As for our redeemer, the Lord of Hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

5. Sit silent, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called, The Mistress of Kingdoms.

6. I was angry with my people, I have profaned my inheritance, and given them to your hand; you showed them no mercy; upon the old have you very heavily laid your yoke.

7. And you say, I shall be mistress forever; so that you did not lay these things to your heart, nor did you remember the latter end of it.
8. Therefore hear now this, you who are given to pleasures, who lives securely, who say in your heart, I am, and no one else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children.

9. But these two things shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood; they shall come upon you in their full measure because of the multitude of your sorceries, and because of your many enchantments.

10. For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, No one sees me. Your wisdom and your knowledge, it has perverted you; and you have said in your heart, I am, and no one else beside me.

11. Therefore shall evil come upon you; you shall not know from where it rises; and mischief shall fall upon you; you shall not be able to put it off; and desolation shall come upon you suddenly, which you shall not know.

12. Stand now with your enchantments, and with the multitude of your sorceries, with which you have labored from your youth; perhaps you shall be able to profit, perhaps you shall inspire terror.

13. You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels. Let now the astrologers, the star gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save you from these things that shall come upon you.
14. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not save themselves from the power of the flame; there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

15. Thus shall they be to you with whom you have labored, with whom you have traded, from your youth; they shall wander every one to his own quarter; none shall save you.
1. Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and have come forth from the waters of Judah, who swear by the name of the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

2. For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The Lord of Hosts is his name.

3. I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I reported them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

4. Because I know that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew, and your brow bronze;

5. I have from the beginning declared it to you; before it came to pass I announced it to you; lest you should say, My idol has done them, and my carved image, and my molten image, has commanded them.

6. You have heard, now see all this; and will you not declare it? I tell you new things from this time forth, even hidden things, which you did not know.

7. They are created now, and not from the beginning; before this day you did not hear them; lest you should say, Behold, I knew them.
8. You did not hear, you did not know; nor from old was your ear not opened; for I knew that you would deal very treacherously, and were called a transgressor from the womb.

9. For my name's sake will I defer my anger, and for my praise will I refrain for you, that I cut you not off.

10. Behold, I have refined you, but not into silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.

11. For my own sake, for my own sake, will I do it; for how should my name be profaned? and I will not give my glory to another.

12. Listen to me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I am also the last.

13. My hand also has laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand has spanned the heavens; when I call to them, they stand up together.

14. All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear; who among them has declared these things? He whom the Lord loves, he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

15. I, I myself, have spoken; yes, I have called him; I have brought him, and he shall make his way successful.
16. Come near to me, hear this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I; and now the Lord God, and his spirit, has sent me.

17. Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord your God who teaches you for your gain, who leads you by the way that you should go.

18. O that you had listened to my commandments! Then had your peace been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea;

19. Your seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of your bowels like its pebbles; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

20. Go forth from Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare you, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say, The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob.

21. And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow from the rock for them; he broke the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

22. There is no peace, says the Lord, for the wicked.
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1. Listen, O islands, to me; and listen, you people, from far; The Lord has called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother has he made mention of my name.

2. And he has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver he hid me.

3. And said to me, You are my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

4. Then I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God.

5. And now, says the Lord who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, that Israel should be gathered to him, and I was honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength.

6. And he says, It is a light thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will also give you for a light to the nations, that my salvation may be to the end of the earth.

7. Thus says the Lord, the redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to him whom man despises, to him whom the nation loathes, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord who is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.
8. Thus says the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard you, and in a day of salvation have I helped you; and I will preserve you, and give you for a covenant of the people, to restore the land, and to assign desolate inheritances to their owners.

9. That you may say to the prisoners, Go forth; to those who are in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

10. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun strike them; for he who has mercy on them shall lead them, by the springs of water shall he guide them.

11. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be raised up.

12. Behold, these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

13. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing O mountains; for the Lord has comforted his people, and has mercy upon his afflicted.

14. But Zion says, The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me.

15. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, even they may forget, but I will not forget you.
16. Behold, I have engraved you upon the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

17. Your children shall make haste; your destroyers and those who destroyed you shall go away from you.

18. Lift up your eyes around, and behold; all these gather themselves together, and come to you. As I live, says the Lord, you shall surely dress yourself with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on you, as a bride does.

19. For your destruction and your desolate places, and the land of your destruction, shall now be too narrow for your inhabitants; and those who swallowed you up shall be far away.

20. The children who were taken away from you shall say again in your ears, The place is too narrow for me; give me room to dwell in.

21. Then shall you say in your heart, Who has borne me these, seeing I have lost my children, a solitary, an exile, and a wanderer to and fro? and who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where have they been?

22. Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.
23. And kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing
mothers; they shall bow down to you with their face toward the earth, and lick
up the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am the Lord; for those who
wait for me shall not be ashamed.

24. Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captive of the victorious
rescued?

25. But thus says the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away,
and the prey of the terrible shall be saved; for I will contend with him who
contends with you, and I will save your children.

26. And I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh; and they shall
be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine; and all flesh shall know
that I the Lord am your savior and your redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.
1. Thus says the Lord, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, with which I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have you sold yourselves, and for your transgressions your mother was put away.

2. Why, when I came, was there no man? When I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to save? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness; their fish stink because there is no water, and die for thirst.

3. I dress the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

4. The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to sustain with a word him who is weary; he wakens morning by morning, he wakens my ear to hear as the learned.

5. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away.

6. I gave my back to those who beat me, and my cheeks to those who plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

7. For the Lord God has helped me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.
8. He who justifies me is near; who will contend with me? let us stand together; who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

9. Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he who shall condemn me? Lo, they shall all become old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

10. Who is among you who fears the Lord, who obeys the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness, and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.

11. Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who surround yourselves with sparks; walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that you have kindled. This came to you from my hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.
1. Listen to me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the Lord; look to the rock from where you have been cut, and to the hole of the pit from where you have been dug.

2. Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who gave birth to you; for he was only one when I called him, and blessed him, and increased him.

3. For the Lord shall comfort Zion; he will comfort all her ruins; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found in there, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

4. Listen to me, my people; and give ear to me, O my nation; for Torah shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment for a light to the people.

5. My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and my arms shall judge the people; the islands shall wait upon me, and on my arm shall they trust.

6. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall become old like a garment, and those who dwell in it shall die in like manner; but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.
7. Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my Torah; do not fear the taunts of men, nor be dismayed by their insults.

8. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation for all generations.

9. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in days of old, in the generations of old. Are you not he who cut Rahab in pieces, and wounded the crocodile?

10. Are you not he who dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

11. Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

12. I, I myself, am he who comforts you; who are you, that you should be afraid of a man who shall die, and of the son of man who shall be made as grass;

13. And have forgotten the Lord your maker, who has stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and have feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?
14. He who is bowed down shall speedily be released, and he shall not die in the pit, nor shall his bread fail.

15. And I am the Lord your God, who stirs up the sea, whose waves roar; The Lord of Hosts is his name.

16. And I have put my words in your mouth, and I have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, You are my people.

17. Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, who has drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury; you have drunk to the dregs the bowl of staggering.

18. There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she has brought forth; nor is there any who takes her by the hand among all the sons whom she has brought up.

19. These two things have befallen you; who shall console you? Desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword; by whom shall I comfort you?

20. Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net; they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of your God.

21. Therefore hear now this, you afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine;
22. Thus says your Lord the Lord, and your God who pleads the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering, the deep bowl of my fury; you shall no more drink it again.

23. But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you; who have said to your soul, Bow down, that we may pass over; and you have laid your body like the ground, and like the street, for them to pass over.
1. Awake, awake; put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; from now on there shall no more come to you the uncircumcised and the unclean.

2. Shake yourself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem; loose yourself from the bands of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3. For thus says the Lord, You have sold yourselves for nothing; and you shall be redeemed without money.

4. For thus says the Lord God, My people went down the first time to Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5. Now therefore, what have I here, says the Lord, that my people is taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them howl, says the Lord; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

6. Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore they shall know in that day that I am he who speaks; behold, here I am.

7. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace; who brings good news of good, who announces salvation; who says to Zion, Your God reigns!
8. The voice of your watchmen is heard; together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord returns to Zion.

9. Break forth into joy, sing together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10. The Lord has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11. Depart, depart, go out from there, touch no unclean thing; go out from her midst; be clean, you who bear the utensils of the Lord.

12. For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

13. Behold, my servant shall prosper, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

14. As many were astonished at you; saying His appearance is too marred to be that of a man, and his forms to be that of the sons of men;

15. So shall he startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths at him; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they perceive.
1. Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

2. For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he had no form nor comeliness that we should look at him, there was no countenance that we should desire him.

3. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with sickness; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4. Surely he has borne our sicknesses, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, struck by God, and afflicted.

5. But he was wounded because of our transgressions, he was bruised because of our iniquities; his sufferings were that we might have peace; and by his injury we are healed.

6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7. He was oppressed, but he humbled himself and opened not his mouth; he was brought like a lamb to the slaughter, and like a sheep, that is dumb before its shearers, he did not open his mouth.
8. By oppression and false judgment was he taken away; and of his generation who considered? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

9. And they made his grave among the wicked, and his tomb among the rich; although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10. Yet it pleased the Lord to crush him by sickness; if his soul shall consider it a reward for guilt, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the purpose of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11. He shall see the labor of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge did my servant justify the righteous One to the many, and did bear their iniquities.

12. Therefore I will give him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the plunder with the strong; because he has poured out his soul to death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
1. Sing, O barren, you who did not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who did not labor with child; for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, says the Lord.

2. Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations; spare not, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes;

3. For you shall break forth on the right hand and on the left; and your seed shall possess nations, and make desolate cities to be inhabited.

4. Fear not; for you shall not be ashamed; neither be confounded; for you shall not be put to shame; for you shall forget the shame of your youth, and shall not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.

5. For your Maker is your husband; the Lord of Hosts is his name; and your redeemer the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the Earth.

6. For the Lord has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, but a wife of youth, Can she be rejected? says your God.

7. For a small moment have I forsaken you; but with great mercy will I gather you.
8. In overflowing wrath I hid my face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on you, says the Lord your redeemer.

9. For this is like the waters of Noah to me; for just as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.

10. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall the covenant of my peace be removed, says the Lord who has mercy on you.

11. O you afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay your stones with fair colors, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

12. And I will make your windows of rubies, and your gates of beryl, and all your borders of precious stones.

13. And all your children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of your children.

14. In righteousness shall you be established; you shall be far from oppression, and you shall not fear; and from terror, and it shall not come near you.

15. Behold, they may gather together, but not by me; whoever shall gather together against you shall fall for your sake.
16. Behold, I have created the metal worker who blows upon the coals in the fire, and produces an instrument for his work; and I have created the destroyer to destroy.

17. No weapon that is made against you shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and the reward of their righteousness appointed by me, says the Lord.
1. Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters, and he who has no money; come, buy, and eat; come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2. Why do you spend money for that which is not bread? And your labor for that which satisfies not? Listen diligently to me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure loving promises of David.

4. Behold, I have made him a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5. Behold, you shall call a nation that you know not, and nations that did not know you shall run to you because of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he has glorified you.

6. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater;

11. So shall my word be that goes out of my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

12. For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13. Instead of the thorn the cypress tree shall come up, and instead of the nettle shall the myrtle tree come up; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.
1. Thus says the Lord, Keep judgment, and do justice; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2. Happy is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; who keeps the sabbath and does not profane it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.

3. Do not let the son of the stranger, who has joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord has completely separated me from his people; nor let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

4. For thus says the Lord to the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5. And to them will I give in my house and within my walls a memorial and a name better than sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6. Also the sons of the stranger, who join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one who keeps the sabbath and does not profane it, and all who hold fast to my covenant;
7. Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon my altar; for my house shall be called a House of Prayer for all peoples.

8. The Lord God who gathers the outcasts of Israel says, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those who are already gathered.

9. All you beasts of the field, come into the forest, to devour all the beasts that are there.

10. His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11. Yes, the dogs are greedy, they never have enough, and they are shepherds who cannot understand; they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

12. Come, they say, I will bring wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.
1. The righteous perish, and no man lays it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

2. He enters into peace; they rest in their beds who walk in their uprightness.

3. But draw near here, you sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the harlot.

4. Against whom do you make sport? Against whom do you open your mouth wide, and draw out the tongue? Are you not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

5. Burning with lust among the terebinths, under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?

6. Among the smooth stones of the stream is your portion; they, they are your lot; to them have you poured a drink offering, you have offered a meal offering. Should I be appeased by these things?

7. Upon a lofty and high mountain have you set your bed; and there went you up to offer sacrifice.
8. Behind the doors also and the posts have you set up your symbol; for you have revealed yourself to others than me, and are gone up; you have enlarged your bed, and made a covenant with them; you loved their lying with you, you selected a place.

9. And you went to the king with ointment, and increased your perfumes, and did send your messengers far off, and sent down even to Sheol.

10. You are wearied with the length of your way; yet you did not say, There is no hope; you have found a renewal of your strength; therefore you were not sick.

11. And of whom have you been afraid or feared, that you have lied, and have not remembered me, nor laid it to your heart? Have I not held my peace even of old, and you fear me not?

12. I will declare your righteousness, and your works; for they shall not profit you.

13. When you cry, let your collection of idols save you; but the wind shall carry them all away; a breath shall take them; but he who puts his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

14. And one shall say, Build up, build up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling block from the way of my people.
15. For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell on the high and holy place, yet with him also who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16. For I will not contend forever, nor will I be always angry; for the spirit and the souls whom I have made, should faint before me.

17. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I angry, and struck him; I hid myself, and was angry, and he went on perversely in the way of his heart.

18. I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and bestow comforts on him and on his mourners.

19. I will create a new expression of the lips; Peace, peace for him who is far off and for him who is near, says the Lord; and I will heal him.

20. But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21. There will be no peace, says my God, for the wicked.
1. Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a shofar, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

2. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God; they ask of me judgments of justice; they desire that God should be near.

3. Why have we fasted, say they, and you see not? Why have we afflicted our soul, and you take no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast you pursue your business, and exact all your payments.

4. Behold, you fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness; you shall not fast as you do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

5. Is such the fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?

6. Is not this rather the fast that I have chosen? to loose the chains of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
7. Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring the poor, who are cast out, to your house? When you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you hide not yourself from your own flesh?

8. Then shall your light break forth like the morning, and your health shall spring forth speedily; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

9. Then shall you call, and the Lord shall answer; you shall cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking iniquity;

10. And if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall your light rise in darkness, and your gloom be as the noon day;

11. And the Lord shall guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and make strong your bones; and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

12. And those who shall be of you shall rebuild the old ruins; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.
13. If you restrain your foot because of the sabbath, from pursuing your business on my holy day; and call the sabbath (Oneg) a delight, the Holy day of the Lord honorable; and shall honor it, not doing your own ways, nor pursuing your own business, nor speaking of vain matters;

14. Then shall you delight yourself in the Lord; and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
1. Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor is his ear heavy, that it cannot hear;

2. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, that he will not hear.

3. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perverseness.

4. None calls in uprightness, nor any pleads for truth; they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5. They hatch vipers' eggs, and weave the spider's web; he who eats of their eggs dies, and from that which is crushed breaks out a viper.

6. Their webs shall not become garments, nor shall they cover themselves with their works; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

7. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.
8. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings; they have made them crooked paths; whoever goes in there shall not know peace.

9. Therefore is justice far from us, nor does righteousness overtake us; we wait for light, but behold darkness; for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

10. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as in the night; among the strong we are as dead men.

11. We roar all like bears, and moan like doves; we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

12. For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

13. In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

14. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice stands far off; for truth is fallen in the street, and upright dealing cannot enter.

15. And truth is absent; and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey; and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.
16. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intervene; therefore his arm brought salvation to him; and his righteousness sustained him.

17. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

18. According to their deeds, so will he repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense.

19. So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When affliction comes like a flood, the wind of the Lord shall drive it forth.

20. And a redeemer shall come to Zion, and to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, says the Lord.

21. As for me, this is my covenant with them, says the Lord; My spirit that is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your seed, nor from the mouth of your seed's seed, says the Lord, from now on and forever.
1. Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

2. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you.

3. And the nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

4. Lift up your eyes around, and see; all they gather themselves together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

5. Then you shall see, and be filled with light, and your heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

6. The multitude of camels shall cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

7. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.
8. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?

9. Surely the islands shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the Lord your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

10. And the sons of strangers shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my anger I struck you, but in my favor have I had mercy on you.

11. Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be closed day or night; that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.

12. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yes, those nations shall be completely destroyed.

13. The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the maple, and the box tree, together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

14. The sons also of those who afflicted you shall come bending to you; and all those who despised you shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you, The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15. Because you have been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through you, I will make you an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.
16. You shall also suck the milk of the nations, and shall suck the breast of kings; and you shall know that I the Lord shall save you, and the mighty One of Jacob shall redeem you.

17. For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood bronze, and for stones iron; I will also make your officers peace, and your task masters, righteousness.

18. Violence shall no more be heard in your land, wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

19. The sun shall be no more your light by day; nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the Lord shall be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory.

20. Your sun shall no more go down; nor shall your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.

21. Your people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22. The least one shall become a thousand, and a smallest one a strong nation; I the Lord will hasten it in its time.
1. The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to announce good news to the humble; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2. To proclaim an acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

3. To appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give to them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called Trees of Righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

4. And they shall build the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

5. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and tend your vineyards.

6. But you shall be named the Priests of the Lord; men shall call you the Ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory.
7. Instead of your shame you shall have a double portion; and instead of
dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a
double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

8. For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery with a burnt offering; and I will
give them their reward in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with
them.

9. And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among
the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed
which the Lord has blessed.

10. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he
has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe
of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride
adorns herself with her jewels.

11. For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things
that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and
praise to spring forth before all the nations.
1. For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth like radiance, and her salvation like a burning torch.

2. And the nations shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall express.

3. You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

4. You shall no more be termed Forsaken; nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

5. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

6. I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem, who shall never hold their peace day nor night; you who make mention of the Lord, take no rest.

7. And give him no rest, until he establish, and until he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
8. The Lord has sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give your grain to be food for your enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink your wine, for which you have labored;

9. But those who have gathered it shall eat it and praise the Lord; and those who have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.

10. Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way of the people; build up, build up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

11. Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the world, Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his wages before him.

12. And they shall call them, The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.
1. Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah? This one who is glorious in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2. Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who tramples in the wine press?

3. I have trampled the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me; for I have trampled them in my anger, and trampled them in my fury; and their blood was sprinkled upon my garments, and I have stained all my clothing.

4. For the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed has come.

5. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I was appalled that there was none to uphold; therefore my own arm brought salvation to me; and my fury upheld me.

6. And I trampled down the people in my anger, and made them drunk in my fury, and I poured out their lifeblood to the earth.

7. I will recount the grace of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel, which he has granted them according to his mercy, and according to the abundance of his grace.
8. For he said, Surely they are my people, children who will not lie; so he was their savior.

9. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bore them, and carried them all the days of old.

10. But they rebelled, and grieved his holy spirit; therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

11. Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who put his holy spirit in him?

12. Who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, parting the waters before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

13. Who led them through the deep, like a horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?

14. Like cattle going down into the valley, the spirit of the Lord gave them rest; so did you lead your people, to make yourself a glorious name.

15. Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of your holiness and of your glory; where is your zeal and your mighty acts? Your compassion and your mercy toward me are withheld from me.
16. You are our father, though Abraham is ignorant of us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our father, our redeemer; from everlasting is your name.

17. O Lord, why have you made us stray from your ways, and hardened our heart from your fear? Return for your servants' sake, the tribes of your inheritance.

18. The people of your holiness have possessed it but a little while; our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary.

19. We have become like those over whom you never ruled, who were not called by your name. Oh that you would tear the heavens and come down, that the mountains would melt away at your presence.
1. As when the fire kindles brushwood, the fire causes the waters to boil, to make your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at your presence!

2. When you did awesome things which we looked not for, you came down, the mountains flowed down at your presence.

3. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides you, should do such a thing for him who waits for him.

4. You struck down him who rejoiced and worked righteousness, who remembered you in your ways; behold, you are angry; for we have sinned; in those ways we have been always; how then shall we be saved?

5. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteous actions are as filthy rags; and we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

6. And there is none who calls upon your name, who stirs up himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have consumed us, because of our iniquities.

7. But now, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay, and you our potter; and we are all the work of your hand.
8. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, nor remember iniquity forever; behold, see, we beseech you, we are all your people.

9. Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

10. Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, has been burned with fire; and all our pleasant things lay in ruins.

11. Will you restrain yourself at these things, O Lord? Will you hold your peace, and afflict us so very greatly?
1. I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me; I said, Here I am, Here I am, to a nation that was not called by my name.

2. I have spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walks in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts;

3. A people who provoke me to anger continually to my face; who sacrifices in gardens, and burns incense upon altars of brick;

4. Who sit on the graves, and spend the night in vaults, who eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their utensils;

5. Who say, Stand by yourself, come not near to me; for I am holier than you. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all the day.

6. Behold, it is written before me; I will not keep silence, but will repay, indeed I will pay repay into their bosom,

7. Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, says the Lord, who burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills; therefore will I repay their former work in full measure into their bosom.
8. Thus says the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it; so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

9. And I will bring forth a seed from Jacob, and from Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and my chosen ones shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

10. And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people who have sought me.

11. But you who forsake the Lord, who forget my holy mountain, who prepare a table for Fortune, and who fill the coup of mixed wine for Destiny.

12. I will destine you to the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear; but did evil before my eyes, and did choose that in which I delighted not.

13. Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed;

14. Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for trouble of spirit.
15. And you shall leave your name for a curse to my chosen; for the Lord God shall slay you, and call his servants by another name;

16. So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself by the God of Truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of Truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from my eyes.

17. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to mind.

18. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20. There shall be no more there an infant who lives but a few days, nor an old man who has not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old' but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.

21. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.
22. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and my chosen ones shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

24. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, says the Lord.
1. Thus says the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that you build to me? and where is the place of my rest?

2. For all those things has my hand made, and all those things have been, says the Lord; but to this man will I look, to him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word.

3. He who kills an ox is as if he slew a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he who offers a meal offering, as if he offered swine's blood; he who burns incense, as if he blessed an idol. For they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations.

4. I also will choose torments for them, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spoke, they did not hear; but they did evil before my eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

5. Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at his word; Your brothers who hated you, who threw you out for my name's sake, says, Let the Lord be glorified that we may see your joy; but they shall be ashamed.

6. A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, the voice of the Lord rendering recompense to his enemies.
7. Before she labored, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a son.

8. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born in one moment? For as soon as Zion labored, she brought forth her children.

9. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? says the Lord; shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? says your God.

10. Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you who love her; rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her;

11. That you may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that you may drink deeply, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

12. For thus says the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like a flowing stream; then shall you suck, you shall be carried upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.

13. As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14. And when you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.
15. For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a storm, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16. For by fire will the Lord execute judgment, and by his sword upon all flesh; and the slain by the Lord shall be many.

17. They who sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, says the Lord.

18. For I know their works and their thoughts; it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

19. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those who escape to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to far off islands, that have not heard my fame, nor have they seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations.

20. And they shall bring all your brothers for an offering to the Lord from all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon fleet camels, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, as the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean utensil to the house of the Lord.

21. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.
22. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23. And it shall come to pass, that every new moon, and every sabbath, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says the Lord.

24. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men who have transgressed against me; for their worm shall not die, nor shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be a loathing to all flesh.

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Jeremiah Chapter 1

1. The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin;

2. To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, till the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, till the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

4. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5. Before I formed you in the belly I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet to the nations.

6. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child.

7. But the Lord said to me, Say not, I am a child; for you shall go to all to whom I shall send you, and whatever I command you you shall speak.

8. Be not afraid of their faces; for I am with you to save you, said the Lord.
9. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

10. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

11. Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.

12. Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well; for I will hasten my word to perform it.

13. And the word of the Lord came to me the second time, saying, What do you see? And I said, I see a boiling pot; and its face is from the north.

14. Then the Lord said to me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

15. For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, said the Lord; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its surrounding walls, and against all the cities of Judah.

16. And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.
17. You therefore gird up your loins, and arise, and speak to them all that I command you; be not dismayed at their faces, lest I dismay you before them.

18. For, behold, I have made you this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land.

19. And they shall fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you; for I am with you, said the Lord, to save you.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2. Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus said the Lord; I remember you, the devotion of your youth, your love like a bride, when you went after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

3. Israel is holy to the Lord, and the first fruits of his produce; all who devour him shall be held guilty; evil shall come upon them, said the Lord.

4. Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel;

5. Thus said the Lord, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they have gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and have become themselves worthless?

6. And they did not say, Where is the Lord who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

7. And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat its fruit and its goodness; but when you entered, you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.
8. The priests did not say, Where is the Lord? and they who handle the Torah knew me not; the rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

9. Therefore I will yet plead with you, says the Lord, and with your children's children will I plead.

10. For cross over to the islands of Kittim, and see; and send to Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there is such a thing.

11. Has a nation changed their gods, even though they are no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit.

12. Be astonished, O you heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be greatly appalled, said the Lord.

13. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and dug cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

14. Is Israel a servant? Is he a homeborn slave? Why has he become a prey?

15. The young lions roared against him, they roared loudly, and they made his land a waste; his cities are burned, without inhabitant.
16. Also the people of Noph and Tahpanhes have broken the crown of your head.

17. Have you not done this to yourself, in that you have forsaken the Lord your God, when he led you on the way?

18. And now what do you gain by going to Egypt? To drink the waters of Sihor? Or what do you gain by going to Assyria? To drink the waters of the river?

19. Your own wickedness shall correct you, and your backslidings shall reprove you; know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that you have forsaken the Lord your God, and that my fear is not in you, says the Lord God of hosts.

20. For long ago I have broken your yoke, and burst your bonds; and you said, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree you bowed down playing the harlot.

21. And I had planted you a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then have you turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine to me?

22. For though you wash you with lye, and use much soap, yet the stain of your iniquity is before me, said the Lord God.

23. How can you say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? See your way in the valley, know what you have done; you are a restive young camel doubling back on its tracks;
24. A wild ass used to the wilderness, sniffing the wind in its desire; in its lust who can turn it away? All those who seek it need not weary themselves; in its month they shall find it.

25. Withhold your foot from being unshod, and your throat from thirst; but you said, There is no hope; no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

26. As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27. Who say to a piece of wood, You are my father; and to a stone, You have brought me forth; for they have turned their back to me, and not their face; but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

28. But where are your gods that you have made for yourself? Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble; for as many as your cities are your gods, O Judah.

29. Why do you complain against me? You all have transgressed against me, says the Lord.

30. In vain did I strike your children; they received no correction; your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.
31. O generation, see the word of the Lord. Have I been a wilderness to Israel?
A land of darkness? Why do my people say, We are free; we will come no more
to you?

32. Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have
forgotten me days without number.

33. How well you direct your course to seek love! Even to wicked women you
have taught your ways!

34. Also on your skirts is found the lifeblood of the innocent poor; whom you
did not find breaking in.

35. Yet in spite of all these things you say, Because I am innocent, surely his
anger has turned from me. Behold, I will bring you to judgment, because you say
I have not sinned.

36. Why do you cheapen yourself so much to change your way? You also shall
be ashamed of Egypt, as you were ashamed of Assyria.

37. Yes, you shall go forth from him, and your hands upon your head; for the
Lord has rejected those in whom you trust, and you shall not prosper by them.
1. It is said, If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him, and becomes another man's, shall he return to her again? Shall not that land be greatly polluted? You have played the harlot with many lovers; and would you return to me? says the Lord.

2. Lift up your eyes to the high hills, and see where you have not been lain with. On the roads have you sat for them, like an Arab in the wilderness; and you have polluted the land with your harlotries and with your wickedness.

3. Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; yet you have a harlot's forehead, you refuse to be ashamed.

4. Will you not from this time cry to me: My father, you are the guide of my youth?

5. Will he carry a grudge for ever? Will he keep it to the end? Behold, you have spoken and done all the evil things you could.

6. The Lord said also to me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen what faithless Israel has done? She went up every high hill, and under every green tree, and there she played the harlot.

7. And I said after she had done all these things, Return to me. But she did not return. And her false sister Judah saw it.
8. And I saw, when I had put faithless Israel away for having committed adultery, and had given her a bill of divorce; that her false sister Judah was not afraid, but went and played the harlot also.

9. And it came to pass through the lightness of her harlotry, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with wood.

10. And yet for all this her false sister Judah did not return to me with her whole heart, but in pretence, says the Lord.

11. And the Lord said to me, Faithless Israel has shown herself less guilty than false Judah.

12. Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, you faithless Israel, says the Lord; and I will not make my anger fall upon you; for I am merciful, says the Lord, and I will not bear a grudge for ever.

13. Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the Lord your God, and have scattered your ways to strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice, says the Lord.

14. Turn, O faithless children, says the Lord; for I have taken you to myself; and I will take you, from a city one, and from a family two, and I will bring you to Zion;
15. And I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16. And it shall come to pass, when you multiply and increase in the land, in those days, says the Lord, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord. It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it; nor shall they miss it; nor shall that be done any more.

17. At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem; nor shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

18. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance to your fathers.

19. But I said, How shall I set you among the sons, and give you a pleasant land, the finest heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said: You shall call me, My father; and shall not turn away from me.

20. Surely like a faithless wife departs from her husband, so you have been faithless to me, O house of Israel, says the Lord.

21. A voice was heard upon the high hills, weeping and supplications of the people of Israel; for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the Lord their God.
22. Return, you faithless children, and I will heal your faithlessness. Behold, we come to you; for you are the Lord our God.

23. Truly from worship in the hills comes delusion, and from the uproar in the mountains; truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.

24. From our youth shameful idolatry has devoured the labor of our fathers; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

25. Let us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion cover us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.
1. If you will return, O Israel, says the Lord, return to me; and if you will put away your abominations out of my sight, and do not waver,

2. And if you swear, The Lord lives, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

3. For thus says the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

4. Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

5. Declare in Judah, and proclaim in Jerusalem; and say: Blow the shofar in the land; cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities.

6. Raise up a standard toward Zion; flee, do not stay; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

7. The lion has come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the nations is on his way; he has gone out from his place to make your land desolate; and your cities shall be laid waste, without inhabitant.
8. For this gird yourself with sackcloth, lament and howl; for the fierce anger of the Lord is not turned back from us.

9. And it shall come to pass at that day, says the Lord, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

10. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! surely you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, You shall have peace; and the sword reaches into the soul.

11. At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high hills in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow, or to cleanse,

12. A wind stronger than those shall come to me; now will I give sentence against them.

13. Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a stormy wind; his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are ruined.

14. O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge inside you?

15. For a voice declares from Dan, and proclaims affliction from Mount Ephraim.
16. Warn the nations; behold, proclaim against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and shout their voice against the cities of Judah.

17. As keepers of a field, are they around against her; because she has been rebellious against me, says the Lord.

18. Your way and your doings have brought these things upon you; this is your wickedness, and it is bitter, it reaches to your heart.

19. My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart moans in me; I cannot hold my peace, because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the shofar, the alarm of war.

20. Destruction follows upon destruction; for the whole land is ruined; suddenly are my tents destroyed, and my curtains in a moment.

21. How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the shofar?

22. For my people are foolish, they have not known me; they are foolish children, and they have no understanding; they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23. I looked on the earth, and, behold, it was waste, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.
24. I looked on the mountains, and, behold, they trembled, and all the hills moved to and fro.

25. I looked on, and, behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled.

26. I looked on, and, behold, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger.

27. For thus has the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet I will not make a full end.

28. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I intend it, and will not relent, nor will I turn back from it.

29. The whole city shall flee at the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks; every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell in there.

30. And you, O ruined one, what will you do? Though you dress yourself with crimson, though you deck yourself with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with paint, in vain shall you make yourself pretty; your lovers will despise you, they will seek your life.
31. For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor, and the anguish as of her who brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, sobbing and spreading out her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul faints before the killers.
1. Run you to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in its broad places, if you can find a man, if there is any who does justice, who seeks the truth; and I will pardon it.

2. And though they say, The Lord lives; surely they swear falsely.

3. O Lord, are not your eyes upon the truth? you have stricken them, but they have not grieved; you have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction; they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

4. Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish; for they know not the way of the Lord, nor the judgment of their God.

5. I will go to the great men, and will speak to them; for they have known the way of the Lord, and the judgment of their God; but they all alike have broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

6. Therefore a lion from the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the deserts shall destroy them, a leopard shall watch over their cities; every one who goes out there shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, and their apostasies are great.
7. How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods; when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

8. They were like well fed horses in the morning; each neighing for his neighbor's wife.

9. Shall I not punish for these things? says the Lord; and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10. Go up through her wine rows, and destroy; but make not a full end; take away her branches; for they are not the Lord's.

11. For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, says the Lord.

12. They have spoken falsely of the Lord, and said, It is not he; nor shall evil come upon us; nor shall we see sword nor famine;

13. And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them; thus shall it be done to them.

14. Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts, Because you speak this word, behold, I will make my words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.
15. Behold, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, says the Lord; it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you know not, nor do you understand what they say.

16. Their quiver is like an open sepulcher, they are all mighty men.

17. And they shall eat up your harvest, and your bread, which your sons and your daughters should eat; they shall eat up your flocks and your herds; they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees; they shall batter your fortified cities, on whom you trusted, with the sword.

18. Nevertheless in those days, says the Lord, I will not make a full end with you.

19. And it shall come to pass, when you shall say, Why does the Lord our God all these things to us? then shall you answer them, As you have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall you serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

20. Declare this in the house of Jacob, and proclaim it in Judah, saying,

21. Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; who have ears, and hear not;
22. Do you not fear me? says the Lord. Will you not tremble at my presence? I, who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea by an everlasting barrier, that it cannot pass it; and though its waves toss themselves, yet they can not prevail; though they roar, they can not pass over it.

23. But this people have a stubborn and a rebellious heart; they are turned aside and gone.

24. And they do not say in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, who gives rain, both the first and the last, in his season; he keeps for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25. Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have kept good things from you.

26. For among my people are found wicked men; they lay wait, like he who sets snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

27. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit; therefore they have become great, and grown rich.

28. They have become fat and sleek; indeed, they overpass the deeds of the wicked; they judge not the cause of the orphans, that they may prosper; and they do not judge the right of the needy.

29. Shall I not punish for these things? says the Lord; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
30. An appalling and horrible thing is committed in the land;

31. The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so; and what will you do when the end of it comes?
Jeremiah Chapter 6

1. O you sons of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the shofar in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Beth-HaKerem; for evil appears from the north, and great destruction.

2. You seem, O daughter of Zion, a handsome and delicate woman.

3. Yet shepherds with their flocks shall come to her; they shall pitch their tents around against her; they shall feed every one in his place.

4. Prepare war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe to us! For the day goes away, for the shadows of the evening are lengthened.

5. Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

6. For thus says the Lord of Hosts, Cut down trees, and cast up a siege mound against Jerusalem; this is the city to be punished; she is oppression everywhere in her midst.

7. As a well keeps its water fresh, so she keeps fresh her wickedness; violence and destruction, grief and wounds, are heard in her before me continually.
8. Be warned, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from you; lest I make you desolate, a land not inhabited.

9. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel like a vine; like a grape gatherer pass your hand again over the branches.

10. To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot listen; behold, the word of the Lord is to them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

11. Therefore I am full of the fury of the Lord; I am weary of holding it in; I will pour it out upon the infants in the street, and upon the assembly of young men together; for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him who is full of days.

12. And their houses shall be turned to others, with their fields and wives together; for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, says the Lord.

13. For from the least of them even to the greatest of them every one is greedy for gain; and from the prophet even to the priest every one deals falsely.

14. They have lightly healed the hurt of the daughter of my people, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.
15. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, nor could they blush; therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them they shall stumble, says the Lord.

16. Thus says the Lord, Stand on the roads, and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk there, and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk there.

17. And I set watchmen over you, saying, Listen to the sound of the shofar. But they said, We will not listen.

18. Therefore hear, you nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them.

19. Hear, O earth; behold, I will bring evil upon this people, the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to my words, nor to my Torah, but have rejected it.

20. To what purpose comes to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor are your sacrifices sweet to me.

21. Therefore thus says the Lord, Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbor and his friend shall perish.
22. Thus says the Lord, Behold, a people comes from the north country, and a
great nation shall stir from the sides of the earth.

23. They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy;
their voice roars like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for
war against you, O daughter of Zion.

24. We have heard the report of it; our hands grow feeble; anguish has taken
hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in labor.

25. Go not forth to the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy is
there and fear is on every side.

26. O daughter of my people, gird yourself with sackcloth, and roll yourself in
ashes; make mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation; for the
destroyer shall suddenly come upon us.

27. I have set you for a tower and a fortress among my people, that you may
know and test their way.

28. They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders; they are bronze and
iron; they all act corruptly.

29. The bellows blow fiercely, the lead is consumed by the fire; the refiner melts
in vain; for the wicked are not removed.

30. Base silver shall men call them, because the Lord has rejected them.
1. The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2. Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah, who enter these gates to worship the Lord.

3. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will make you dwell in this place.

4. Trust you not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these.

5. For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if you thoroughly do justice between a man and his neighbor;

6. If you oppress not the stranger, the orphan, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your harm;

7. Then will I make you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

8. Behold, you trust in lying words, that cannot profit.
9. Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you know not;

10. And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are saved; that you may do all these abominations?

11. Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, says the Lord.

12. But go now to my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

13. And now, because you have done all these deeds, says the Lord, and though I spoke to you, from early in the morning, but you did not listen; and I called you, but you did not answer;

14. Therefore will I do to this house, which is called by my name, and in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

15. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, the whole seed of Ephraim.
16. Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up cry nor prayer for them, nor make intercession to me; for I will not hear.

17. Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18. The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

19. Do they provoke me to anger? says the Lord; Do they not provoke themselves to their own disgrace?

20. Therefore thus says the Lord God; Behold, my anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

21. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat meat.

22. For I did not speak to your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices;
23. But this thing I commanded them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people; and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.

24. But they did not listen, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

25. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt until this day I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, from early in the morning;

26. Yet they did not listen to me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck; they did worse than their fathers.

27. Therefore you shall speak all these words to them; but they will not listen to you; you shall also call to them; but they will not answer you.

28. But you shall say to them, This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the Lord their God, nor receives correction; truthfulness has perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

29. Cut off your hair, O Jerusalem, and throw it away, and take up a lamentation on the high hills; for the Lord has rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.
30. For the people of Judah have done evil in my sight, says the Lord; they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

31. And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I did not command them, nor did it come into my heart.

32. Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the Valley of the son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they shall bury in Tophet, because there is no place elsewhere.

33. And the carcasses of this people shall be food for the birds of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall scare them away.

34. Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride; for the land shall be desolate.
1. At that time, says the Lord, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves;

2. And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped; they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

3. And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the remnant of those who remain of this evil family, who remain in all the places where I have driven them, says the Lord of Hosts.

4. Moreover you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord; Shall they fall, and not rise up again? Shall a man turn away, and not return?

5. Why then has this people of Jerusalem turned away in an everlasting backsliding? They hold fast to deceit, they refuse to return.

6. I listened and heard, but they have not spoken aright; no man repented of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? Every one turned to his own course, like a horse rushing into the battle.
7. The stork in the heaven also knows her appointed times; and the turtle and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord.

8. How can you say, We are wise, and the Torah of the Lord is with us? Behold, certainly the pen wrote lies; the scribes made it into a lie.

9. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken; behold, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?

10. Therefore will I give their wives to others, and their fields to those who shall inherit them; for every one from the least even to the greatest is given to greed, from the prophet even to the priest every one deals falsely.

11. For they have lightly healed the hurt of the daughter of my people, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

12. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, nor could they blush; therefore shall they fall among those who fall; in the time of their punishment they shall stumble, says the Lord.

13. I will surely consume them, says the Lord; there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.
14. Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us perish there; for the Lord our God has doomed us to perish, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the Lord.

15. We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold terror!

16. The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan; the whole land trembles at the sound of the neighing of its strong ones; for they have come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those who dwell in there.

17. For, behold, I will send venomous serpents among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, says the Lord.

18. When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me.

19. Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people coming from a far country; Is not the Lord in Zion? Is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their carved idols, and with foreign vanities?

20. The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved.

21. For the wound of the daughter of my people I am wounded; I am thrown into gloom; astonishment has taken hold on me.
22. Is there no balm in Gilead; Is there no physician there? Why then has not the health of the daughter of my people been restored?

23. Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!
1. Oh that I were in the wilderness, in a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them, for they are all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men!

2. And they bend their tongues like their bow of lies; but they are not brave for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know me, says the Lord.

3. Take heed every one of his neighbor, and trust not in any brother; for every brother acts deceitfully, and every neighbor goes about with slanders.

4. And they will deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

5. Your habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, says the Lord.

6. Therefore thus says the Lord of Hosts, Behold, I will smelt them, and test them; for how else shall I do for the daughter of my people?

7. Their tongue is a sharpened arrow; it speaks deceit; one speaks peacefully to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he lies in ambush for him.
8. Shall I not punish them for these things? says the Lord; Shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

9. For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; nor can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the bird of the heavens and the beast have fled; they are gone.

10. And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

11. Who is the wise man, that may understand this? And who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord has spoken, that he may declare it? Why does the land perish and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passes through?

12. And the Lord said, Because they have forsaken my Torah which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, nor walked in it;

13. But have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baalim, which their fathers taught them;

14. Therefore thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.
15. I will scatter them also among the nations, whom nor they nor their fathers have known; and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

16. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, Consider, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for skilled women, that they may come;

17. And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.

18. For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we ruined! We are greatly ashamed, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out.

19. Yet hear the word of the Lord, O you women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbor lamentation.

20. For death has come up into our windows, and has entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from outside, and the young men from the streets.

21. Speak, Thus says the Lord, The carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the reaper, and none shall gather them.
22. Thus says the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, nor let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches;

23. But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who exercises loving kindness, justice, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

24. Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will punish all those who are circumcised with the uncircumcised;

25. Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the Ammonites, and Moab, and all who dwell in the wilderness; for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all of the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.
1. Hear the word which the Lord speaks to you, O house of Israel:

2. Thus says the Lord, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them.

3. For the customs of the people are vanity; for one cuts a tree of the forest, the work of the hands of the craftsman, with the ax.

4. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it should not move.

5. They are upright as the palm tree, and they cannot speak; they must be carried, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, nor is it in them to do good.

6. There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great and your name is great in might.

7. Who would not fear you, O King of nations? For to you it is fitting; for among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like you.

8. Stupid and foolish they all are; the instruction of their idols is just wood!
9. Beaten silver is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the craftsman, and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple is their clothing; they are all the work of skilled men.

10. But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king; at his anger the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

11. Thus shall you say to them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12. He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

13. When his voice resounds with the great mass of water in the heavens, and he raises the vapors from the ends of the earth; he makes lightning for the rain, and he brings forth the wind from his storehouse.

14. Every man becomes stupid without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.

15. They are vanity, and the work of delusion; in the time of their punishment they shall perish.
16. He, who is the portion of Jacob, is not like them; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance; The Lord of Hosts is his name.

17. Gather up your wares from the ground, O inhabitant of the besieged city.

18. For thus says the Lord, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will distress them, that they may feel it.

19. Woe is me for my hurt! My wound is grievous; but I said, Truly this is an affliction, and I must bear it.

20. My Tent is ruined, and all my cords are broken; my children are gone from me, and they are not; there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

21. For the shepherds have become stupid, and have not sought the Lord; therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

22. Behold, the noise of the report has come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of jackals.

23. O Lord, I know that the way of man is not his own; it is not in man that walks to direct his steps as he walks.
24. O Lord, correct me, but in due measure; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing.

25. Pour out your fury upon the nations that know you not, and upon the families that call not on your name; for they have devoured Jacob, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.
Jeremiah Chapter 11

1. The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2. Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

3. And say to them, Thus says the Lord God of Israel; Cursed be the man who obeys not the words of this covenant,

4. Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you; so shall you be my people, and I will be your God;

5. That I may perform the oath which I have sworn to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, Amen, O Lord.

6. Then the Lord said to me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear the words of this covenant, and do them.
7. For I earnestly warned your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, warning them from early in the morning, saying, Obey my voice.

8. Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the stubbornness of their evil heart; therefore I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did not do them.

9. And the Lord said to me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10. They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

11. Therefore thus says the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry to me, I will not listen to them.

12. Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry to the gods to whom they offer incense; but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble.
13. For as many as your cities are your gods, O Judah; and as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars you have set up to shame, altars to burn incense to Baal.

14. Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me for their trouble.

15. What has my beloved to do in my house, seeing she has done vile deeds with many, and the holy flesh is passed from you? You rejoice when you do evil.

16. The Lord called your name, A green olive tree, fair, full of beautiful fruit; with the noise of a great tumult he has kindled fire upon it, and its branches are broken.

17. For the Lord of Hosts, who planted you, has pronounced evil against you, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense to Baal.

18. And the Lord has given me knowledge of it, and I know it; then you showed me their doings.

19. But I was like a gentle lamb brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised plans against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.
20. But, O Lord of Hosts, you who judge righteously, who tests the inwards and the heart, let me see your vengeance on them; for to you have I revealed my cause.

21. Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, saying, Do not prophesy in the name of the Lord, so that you will not die by our hand;

22. Therefore thus says the Lord of Hosts, Behold, I will punish them; the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine;

23. And there shall be no remnant of them; for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, the year of their punishment.
1. Righteous are you, O Lord, when I complain to you; yet I will plead these points of justice with you: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are all those who deal treacherously happy?

2. You have planted them, indeed, they have taken root; they grow, indeed, they bring forth fruit; you are near in their mouth, and far from their inwards.

3. But you, O Lord, know me; you have seen me, and tested my heart toward you; pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

4. How long shall the land mourn, and the grass of every field wither? For the wickedness of those who dwell there the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.

5. If you have run with men of foot, and they have wearied you, then how can you compete with horses? And if in the land of peace, on which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the wilderness by the Jordan?

6. For your brothers, and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; indeed, they have called a multitude after you; do not believe them, though they speak good words to you.
7. I have forsaken my house, I have left my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

8. My heritage is to me like a lion in the forest; it cries out against me; therefore have I hated it.

9. My heritage is to me a speckled bird of prey, and the birds of prey around her? Come, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.

10. Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have trampled my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

11. They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourns to me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man lays it to heart.

12. The destroyers have come upon all high hills through the wilderness; for the sword of the Lord devours from one end of the land to the other end of the land; no flesh has peace.

13. They have sown wheat, but have reaped thorns; they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit; and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the Lord.

14. Thus says the Lord against all my evil neighbors, who touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.
15. And it shall come to pass, after I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them back, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

16. And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The Lord lives; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.

17. But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, says the Lord.
1. Thus says the Lord to me, Go and get a linen girdle, and put it upon your loins, and put it not in water.

2. So I got a girdle according to the word of the Lord, and put it on my loins.

3. And the word of the Lord came to me the second time, saying,

4. Take the girdle that you have got, which is upon your loins, and arise, go to Perat, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

5. So I went, and hid it in Perat, as the Lord commanded me.

6. And it came to pass after many days, that the Lord said to me, Arise, go to Perat, and take the girdle from there, which I commanded you to hide there.

7. Then I went to Perat, and dug, and took the girdle from the place where I had hidden it; and, behold, the girdle was spoiled, it was good for nothing.

8. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
9. Thus says the Lord, After this manner will I spoil the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10. This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

11. For as the girdle fits tightly to the loins of a man, so have I caused to hold tightly to me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, says the Lord; that they might be to me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory; but they would not hear.

12. Therefore you shall speak to them this word; Thus says the Lord God of Israel, Every jar shall be filled with wine; and they shall say to you, Do we not certainly know that every jar shall be filled with wine?

13. Then shall you say to them, Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings who sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

14. And I will dash them one against another, the fathers and the sons together, says the Lord; I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.

15. Hear you, and give ear; do not be proud; for the Lord has spoken.
16. Give glory to the Lord your God, before he causes darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the mountains of twilights, and, while you look for light, he turns it into the shadow of death, and makes it a thick darkness.

17. But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret for your pride; and my eye shall weep bitterly, and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive.

18. Say to the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down; for your glorious crown has fallen from your head.

19. The cities of the Negev shall be shut up, and none shall open them; Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be completely carried away captive.

20. Lift up your eyes, and behold those who come from the north; where is the flock that was given you, your beautiful flock?

21. What will you say when he shall punish you? For you have taught them to be your captains, and as chief over you; shall not pangs take hold of you, like a woman in labor?

22. And if you say in your heart, Why do these things come upon me? For the greatness of your iniquity are your skirts uncovered, and your heels made bare.

23. Can the Cushite change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then you can also do good, who are accustomed to do evil.
24. Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passes away by the wind of the wilderness.

25. This is your lot, the portion I have measured for you, said the Lord; because you have forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

26. Therefore will I uncover your skirts upon your face, that your shame may be seen.

27. I have seen your adulteries, and your neighings, the lewdness of your harlotry, and your abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! Will you not be made clean? How much longer will it be?
1. The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought.

2. Judah mourns, and its gates languish in gloom to the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem has gone up.

3. And their nobles send their little ones to the waters; they come to the pits, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are ashamed and confounded, and cover their heads.

4. Because the ground is cracked, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen are ashamed, they cover their heads.

5. The hind also calves in the field, and forsakes its young, because there is no grass.

6. And the wild asses stand in the high hills, they snuff up the wind like jackals; their eyes fail, because there is no grass.

7. O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do you it for your name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.

8. O the hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, and like a wayfaring man that turns aside to stay for a night?
9. Why should you be like a man astonished, like a mighty man who cannot save? yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; leave us not.

10. Thus says the Lord to this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the Lord does not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and punish their sins.

11. Then says the Lord to me, Pray not for this people for their good.

12. When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and a meal offering, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

13. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, the prophets say to them, You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.

14. Then the Lord said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name; I did not send them, nor did I command them, nor did I speak to them; they prophesy to you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nothing, and the deceit of their heart.
15. Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, And I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land. By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

16. And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters; for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

17. Therefore you shall say this word to them: Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great wound, with a very grievous blow.

18. If I go out to the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold those who are sick with famine! For both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not.

19. Have you utterly rejected Judah? Does your soul loathe Zion? Why did you strike us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold terror!

20. We acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against you.
21. Do not loathe us, for your name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of your glory; remember, do not break your covenant with us.

22. Are there any among the worthless gods of the nations that can cause rain? Can the heavens give showers? Are you not he, O Lord our God? Therefore we will wait upon you; for you have made all these things.
1. Then says the Lord to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, my mind could not be toward this people; cast them out of my sight, and let them depart.

2. And it shall come to pass, if they say to you, Where shall we go forth? then you shall tell them, Thus says the Lord; Those who are for death, to death; and those who are for the sword, to the sword; and those who are for the famine, to the famine; and those who are for captivity, to the captivity.

3. And I will appoint over them four kinds of destroyers, says the Lord; the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the birds of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.

4. And I will make them a horror for all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.

5. For who shall have pity upon you, O Jerusalem? Who shall bemoan you? Who shall go aside to ask you how you do?

6. You have forsaken me, says the Lord, you have gone backwards; therefore I will stretch out my hand against you, and destroy you; I am weary with relenting.

7. And I will winnow them with a winnowing fork in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy my people, since they do not return from their ways.
8. I have made their widows more in number than the sand of the seas; I have brought upon them, upon the mothers of the young men a destroyer at noonday; I have caused tumult and terrors to fall upon it suddenly.

9. She who has borne seven languishes; she has fainted away; her sun has gone down while it was still day; she has been ashamed and confounded; and the remnant of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, says the Lord.

10. Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not lent, nor men have lent to me; yet every one of them curses me.

11. The Lord said, Have I not provided for your welfare? Have I not made the enemy entreat by intercession, in the time of evil and in the time of affliction?

12. Shall iron break the northern iron and the bronze?

13. Your wealth and your treasures will I give to the destroyer without price, for all your sins, in all your borders.

14. And I will make you pass with your enemies into a land which you know not; for a fire is kindled in my anger, which shall burn upon you.
15. O Lord, you know; remember me, and be mindful of me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in your long suffering; know that for your sake I have suffered insult.

16. Your words were found, and I ate them; and your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord God of hosts.

17. I sat not in the assembly of the merry makers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of your hand; for you have filled me with indignation.

18. Why is my pain everlasting, and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, and like waters that fail?

19. Therefore thus says the Lord, If you return, then will I bring you back, and you shall stand before me; and if you take out the precious from the vile, you shall be as my mouth; let them return to you; but do not return to them.

20. And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; and they shall fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you; for I am with you to rescue you and to save you, says the Lord.

21. And I will save you from the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you from the hand of the terrible.
1. The word of the Lord came also to me, saying,

2. You shall not take a wife, nor shall you have sons or daughters in this place.

3. For thus says the Lord concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who begot them in this land;

4. They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; nor shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth; and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be food for the birds of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

5. For thus says the Lord, Enter not into the house of mourning, nor go to lament nor bemoan them; for I have taken away my peace from this people, says the Lord, both loving kindness and mercy.

6. Both the great and the small shall die in this land; they shall not be buried, nor shall men lament for them, nor gash themselves, nor make themselves bald for them;

7. No men shall break bread during the mourning, to comfort him for the dead; nor shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for his father or for his mother.
8. You shall also not go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

9. For thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease from this place before your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

10. And it shall come to pass, when you shall tell this people all these words, and they shall say to you, Why has the Lord pronounced all this great evil against us? What is our iniquity? What is our sin that we have committed against the Lord our God?

11. Then shall you say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, says the Lord, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my Torah;

12. And you have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, you walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, that they may not listen to me;

13. Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that you know not, nor you nor your fathers; and there shall you serve other gods day and night; where I will not show you favor.

14. Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, that it shall no more be said, As the Lord lives, who brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
15. But, As the Lord lives, who brought the people of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands where he had driven them; and I will bring them back to their land that I gave to their fathers.

16. Behold, I will send for many fishers, says the Lord, and they shall catch them; and afterwards will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

17. For my eyes are upon all their ways; they are not hidden from my face, nor is their iniquity hidden from my eyes.

18. And first I will repay their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled my inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

19. O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, nations shall come to you from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthless idols, and things in which there is no profit.

20. Shall a man make gods to himself, and they are no gods?

21. Therefore, behold, I will this once make know to them, I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The Lord.
1. The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond; it is engraved on the tablet of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;

2. As they remember their children so they remember their altars and their Asherim by the green trees upon the high hills.

3. O mountain dweller in the field, I will give your wealth and all your treasures to the destroyers, and your high hills because of sin, through out all your borders.

4. And you, yourself, shall discontinue from your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you know not; for you have kindled a fire in my anger, which shall burn for ever.

5. Thus says the Lord; Cursed be the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the Lord.

6. For he shall be like the juniper tree in the desert, and shall not see when good comes; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

7. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.
8. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, that spreads out its roots by the river, and shall not see when heat comes, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be anxious in the year of drought, nor shall it cease from yielding fruit.

9. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

10. I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the inwards, to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

11. As the partridge sits on eggs, and hatches them not; so is he who gets riches, and not by right; he shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

12. A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

13. O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be ashamed, and those who depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.

14. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my praise.

15. Behold, they say to me, Where is the word of the Lord? Let it come now.
16. As for me, I did not hasten from being a shepherd to follow you; nor have I desired the woeful day; you know, that which came out of my lips was right before you.

17. Be not a terror to me; you are my hope in the day of evil.

18. Let those who persecute me be confounded, but let not me be confounded; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed; bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

19. Thus says the Lord to me; Go and stand in the Gate of the Sons of the People, by which the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20. And say to them, Hear the word of the Lord, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who enter in by these gates;

21. Thus says the Lord; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22. Do not carry a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, nor do you any work, but sanctify the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.
23. But they did not obey, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

24. And it shall come to pass, if you diligently listen to me, said the Lord, not to bring any burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but sanctify the sabbath day, by not doing any work;

25. Then kings and princes shall enter into the gates of this city, who sit upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain for ever.

26. And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places around Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the Shephelah, and from the mountains, and from the Negev, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meal offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, to the house of the Lord.

27. But if you will not listen to me to sanctify the sabbath day, and to not carry a burden and enter the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.
1. The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2. Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear my words.

3. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he was working at the wheels.

4. And the utensil that he made of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he made again another utensil, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

5. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

6. O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? said the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

7. If at any time I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, that I will pluck it up, and that I will pull it down, and that I will destroy it;

8. If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turns from its evil, I will repent of the evil that I intended to do to them.
9. And, if at any time, I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build it and to plant it;

10. If it does evil in my sight, by not obeying my voice, then I will repent of the good, with which I said I would benefit them.

11. Now therefore go, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I shape evil against you, and devise a plan against you; return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

12. And they said, There is no hope; but we will walk after our own plans, and we will every one do the stubbornness of his evil heart.

13. Therefore thus says the Lord; Ask you now among the nations, who has heard such things; the virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing.

14. Does the snow of Lebanon leave the crags of the field? Shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place cease to run?

15. Because my people has forgotten me, they have burned incense to worthless gods, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the old paths, to walk in paths, in a way not levelled;
16. To make their land a horror, and a thing to be hissed; every one who passes by shall be astonished, and shake his head.

17. I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them my back, and not my face, in the day of their calamity.

18. Then said they, Come, and let us devise plans against Jeremiah; for the Torah shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

19. Give heed to me, O Lord, and listen to the voice of those who contend with me.

20. Shall evil be recompensed for good? For they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before you to speak good for them, and to turn away your anger from them.

21. Therefore deliver their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be killed by the sword in battle.

22. Let a cry be heard from their houses, when you shall bring a troop suddenly upon them; for they have dug a pit to take me, and laid snares for my feet.
23. Yet, Lord, you know all their counsel against me to slay me; forgive not their iniquity, nor blot out their sin from your sight, but let them be overthrown before you; deal thus with them in the time of your anger.
1. Thus says the Lord, Go and get a potter's earthen jar, and take some of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests;

2. And go forth to the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entrance of the East Gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell you,

3. And say, Hear the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, which will tingle the ears of whoever hears about it.

4. Because they have forsaken me, and have profaned this place, and have burned incense in it to other gods, whom they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;

5. They have also built the high hills of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command, nor did I speak it, nor did it come into my mind;

6. Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter.
7. And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of those who seek their lives; and their carcasses will I give to be food for the birds of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

8. And I will make this city a horror, and a thing to be hissed; every one who passes by shall be astonished and hiss because of all its disasters.

9. And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and in the distress, with which their enemies, and those who seek their lives, shall afflict them.

10. Then shall you break the jar in the sight of the men who go with you.

11. And you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord of Hosts; So will I break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury them in Tophet, because there will be no place else to bury.

12. Thus will I do to this place, says the Lord, and to its inhabitants, and make this city as Tophet;
13. And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense to all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.

14. Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, where the Lord had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the Lord's house; and said to all the people,

15. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their necks, that they might not hear my words.
1. Now Pashchur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief governor in the house of the Lord, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

2. Then Pashchur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper Gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the Lord.

3. And it came to pass on the next day, that Pashchur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah to him, The Lord has not called your name Pashchur, but Magor-Missabib ("Terror all around").

4. For thus says the Lord, Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself, and to all your friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall behold it; and I will give all Judah to the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

5. Moreover I will deliver all the wealth of this city, and all its gains, and all its precious things, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give to the hand of their enemies, who shall plunder them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.

6. And you, Pashchur, and all who dwell in your house shall go into captivity; and you shall come to Babylon, and there you shall die, and shall be buried there, you, and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied lies.
7. O Lord, you persuaded me, and I was persuaded; you are stronger than I, and have prevailed; I am in derision daily, every one mocks me.

8. For whenever I speak, I cry out loud, I shout of violence and ruin; the word of the Lord is a reproach to me, and a derision all day.

9. Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with restraining myself, and I could not.

10. For I heard the calumny of many, fear on every side. Denounce him, we will denounce him, say my close friends as they watch for my stumbling. Perhaps he will be persuaded, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

11. But the Lord is with me like a mighty awesome one; therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail; they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not succeed; their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

12. But, O Lord of Hosts, who tests the righteous, and sees the inwards and the heart, let me see your vengeance on them; for to you have I opened my cause.

13. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord; for he has saved the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.
14. Cursed be the day when I was born; let not the day when my mother bore me be blessed.

15. Cursed be the man who brought news to my father, saying, A son has been born to you; making him very glad.

16. And let that man be as the cities which the Lord overthrew, and repented not; and let him hear a cry in the morning, and a shouting at noontime;

17. Because he did not kill me in the womb, so that my mother would have been my grave, and her womb for ever great.

18. Why did I come out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?
1. The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashchur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,

2. Inquire, I beseech you, of the Lord for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon makes war against us; perhaps the Lord will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, so that he may go away from us.

3. Then said Jeremiah to them, Thus shall you say to Zedekiah;

4. Thus says the Lord God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you outside the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

5. And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

6. And I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they shall die of a great pestilence.
7. And afterward, says the Lord, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and those who are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, to the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and to the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life; and he shall strike them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, nor have pity, nor have mercy.

8. And to this people you shall say, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

9. He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes out, and falls to the Chaldeans who besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be to him for booty.

10. For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, says the Lord; it shall be given to the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11. And concerning the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear the word of the Lord;

12. O house of David, thus says the Lord; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver he who is robbed from the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.
13. Behold, I am against you, O inhabitant of the valley, and rock of the plain, says the Lord; who say, Who shall come down against us? Who shall enter into our habitations?

14. But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, said the Lord; and I will kindle a fire in its forest, and it shall devour all things around it.
1. Thus says the Lord; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,

2. And say, Hear the word of the Lord, O king of Judah, who sits upon the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates;

3. Thus says the Lord; Execute you judgment and righteousness, and deliver the robbed from the hand of the oppressor; and do no wrong, do no violence to the foreigner, the orphan, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

4. For if you do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

5. But if you will not hear these words, I swear by myself, said the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation.

6. For thus says the Lord to the king's house of Judah; You are Gilead to me, and the head of Lebanon; yet surely I will make you a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited.
7. And I will prepare destroyers against you, every one with his weapons; and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.

8. And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor, Why has the Lord done thus to this great city?

9. Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10. Weep you not for the dead, nor bemoan him; but weep bitterly for him who goes away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

11. For thus says the Lord concerning Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, who went forth from this place; He shall not return there any more;

12. But he shall die in the place where they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13. Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by injustice; who uses his neighbor's service without wages, and does not give him his wages;
14. Who said, I will build a wide house and large chambers; and cuts out windows; and it is covered with rafters of cedar, and painted with vermilion.

15. Shall you reign, because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him?

16. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him; Was not this to know me? says the Lord.

17. But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, and for shedding innocent blood, and for oppression, and for doing violence.

18. Therefore thus says the Lord concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, saying, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

19. He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20. Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry from Avarim; for all your lovers are destroyed.

21. I spoke to you in your prosperity; but you said, I will not hear. This has been your custom from your youth, that you obeyed not my voice.
22. The wind shall eat up all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity; surely then shall you be ashamed and confounded for all your wickedness.

23. O inhabitant of Lebanon, who makes your nest in the cedars, how gracious shall you be when pangs come upon you, the pain as of a woman in labor!

24. As I live, says the Lord, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet I would tear you off.

25. And I will give you to the hand of those who seek your life, and to the hand of those whose face you fear, to the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and to the hand of the Chaldeans.

26. And I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, to another country, where you were not born; and there shall you die.

27. But to the land to which they desire to return, there shall they not return.

28. Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? An object that no one cares for? Why are they cast out, he and his seed, and banished to a land which they know not?

29. O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord.
30. Thus says the Lord, Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not
prosper in his days; for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne
of David, and ruling any more in Judah.
1. Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.

2. Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds who feed my people; You have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not punished them; behold, I will punish you for the evil of your doings, says the Lord.

3. And I will gather the remnant of my flock from all countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4. And I will set up shepherds over them who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking, says the Lord.

5. Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, "The Lord is Our Righteousness".

7. Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, that they shall no more say, As the Lord lives, who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
8. But, As the Lord lives, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries where I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

9. My heart inside me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of the Lord, and because of his holy words.

10. For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourns; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force unjust.

11. For both prophet and priest are hypocrites; even in my house have I found their wickedness, says the Lord.

12. Therefore their way shall be to them as slippery ways in the darkness; they shall be driven on, and fall in there; for I will bring evil upon them, the year of their punishment, says the Lord.

13. And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by the Baal, and caused my people Israel to stray.

14. I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing; they commit adultery, and walk in lies; they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, so that none returns from his wickedness; all of them are to me like Sodom, and its inhabitants like Gomorrah.
15. Therefore thus says the Lord of Hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall; for from the prophets of Jerusalem has hypocrisy gone out to all the land.

16. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, Listen not to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they lead you into vanity; they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord.

17. They say still to those who despise me, The Lord has said, You shall have peace; and they say to every one who walks after the stubbornness of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

18. For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, and has perceived and heard his word? Who has marked his word, and heard it?

19. Behold, the stormy wind of the Lord, gone forth in fury, a whirling tempest; it shall fall upon the head of the wicked.

20. The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he has executed, and till he has performed the thoughts of his heart; in the latter days you shall consider it perfectly.

21. I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.
22. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23. Am I a God near at hand, says the Lord, and not a God far away?

24. Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? said the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

25. I have heard what the prophets said, who prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26. How long shall this be? It is in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies and the prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

27. Who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers forgot my name for Baal.

28. The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? says the Lord.

29. Is not my word like a fire? says the Lord; and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?
30. Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who steal my words every one from his neighbor.

31. Behold, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who use their tongues, and say, He said.

32. Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams, said the Lord, and tell them, and cause my people to stray by their lies, and by their vain boasting; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all, says the Lord.

33. And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, What is the burden of the Lord? you shall then say to them, What burden? I will forsake you, says the Lord.

34. And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, who shall say, The burden of the Lord, I will punish that man and his house.

35. Thus shall you say every one to his neighbor, and every one to his brother, What has the Lord answered? and, What has the Lord spoken?

36. And the burden of the Lord shall you mention no more; for every man's word shall be his burden; for you have perverted the words of the living God, of the Lord of Hosts our God.
37. Thus shall you say to the prophet, What has the Lord answered you? and, What has the Lord spoken?

38. But since you say, The burden of the Lord; therefore thus said the Lord; Because you say this word, The burden of the Lord, and I have sent to you, saying, You shall not say, The burden of the Lord;

39. Therefore, behold, I, myself, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence;

40. And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and an everlasting shame, which shall not be forgotten.
1. After Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, had carried away Jeconiah, the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and metal workers, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon, the Lord showed me a vision, and behold, two baskets of figs placed before the temple of the Lord.

2. One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which were so bad that they could not be eaten.

3. Then said the Lord to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad.

4. Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5. Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place to the land of the Chaldeans for their good.

6. For I will set my eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them back to this land; and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.
7. And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

8. And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad; surely thus says the Lord, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the remnant of Jerusalem, who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt;

9. And I will make them a horror for evil to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all the places to which I shall drive them.

10. And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they are consumed from off the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.
1. The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

2. Which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3. From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even to this day, which is the twenty third year, the word of the Lord has come to me, and I have spoken to you, from early in the morning; but you have not listened.

4. And the Lord has sent to you all his servants the prophets, from early in the morning; but you have not listened, nor inclined your ear to hear.

5. They said, Turn again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the Lord has given to you and to your fathers for ever and ever;

6. And do not go after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and do not provoke me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will not harm you.
7. Yet you have not listened to me, says the Lord; that you might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own harm.

8. Therefore thus says the Lord of Hosts; Because you have not heard my words, 

9. Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, said the Lord, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an horror, a thing to be hissed, an everlasting ruin.

10. Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp.

11. And this whole land shall be a ruin, and a waste; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12. And it shall come to pass, when the seventy years are fulfilled, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, says the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it an everlasting desolation.

13. And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.
14. For many nations and great kings shall make slaves of them also; and I will reward them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

15. For thus says the Lord God of Israel to me; Take the wine cup of this fury from my hand, and make all the nations, to whom I send you, drink it.

16. And they shall drink, and stagger, and be crazed, because of the sword that I will send among them.

17. Then I took the cup from the Lord's hand, and made all the nations drink, to whom the Lord had sent me;

18. Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and its kings, and its princes, to make them a desolation and a waste, a thing to be hissed, and a curse; as it is this day;

19. Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

20. And all the mixed tribes, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

21. And Edom, Moab, and the Ammonites,
22. And all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the islands which are beyond the sea,

23. Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all who cut the corners of their hair,

24. And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mixed tribes who dwell in the desert,

25. And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

26. And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth; and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

27. Therefore you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Drink, and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.

28. And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then shall you say to them, Thus says the Lord of Hosts; You shall certainly drink.

29. For, behold, I begin to bring evil to the city which is called by my name, and should you go utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished; for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, says the Lord of Hosts.
30. Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as those who trample the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

31. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with the nations, he will enter into judgment with all flesh; he will give those who are wicked to the sword, says the Lord.

32. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great stormy wind shall be raised up from the far ends of the earth.

33. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth till the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, nor gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

34. Howl, you shepherds, and cry; and roll yourselves in the ashes, you chiefs of the flock; for the days have come for you to be slaughtered and dispersed; and you shall fall like a choice vessel.

35. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the chiefs of the flock to escape.

36. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the chiefs of the flock, shall be heard; for the Lord has ruined their pasture.
37. And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the Lord.

38. He has left his covert, like the lion; for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.
1. In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the Lord, saying,

2. Thus says the Lord; Stand in the court of the Lord’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord’s house, all the words that I command you to speak to them; leave nothing out.

3. Perhaps they will listen, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may relent of the evil, which I intend to do to them because of the evil of their doings.

4. And you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord; If you will not listen to me, to walk in my Torah, which I have set before you,

5. To listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent to you, sending them from early in the morning, but you have not listened.

6. Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

7. So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord.
8. Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, You shall surely die.

9. Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

10. When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord, and sat down at the entrance of the New Gate of the Lord's house.

11. Then spoke the priests and the prophets to the princes and to all the people, saying, This man deserves to die; for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.

12. Then spoke Jeremiah to all the princes and to all the people, saying, The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.

13. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will relent of the evil that he has pronounced against you.
14. As for me, behold, I am in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you.

15. But know you for certain, that if you put me to death, you shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon its inhabitants; for of a truth the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.

16. Then said the princes and all the people to the priests and to the prophets; This man does not deserve to die; for he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God.

17. Then rose up some of the elders of the land, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

18. Micah the Morashtite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus says the Lord of Hosts; Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become a heap, and the Mountain of the House a wooded height.

19. Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear the Lord, and pleaded with the Lord, and the Lord relented of the evil which he had pronounced against them? And shall we bring such a great evil against our souls?
20. And there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the Lord, Uriahu the son of Shemaiah of Kiriath-HaJearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah;

21. And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Uriahu heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went to Egypt;

22. And Jehoiakim the king sent men to Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and others with him to Egypt.

23. And they brought Uriahu from Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and threw his dead body to the graves of the common people.

24. Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him to the hand of the people to put him to death.
1. In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2. Thus says the Lord to me; Make thongs and yokes, and put them around your neck,

3. And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah;

4. And command them to say to their masters, Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall you say to your masters;

5. I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it seemed proper to me.

6. And now I have given all these lands to the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.
7. And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land also comes; and then many nations and great kings shall make him a slave.

8. And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, says the Lord, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

9. Therefore do not listen to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon;

10. For they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and you should perish.

11. But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, says the Lord; and they shall till it, and dwell there.

12. I spoke also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.
13. Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the Lord has spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?

14. Therefore listen not to the words of the prophets that speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon; for they prophesy a lie to you.

15. For I have not sent them, says the Lord, yet they prophesy a lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and that you might perish, you, and the prophets that prophesy to you.

16. Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus said the Lord; Listen not to the words of your prophets that prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the utensils of the Lord's house shall now soon be brought again from Babylon; for they prophesy a lie to you.

17. Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live; why should this city be laid waste?

18. But if they are prophets, and if the word of the Lord is with them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of Hosts, that the utensils which are left in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem, do not go to Babylon.
19. For thus says the Lord of Hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the utensils that remain in this city,

20. Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;

21. For thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the utensils that remain in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;

22. They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they remain until the day when I give attention to them, says the Lord; then will I bring them, and restore them to this place.
1. And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the Lord, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

2. Thus speaks the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3. Within two full years will I bring again to this place all the utensils of the Lord's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried to Babylon;

4. And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, who went to Babylon, says the Lord; for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5. Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the Lord,

6. The prophet Jeremiah said, Amen; the Lord do so; the Lord perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the utensils of the Lord's house, and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place.
7. Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your ears, and in the ears of all the people;

8. The prophets that have been before me and before you of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

9. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet shall come to pass, then shall it be known that the Lord has truly sent that prophet.

10. Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it.

11. And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus says the Lord; So will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the period of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12. Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
14. For thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him; and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

15. Then said the prophet Jeremiah to Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The Lord has not sent you; but you make this people trust in a lie.

16. Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I will cast you from off the face of the earth; this year you shall die, because you have uttered rebellion against the Lord.

17. So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.
1. And these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the remnant of the elders who were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

2. After Jeconiah the king, and the queen mother, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the metal workers had departed from Jerusalem;

3. By the hand of Eleasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon saying,

4. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, to all who are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon;

5. Build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit;

6. Take wives, and father sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that you may be increased there, and not diminished.
7. And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace shall you have peace.

8. For thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that are in your midst, deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you encourage them to dream.

9. For they prophesy falsely to you in my name; I have not sent them, says the Lord.

10. For thus says the Lord, That after seventy years are fulfilled at Babylon I will take heed of you, and perform my good word toward you, making you return to this place.

11. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

12. Then shall you call upon me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

13. And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart.
14. And I will allow myself to be found by you, says the Lord; and I will restore you from your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places into which I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I caused you to be driven away.

15. Because you have said, The Lord has raised us up prophets in Babylon;

16. Know that thus says the Lord of the king that sits upon the throne of David, and of all the people who dwell in this city, and of your brothers who have not gone forth with you to exile;

17. Thus says the Lord of Hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

18. And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will make them for a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and a thing to be hissed, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them;

19. Because they have not listened to my words, says the Lord, which I sent to them by my servants the prophets, sending them from early in the morning; but you would not hear, says the Lord.
20. Hear therefore the word of the Lord, all you of the exile, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon;

21. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them to the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;

22. And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, The Lord should make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

23. Because they have committed villainy in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; but I am he who knows, and I am a witness, says the Lord.

24. Thus shall you also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying,

25. Thus speaks the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, saying. Because you have sent letters in your name to all the people who are in Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,
26. The Lord has made you priest in place of Jehoiada the priest, that there should be officers in the house of the Lord, for every man who is mad, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in the stocks, and collar.

27. Now therefore why have you not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you?

28. For he sent to us in Babylon, saying, This captivity is long; build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit.

29. And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30. Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah, saying,

31. Send to all those in exile, saying, Thus says the Lord concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I did not send him, and he caused you to trust in a lie;

32. Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; nor shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, says the Lord; because he has uttered rebellion against the Lord.
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1. The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2. Thus speaks the Lord God of Israel, saying, Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book.

3. For, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, says the Lord; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4. And these are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

5. For thus says the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

6. Ask now, and see whether a man labors with child? Why do I see every man with his hands on his loins, like a woman in labor, and all faces are turned to paleness?

7. Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it; it is a time of trouble for Jacob; but he shall be saved out of it.
8. For it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord of Hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your bonds, and strangers shall no more enslave him:

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9. But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them.

יְהוָה אֶל-חַיָּיו יַעֲבֵר יָשַׁב בְּאָמ-יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱל-חַיָּיו יִשְׂרָאֵל יְשַׁרְאֵל כֹּל הָנֵבָיִים.

10. Therefore do not fear, O my servant Jacob, says the Lord; nor be dismayed, O Israel; for, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

יִהוָה אֱל-חַיָּיו יִשְׁתַּקְּחָה לְחַיָּיו יִשְׁתַּקְּחַה לְאֵל-חַיָּיו יֵשַׁרְאֵל יִשְׁתַּקְּחָה לְאֵל-חַיָּיו יֵשַׁרְאֵל לְאֵל-חַיָּיו יִשְׁתַּקְּחָה.

11. For I am with you, says the Lord, to save you; though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a full end of you; but I will correct you in due measure, and will not leave you altogether unpunished.

יִהוָה אֱל-חַיָּיו יִשְׁתַּקְּחָה לְחַיָּיו יִשְׁתַּקְּחַה לְאֵל-חַיָּיו יֵשַׁרְאֵל יִשְׁתַּקְּחַה לְאֵל-חַיָּיו יֵשַׁרְאֵל יֵשַׁרְאֵל יִשְׁתַּקְּחַה.

12. For thus says the Lord, Your hurt is incurable, and your wound is grievous.

יִהוָה אֱל-חַיָּיו יִשְׁתַּקְּחָה לְחַיָּיו יִשְׁתַּקְּחַה לְאֵל-חַיָּיו יֵשַׁרְאֵל יִשְׁתַּקְּחַה לְאֵל-חַיָּיו יֵשַׁרְאֵל יֵשַׁרְאֵל יִשְׁתַּקְּחַה.

13. There is none to plead your cause, that you may be bound up; you have no healing medicines.

יִהוָה אֱל-חַיָּיו יִשְׁתַּקְּחָה לְחַיָּיו יִשְׁתַּקְּחַה לְאֵל-חַיָּיו יֵשַׁרְאֵל יִשְׁתַּקְּחַה לְאֵל-חַיָּיו יֵשַׁרְאֵל יֵשַׁרְאֵל יִשְׁתַּקְּחַה.

14. All your lovers have forgotten you; they seek you not; for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of your iniquity; because your sins were increased.
15. Why do you cry over your hurt? Your pain is incurable for the multitude of your iniquity; because your sins were increased, I have done these things to you.

16. Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured; and all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go to captivity; and those who plunder you shall be plundered, and all those who prey upon you will I give for a prey.

17. For I will restore health to you, and I will heal your wounds, says the Lord; because they called you an outcast, saying, This is Zion, for whom no man cares.

18. Thus says the Lord; Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be build upon her own mound, and the palace shall stand where it used to be.

19. And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

20. Their children also shall be as before, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all who oppress them.

21. And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from their midst; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach me; for who is this who engaged his heart to approach me? says the Lord.
22. And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23. Behold, the stormy wind of the Lord goes forth with fury, a continuing stormy wind; it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

24. The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until he has done it, and until he has performed the intents of his heart; in the latter days you shall consider it

25. At the same time, says the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.
1. Thus says the Lord, The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest.

2. The Lord has appeared to me, far away, saying, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have remained true to you.

3. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel; you shall again be adorned with your tambourines, and shall go out dancing with those who make merry.

4. You shall yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

5. For there shall be a day, when the watchmen upon Mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise, and let us go up to Zion to the Lord our God.

6. For thus says the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout on the hilltops of the nations; proclaim, praise, and say, O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.

7. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the ends of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and she who labors with child together; a great company shall return there.
8. They shall come weeping, and with supplications will I lead them; I will make them walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, where they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

9. Hear the word of the Lord, O you nations, and declare it in the islands far away, and say, He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, like a shepherd keeps his flock.

10. For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he.

11. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd; and their soul shall be like a watered garden; and they shall not languish in sorrow any more.

12. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together; for I will turn their mourning to joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

13. And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says the Lord.

14. Thus says the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

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15. Thus says the Lord; Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

16. And there is hope for your future, says the Lord, that your children shall come again to their own border.

17. I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; You have chastised me, and I was chastised, like a bull unaccustomed to the yoke; turn me back, and I shall be turned; for you are the Lord my God.

18. For after I had returned away, I repented; and after I was instructed, I struck upon my thigh; I was ashamed and even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

19. Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he a darling child? For whenever I speak of him, I earnestly remember him still; therefore my inward parts are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, says the Lord.

20. Set up road marks for yourself, make signposts; set your heart towards the road, the way on which you go; turn back, O virgin of Israel, turn back to these your cities.

21. How long will you go about, O you faithless daughter? for the Lord has created a new thing in the earth: A woman shall court a man.
22. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Again they shall use these words in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I shall bring back their captivity; The Lord bless you, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness.

23. And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all its cities together, farmers, and those who go forth with flocks.

24. For I will satisfy the weary soul, and I will replenish every sorrowful soul.

25. Upon this I awoke, and looked on; and my sleep was sweet to me.

26. Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

27. And it shall come to pass, that just as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to break down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, said the Lord.

28. In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

29. But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.
30. Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah;

31. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; my covenant which they broke, although I was their master, says the Lord;

32. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, says the Lord, I will put my Torah in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

33. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will no longer remember their sin.

34. Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the fixed order of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divides the sea when its waves roar; The Lord of Hosts is his name.

35. If those ordinances depart from before me, says the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.
36. Thus says the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth explored below, then I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says the Lord.

37. Behold, the days come, says the Lord, when the city shall be built to the Lord from the Tower of Hananeel to the Corner's Gate.

38. And the measuring line shall go further straight to the hill Gareb, and shall turn around to go to Goath.

39. And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook of Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the Lord; it shall not be plucked up, nor pulled down any more for ever.
1. The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

2. At that time the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem; and Jeremiah, the prophet, was imprisoned in the court of the prison, which was in the house of the king of Judah.

3. For Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him, saying, Why do you prophesy, and say, Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will give this city to the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

4. And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape from the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered to the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes;

5. And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, says the Lord; though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed.

6. And Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

7. Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum your uncle shall come to you, saying, Buy my field that is in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is yours to buy it.
8. So Hanameel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the Lord, and said to me, Buy my field, I beg you, that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption is yours; buy it for yourself. Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

9. And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, seventeen shekels of silver.

10. And I signed the deed, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.

11. So I took the deed of the purchase, both the one which was sealed, containing the terms and conditions, and the one which was open;

12. And I gave the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the presence of Hanameel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of the purchase, before all the men of Judah who sat in the court of the prison.

13. And I charged Baruch in their presence, saying,

14. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase, both the one which is sealed, and this deed which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last for many days.
15. For thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be bought again in this land.

16. Now when I had delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord, saying,

17. Ah Lord God! behold, you have made the heaven and the earth by your great power and by your stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for you;

18. You show loving kindness to thousands, and recompense the iniquity of the fathers to the bosom of their children after them; O great and mighty God, the Lord of Hosts, is his name,

19. Great in counsel, and mighty in work; for your eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men; to give to every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings;

20. Who set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even to this day, and in Israel, and among mankind; and you have made a name for yourself, as at this day;

21. And have brought forth your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;
22. And you have given them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;

23. And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not your voice, nor walked in your Torah; they have done nothing of all that you commanded them to do; therefore you have caused all this evil to come upon them;

24. Behold the siege works, they have come to the city to take it; and the city is given to the hand of the Chaldeans, who fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what you have spoken has come to pass; and, behold, you see it.

25. And you have said to me, O Lord God, Buy the field for money, and take witnesses; though the city is given to the hand of the Chaldeans.

26. Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah, saying,

27. Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there any thing too hard for me?

28. Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I will give this city to the hand of the Chaldeans, and to the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it;
29. And the Chaldeans, who fight against this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger.

30. For the people of Israel and the people of Judah have done only evil before me from their youth; for the people of Israel have provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, says the Lord.

31. For this city has been to me like a provocation of my anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even till this day; that I should remove it from before my face,

32. Because of all the evil of the people of Israel and of the people of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33. And they have turned to me their back, and not their face; though I taught them, teaching them from early in the morning, yet they have not listened to receive instruction.

34. But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.
35. And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech; which I commanded them not, nor came it to my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36. And now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city, about which you say, It shall be delivered to the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

37. Behold, I will gather them from all countries, where I have driven them in my anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely;

38. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God;

39. And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for their good, and for their children after them;

40. And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

41. And I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.
42. For thus says the Lord; Just as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

43. And fields shall be bought in this land, about which you say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given to the hand of the Chaldeans.

44. Men shall buy fields for money, and sign deeds, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the Negev; for I will cause their captivity to return, says the Lord.
1. And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still imprisoned in the court of the prison, saying,

2. Thus says the Lord its maker, the Lord who formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name;

3. Call me, and I will answer you, and tell you great and mighty things, which you know not.

4. For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which were torn down to make a defense against the siege works, and by the sword;

5. They come to fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in my anger and in my fury, for I have hidden my face from this city, for all their wickedness.

6. Behold, I will bring health and cure to it, and I will cure them, and will reveal to them abundance of peace and truth.

7. And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.
8. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, in which they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, in which they have sinned, and in which they have transgressed against me.

9. And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do to them; and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I provide to it.

10. Thus says the Lord; Again there shall be heard in this place, which you say shall be desolate without man and without beast, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

11. The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who shall say, Praise the Lord of Hosts; for the Lord is good; for his mercy endures for ever; and of those who shall bring the sacrifice of praise to the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, says the Lord.

12. Thus says the Lord of Hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all its cities, shall be a habitation of shepherds who make their flocks lie down.
13. In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the Shephelah, and in the cities of the Negev, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him who tells them, says the Lord.

14. Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

15. In those days, and at that time, will I cause an offshoot of righteousness to grow up to David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

16. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name by which she shall be called, The Lord is our righteousness.

17. For thus says the Lord; David shall never lack a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

18. Neither shall the priests the Levites lack a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meal offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

19. And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,

20. Thus says the Lord; If you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;
21. Then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

22. As the host of heaven cannot be counted, nor the sand of the sea measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites who minister to me.

23. And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,

24. Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, The Lord has cast off the two families which he chose? Thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

25. Thus says the Lord; If my covenant is not established with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

26. Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, and not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.
1. The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all its cities, saying,

2. Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I will give this city to the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire;

3. And you shall not escape from his hand, but shall surely be taken, and delivered to his hand; and your eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with you mouth to mouth, and you shall go to Babylon.

4. Yet hear the word of the Lord, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus said the Lord of you, You shall not die by the sword;

5. But you shall die in peace; and as spices were burned for your fathers, the previous kings who were before you, so shall they burn spices for you; and they will lament you, saying, Ah lord! For I have pronounced the word, says the Lord.

6. Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,
7. When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah; for these fortified cities remained of the cities of Judah.

8. This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, after the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were in Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them;

9. That every man should let his Hebrew male slave, and every man his Hebrew female slave, go free; that none should enslave any of them, namely, a man of Judah, being his brother.

10. Now when all the princes, and all the people, who had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his male slave, and every one his female slave, go free, that none should enslave them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go.

11. But afterward they relapsed, and caused the male slaves, and the female slaves, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection as slaves.

12. Therefore the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,
14. At the end of seven years set free every man his Hebrew brother, who has been sold to you; and when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you; but your fathers did not listen to me, nor inclined their ear.

15. And you now turned, and have done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and you have made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name;

16. But you turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his male slave, and every man his female slave, whom he had set free according to their desire, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be your slaves.

17. Therefore thus says the Lord; Since you have not listened to me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbor; behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, says the Lord, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

18. And I will give the men who have transgressed my covenant, which have not kept the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in two, and passed between its parts.

19. The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf;
20. I will give them to the hand of their enemies, and to the hand of those who seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

21. And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give to the hand of their enemies, and to the hand of those who seek their life, and to the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.

22. Behold, I will command, says the Lord, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant.
1. The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2. Go to the house of the Rechabites, and speak to them, and bring them to the house of the Lord, to one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

3. Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;

4. And I brought them to the house of the Lord, to the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was near the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the gatekeeper;

5. And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said to them, Drink you wine.

6. But they said, We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, You shall drink no wine, nor you, nor your sons for ever;

7. Neither shall you build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any; but all your days you shall dwell in tents; that you may live many days in the land where you sojourn.
8. Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all
that he has charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons,
nor our daughters;

9. Nor to build houses for us to dwell in; nor have we vineyards, nor fields, nor
seed;

10. But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that
Jonadab our father commanded us.

11. But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up to the
land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the
Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Arameans; so we dwell at Jerusalem.

12. Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah, saying,

13. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction to listen to my
words? says the Lord.

14. The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not
to drink wine, have been kept; for to this day they drink none, but obey their
father's commandment; however I have spoken to you, from early in the
morning; but you listened not to me.
15. I have sent also to you all my servants the prophets, sending them from early in the morning, saying, Return now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers; but you have not inclined your ear, nor listened to me.

16. Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have kept the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people has not listened to me;

17. Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered.

18. And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, Thus said the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he has commanded you;

19. Therefore thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before me for ever.
1. And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2. Take a scroll, and write in there all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even till this day.

3. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I intend to do to them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4. Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord, which he had spoken to him, upon a scroll.

5. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am imprisoned; I cannot go to the house of the Lord;

6. Therefore go, and read from the scroll, which you have written from my mouth, the words of the Lord in the ears of the people in the Lord's house in the day of fast; and also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.
7. Perhaps they will present their supplication before the Lord, and will return every one from his evil way; for great is the anger and the fury that the Lord has pronounced against this people.

8. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from the scroll the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.

9. And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the Lord to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem.

10. Then Baruch read from the scroll the words of Jeremiah in the house of the Lord, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entrance of the New Gate of the Lord's house, in the ears of all the people.

11. When Micah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard from the scroll all the words of the Lord,
13. Then Micah told them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the scroll in the ears of the people.

14. Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, Take in your hand the scroll which you have read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand, and came to them.

15. And they said to him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears.

16. Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they turned to one another in fear, and said to Baruch, We must report to the king all these words.

17. And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How did you write all these words, from his mouth?

18. Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the scroll.

19. Then said the princes to Baruch, Go, hide, you and Jeremiah; and let no man know where you are.

20. And they went to the king to the court, but they deposited the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and reported all the words to the ears of the king.
21. So the king sent Jehudi to bring the scroll; and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes who stood beside the king.

22. And the king sat in the winter house in the ninth month; and there was a fire on the brazier burning before him.

23. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he would cut them off with a penknife, and throw them to the fire that was on the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was on the brazier.

24. Yet they were not afraid, nor did they tear their garments, not the king, nor any of his servants who had heard all these words.

25. Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had pleaded with the king not to burn the scroll; but he would not hear them.

26. And the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but the Lord hid them.

27. And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the scroll, and the words which Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,
28. Take again another scroll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.

29. And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus says the Lord; You have burned this scroll, saying, Why have you written in there, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from there man and beast?

30. Therefore thus says the Lord of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David; and his dead body shall be thrown out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

31. And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they listened not.

32. Then took Jeremiah another scroll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote in there from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the scroll which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and there were added to them many similar words.
1. And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

2. But not he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to the words of the Lord, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

3. And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now to the Lord our God for us.

4. Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him in prison.

5. Then Pharaoh's army came forth out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who besieged Jerusalem heard news of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

6. Then came the word of the Lord to the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7. Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel; Thus shall you say to the king of Judah, who sent you to me to inquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt to their own land.
8. And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

9. Thus says the Lord; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us; for they shall not depart.

10. For even if you had defeated the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained only wounded men among them, they would rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11. And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans had withdrawn from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

12. Then Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem to go to the land of Benjamin, to slip out from these in the midst of the people.

13. And when he was in the Gate of Benjamin, a sentry was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You are deserting to the Chaldeans.

14. Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I am not deserting to the Chaldeans. But he listened not to him; so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

15. Therefore the princes were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison.
16. When Jeremiah was put in the dungeon, in the cells, and Jeremiah had
remained there many days;

17. Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out; and the king asked him
secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the Lord? And Jeremiah
said, There is; for, said he, you shall be delivered to the hand of the king of
Babylon.

18. Moreover Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, What have I offended against
you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in
prison?

19. Where are now your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of
Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

20. Therefore hear now, I beg you, O my lord the king; let my supplication, I
beg you, be accepted before you; that you not make me return to the house of
Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

21. Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into
the court of the guard, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread from
the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was gone. Thus Jeremiah
remained in the court of the guard.
1. Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashchur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashchur the son of Malchijah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying,

2. Thus says the Lord, He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.

3. Thus says the Lord, This city shall surely be given to the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, who shall take it.

4. Therefore the princes said to the king. We beseech you, let this man be put to death; for thus he weakens the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them; for this man does not seek the welfare of this people, but their harm.

5. Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand; for the king can not do any thing against you.

6. Then they took Jeremiah, and cast him into the pit of Malchijah the son of Hammmelech, that was in the court of the guard; and they let down Jeremiah with ropes. And in the pit there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sunk in the mire.
7. Now when Ebed-Melech the Cushite, one of the eunuchs who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the pit; the king was sitting then in the Gate of Benjamin;

8. Ebed-Melech went forth from the king's house, and spoke to the king, saying,

9. My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the pit; and he is likely to die of hunger in the place where he is; for there is no more bread in the city.

10. Then the king commanded Ebed-Melech the Cushite, saying. Take from here thirty men with you, and pull up Jeremiah the prophet out of the pit, before he dies.

11. So Ebed-Melech took the men with him, and went to the house of the king under the treasury, and took from there old rags and worn out clothes, and let them down by ropes into the pit to Jeremiah.

12. And Ebed-Melech the Cushite said to Jeremiah, Put now these old rags and worn out clothes under your armpits under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so.

13. And they pulled up Jeremiah with ropes, and took him up out of the pit; and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.
14. Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet to him to the third entrance that is in the house of the Lord; and the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you something; hide nothing from me.

15. Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you counsel, you will not listen to me.

16. So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As the Lord lives, who made us this soul, I will not put you to death, nor will I give you to the hand of these men who seek your life.

17. Then said Jeremiah to Zedekiah, Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If you will assuredly go forth to the princes of the king of Babylon, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and you shall live, and your house;

18. But if you will not go forth to the princes of the king of Babylon, then this city shall be given to the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape from their hand.

19. And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the men of Judah who have deserted to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me to their hand, and they abuse me.
20. But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver you. Obey, I beseech you, the voice of the Lord, which I speak to you; so it shall be well to you, and your soul shall live.

21. But if you refuse to go forth, this is the word that the Lord has told me;

22. And, behold, all the women who are left in the house of the king of Judah shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and these women shall say, Your friends have set you on, and have prevailed against you; your feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back.

23. So they shall bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans; and you shall not escape from their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon; and you shall cause this city to be burned with fire.

24. Then said Zedekiah to Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and you shall not die.

25. But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you, and say to you, Declare to us now what you have said to the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put you to death; also what the king said to you;

26. Then you shall say to them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not make me return to Jonathan's house, to die there.
27. Then came all the princes to Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the conversation was not overheard.

28. So Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken; and he was there when Jerusalem was taken.
1. In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2. And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city.

3. And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, Nergalsharezer, Samgar-Nebo, Sar-Sechim, Rab-Saris, Nergalsharezer, Rab-Mag, with all the remnant of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4. And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king’s garden, by the gate between the two walls; and he went out the way of the Arabah.

5. But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and when they had taken him, they brought him to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.

6. Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes; also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.
7. And he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

8. And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

9. Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive to Babylon the remnant of the people who remained in the city, and the deserters who had deserted to him, with the rest of the people who remained.

10. But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

11. Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying,

12. Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do to him as he shall say to you.

13. So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushazban, Rab-Saris, and Nergalsharezer, Rab-Mag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;

14. They sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home; so he dwelt among the people.
15. Now the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, while he was imprisoned in the court of the guard, saying,

16. Go and speak to Ebed-Melech the Cushite, saying, Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before you.

17. But I will deliver you in that day, says the Lord; and you shall not be given to the hand of the men of whom you are afraid.

18. For I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword, but your life shall be for a prey to you; because you have put your trust in me, says the Lord.
1. The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him bound in chains among all those who were carried away captive from Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away captive to Babylon.

2. And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said to him, The Lord your God has pronounced this evil upon this place.

3. Now the Lord has brought it, and done according as he has said; because you have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing has come upon you.

4. And now, behold, I free you this day from the chains which were upon your hand. If it seems good to you to come with me to Babylon, come; and I will look well to you; but if it seems ill to you to come with me to Babylon, do not come; behold, all the land is before you; where it seems good and convenient for you to go, go there.

5. Now while he was not yet turned back, he said, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wherever it seems convenient to you to go. And the captain of the guard gave him provisions and a present, and let him go.
6. Then went Jeremiah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people who were left in the land.

7. Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the fields, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, and women, and children, and the poor of the land, those who were not carried away captive to Babylon;

8. Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maachathite, they and their men.

9. And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore to them and to their men, saying. Fear not to serve the Chaldeans; dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10. As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chaldeans, which will come to us; but you, gather wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put them in your utensils, and dwell in your cities that you have taken.

11. Likewise when all those from Judah who were in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and those who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan;
12. All the men of Judah returned from all the places where they had been driven and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered a great abundance of wine and summer fruits.

13. And Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

14. And said to him, Do you know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to kill you? But Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, did not believe them.

15. Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I beg you, and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it; why should he kill you, that all the men of Judah who are gathered to you should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?

16. But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing; for you speak falsely of Ishmael.
1. Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the royal seed, and the princes of the king, ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they ate bread together in Mizpah.

2. Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and killed him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

3. Ishmael also killed all those from Judah who were with him, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, and the men of war.

4. And it came to pass the second day after he had killed Gedaliah, and no man knew it,

5. That there came some men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the Lord.

6. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went; and it came to pass, as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.
7. And it was so, when they came to the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah killed them, and threw them to the midst of the pit, he, and the men who were with him.

8. But ten men were found among those who said to Ishmael, Do not kill us, for we have hidden stores in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he refrained, and did not kill them among their brothers.

9. And the pit where Ishmael had thrown all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had killed because of Gedaliah, was the one which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel; and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with those who were killed.

10. Then Ishmael carried away captive all the remnant of the people who were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

11. But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

12. Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the large pool of waters that are in Gibeon.
13. Now it came to pass, that when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, then they were glad.

14. So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah.

15. But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

16. Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after he had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon;

17. And they departed, and dwelt in Gerut-Kimaham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter to Egypt,

18. Because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.
1. Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near,

2. And said to Jeremiah the prophet, We beseech you, let our supplication be accepted before you, and pray for us to the Lord your God, for all this remnant; for we are left but a few of many, as your eyes see us;

3. That the Lord your God may show us the way where we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

4. Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray to the Lord your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatever thing the Lord shall answer you, I will declare it to you; I will keep nothing back from you.

5. Then they said to Jeremiah, The Lord be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not act according to all things for which the Lord your God shall send you to us.

6. Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the Lord our God.
7. And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah:

8. Then he called Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9. And said to them, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your supplication before him;

10. If you will still remain in this land, then I will build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I repent me of the evil that I have done to you.

11. Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; be not afraid of him, says the Lord; for I am with you to save you, and to rescue you from his hand.

12. And I will show mercy to you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

13. But if you say, We will not dwell in this land, nor obey the voice of the Lord your God,

14. Saying, No; but we will go to the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the shofar, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell;
15. And now therefore hear the word of the Lord, you remnant of Judah; Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; If indeed you set your faces to enter to Egypt, and go to sojourn there;

16. Then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which you feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, of which you were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there you shall die.

17. So shall it be with all the men who set their faces to go to Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

18. For thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; As my anger and my fury has been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when you shall enter into Egypt; and you shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and you shall see this place no more.

19. The Lord has said concerning you, O you remnant of Judah; Do not go to Egypt; know certainly that I have warned you this day.

20. For you have gone astray at peril to your lives, when you sent me to the Lord, your God, saying, Pray for us to the Lord our God; and according to all that the Lord our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do it.
21. And now I have this day declared it to you; but you have not obeyed the voice of the Lord your God, nor any thing for which he has sent me to you.

22. Now therefore know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place where you wish to go and to sojourn.
1. And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had finished speaking to all the people all the words of the Lord their God, for which the Lord their God had sent him to them, all these words,

2. Then spoke Azariah the son of Hosaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely; the Lord our God has not sent you to say, Do not go to Egypt to sojourn there;

3. But Baruch the son of Neriah sets you on against us, to deliver us to the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives to Babylon.

4. So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the Lord, to dwell in the land of Judah.

5. But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, who had returned from all nations, where they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;

6. Men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.
7. So they came to the land of Egypt; for they obeyed not the voice of the Lord; thus came they to Tahpanhes.

8. Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9. Take great stones in your hand, and hide them in the mortar in the brick work, which is at the entrance of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

10. And say to them, Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hidden; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

11. And when he comes, he shall strike the land of Egypt, and deliver those who are for death to death; and those who are for captivity to captivity; and those who are for the sword to the sword.

12. And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives; and he shall fold up the land of Egypt, like a shepherd folds up his garment; and he shall go forth from there in peace.

13. He shall break also the obelisks of Heliopolis, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.
1. The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the men of Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt, who dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

2. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; You have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwells in there,

3. Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, nor they, you, nor your fathers.

4. But I sent to you all my servants the prophets, sending them from early in the morning, saying, Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I hate.

5. But they did not listen, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods.

6. Therefore my fury and my anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.
7. Therefore now thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Why do you commit this great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave none to remain?

8. You provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to dwell, that you might cut yourselves off, and that you might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth.

9. Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10. They are not humbled even till this day, nor have they feared, nor walked in my Torah, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

11. Therefore thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

12. And I will take the remnant of Judah, who have set their faces to go to the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of Egypt; they shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and they shall become an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.
13. For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence;

14. So that none of the remnant of Judah, who have gone to the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return to the land of Judah, where they long to live once again; for none shall return but those who shall escape.

15. Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great multitude, all the people who dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16. As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord, we will not listen to you.

17. But we will certainly do whatever thing goes forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the Queen of Heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then had we plenty of bread, and were well, and saw no evil.

18. But since we ceased burning incense to the Queen of Heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.
19. And when we burned incense to the Queen of Heaven, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we alone make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our men?

20. Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people who had given him that answer, saying,

21. The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the Lord remember them, and come it not to his mind?

22. So that the Lord could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which you have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

23. Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord, nor walked in his Torah, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil has happened to you, as at this day.

24. And Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the Lord, all those of Judah who are in the land of Egypt;
25. Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, saying; You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely keep our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the Queen of Heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her; you will surely accomplish your vows, and surely keep your vows.

26. Therefore hear the word of the Lord, all those of Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, says the Lord, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord God lives.

27. Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there is an end to them.

28. Yet a small number who escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone to the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs.

29. And this shall be a sign to you, says the Lord, that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil;

30. Thus says the Lord; Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt to the hand of his enemies, and to the hand of those who seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah to the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, who sought his life.
1. The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a scroll from the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2. Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch;

3. You said: Woe is me now! for the Lord has added grief to my pain; I am weary in my sighing, and I find no rest.

4. Thus shall you say to him, The Lord said thus: Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

5. And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, says the Lord; but your life will I give to you for a prey in all places to which you go.
1. The word of the Lord which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations:

2. Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt, who was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

3. Order the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4. Harness the horses; and get up, you horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; polish the spears, and put on the coats of mail.

5. Why have I seen them dismayed and turned away back? And their mighty ones are beaten down, and have fled away, and do not look back; for fear was all around, says the Lord.

6. Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall towards the north by the river Euphrates.

7. Who is this who rises like the river, and like streams of turbulent waters?

8. Egypt rises up like a river, and like streams of turbulent waters; and he said, I will go up, and will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and its inhabitants.
9. Come up, O horses; and rage, O chariots; and let the mighty men come forth: Cush and Put, who handle the shield, and Ludim, who handle and bend the bow.

10. For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries; and the sword shall devour, and it shall be sated and drink its fill of their blood; for the Lord God of hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

11. Go up to Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, daughter of Egypt; in vain shall you use many medicines; for you shall not be cured.

12. The nations have heard of your shame, and your cry has filled the land; for the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, and they have fallen both together.

13. The word that the Lord spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and strike the land of Egypt.

14. Announce in Egypt, and proclaim in Migdol, and report in Noph and in Tahpanhes; say, Stand fast, and prepare; for the sword shall devour around you.

15. Why are your brave men swept away? None of them stood, because the Lord thrust him down.
16. He made many to fall, indeed, one fell upon another; and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our birth, from the oppressing sword.

17. They cried there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he has passed the time appointed.

18. As I live, said the King, whose name is the Lord of Hosts, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel is by the sea, so shall he come.

19. O you daughter dwelling in Egypt! Furnish yourself with the baggage of exile; for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

20. Egypt is like a very beautiful heifer, but destruction comes; it comes from the north.

21. Also her hired men are in the midst of her like fatted bulls; for they also are turned back, and have fled away together; they did not stand, because the day of their calamity came upon them, and the time of their punishment.

22. Her sound is like that of a serpent on the move; for they shall march with force, and come against her with axes, like wood cutters.

23. They shall cut down her forest, says the Lord, though it cannot be searched; because they are more numerous than locusts, and are without number.

24. The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered to the hand of the people of the north.
25. The Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, said: Behold, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and all those who trust in him;

26. And I will deliver them to the hand of those who seek their lives, and to the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and to the hand of his servants; and afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, says the Lord.

27. But do not fear, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel; for, behold, I will save you from far away, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

28. Do not fear, O my servant Jacob, says the Lord; for I am with you; for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you; but I will not make a full end of you, but correct you in due measure; yet I will not leave you unpunished.
1. The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before Pharaoh struck Gaza.

2. Thus says the Lord; Behold, waters rise up from the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is in there; the city, and those who dwell in there; then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

3. At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to their children for feebleness of hands;

4. Because of the day that comes to destroy all the Philistines, and to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains; for the Lord will destroy the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caphtor.

5. Baldness has come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off. O, remnant of their valley! How long will you gash yourself?

6. O you sword of the Lord, how long will it be before you are quiet? Put yourself into your scabbard, rest, and be still.

7. How can you be quiet, seeing the Lord has given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there has he appointed it.
1. Against Moab thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Woe to Nebo! for it is ruined; Kiriatayim is confounded and taken; Misgab is confounded and dismayed.

2. There shall be no more praise of Moab; in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation. Also you shall be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue you.

3. A voice of crying shall be from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction.

4. Moab is destroyed; her little ones have raised a cry.

5. For in the ascent of Luhith with continual weeping shall they go; for in the descent of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

6. Flee, save your lives, and be like the juniper tree in the wilderness.

7. Because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you shall also be taken; and Chemosh shall go forth to exile with his priests and his princes together.

8. And the destroyer shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the Lord has spoken.
9. Give wings to Moab, that it may flee and get away; for its cities shall be desolate, without anyone to dwell in there.

10. Cursed be he who does the work of the Lord negligently, and cursed be he who keeps back his sword from blood.

11. Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees, and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, nor has he gone to exile; therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

12. Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will send to him tilters, who will tilt him, and shall empty his vessels, and break their jars in pieces.

13. And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-El, their confidence.

14. How can you say, We are mighty and strong men for the war?

15. Moab is ruined, and its cities are destroyed, and its chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, says the King, whose name is the Lord of Hosts.

16. The calamity of Moab is near at hand, and his affliction hastens fast.

17. All you who are around him, bemoan him; and all you who know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, and the glorious rod!
18. You daughter who inhabits Dibon, come down from your glory, and sit in thirst; for the destroyer of Moab shall come upon you, and he shall destroy your fortresses.

19. O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and watch; ask him who flees, and her who escapes, and say, What has happened?

20. Moab is confounded; for it is broken down; howl and cry; tell it in Arnon, that Moab is ruined,

21. And judgment has come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,

22. And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-Diblatayim,

23. And upon Kiriatayim, and upon Beth-Gamul, and upon Beth-Meon,

24. And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.

25. The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, says the Lord.

26. Make him drunk; for he magnified himself against the Lord; Moab also shall roll in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.
27. For was not Israel a derision to you? Was he found among thieves? for since you spoke of him, you wagged your head.

28. O you who dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that makes her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

29. We have heard the pride of Moab, he is very proud, his loftiness, and his arrogance, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

30. I know his insolence, says the Lord; his boasts are false, his deeds are false.

31. Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; my heart shall mourn for the men of Kirheres.

32. O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for you with the weeping of Jazer; your plants are gone over the sea, they reach to the sea of Jazer; the destroyer has fallen upon your summer fruits and upon your vintage.

33. And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the wine presses; none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting.

34. From the cry of Heshbon to Elealeh, and to Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar to Horonaim, like a three year old heifer; for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.
35. Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, says the Lord, he who offers in the high places, and he who burns incense to his gods.

36. Therefore my heart shall sound for Moab like flutes, and my heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kirheres; because the riches that he has gained are perished.

37. For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped; upon all the hands shall be gashes, and upon the loins sackcloth.

38. There shall be nothing but lamentation upon all the housetops of Moab, and in its streets; for I have broken Moab like an unwanted vessel, says the Lord.

39. They shall howl, saying, How is it broken down! How has Moab turned her back with shame! So shall Moab be a derision and a cause of despair to all those around him.

40. For thus says the Lord; Behold, he shall fly like an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

41. Kerioth is taken, and the fortresses are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

42. And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he has magnified himself against the Lord.
43. Terror, and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon you, O inhabitant of Moab, says the Lord.

44. He who flees from the terror shall fall to the pit; and he who gets out of the pit shall be caught in the snare; for I will bring upon it, upon Moab, the year of their punishment, says the Lord.

45. Under the shadow of Heshbon those who fled stood without strength; for a fire has come out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and has devoured the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the roaring people.

46. Woe to you, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perishes; for your sons are taken captives, and your daughters captives.

47. Yet I will bring back the captivity of Moab in the latter days, said the Lord. Thus for the judgment of Moab.
1. Concerning the Ammonites, thus says the Lord; Has Israel no sons? Has he no heir? Why then does their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

2. Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire; then shall Israel dispossess those who dispossessed her, says the Lord.

3. Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is ruined; cry, you daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go to exile, and his priests and his princes together.

4. Why do you glory in the valleys? Your valley flows with blood, O faithless daughter? who trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come against me?

5. Behold, I will bring a fear upon you, says the Lord God of hosts, from all those who are around you; and you shall be driven out every man straight before him; and none shall take in the wanderer.

6. And afterwards I will bring back the exile of the Ammonites, says the Lord.

7. Concerning Edom, thus says the Lord of Hosts; Is wisdom no more in Teiman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their wisdom vanished?
8. Flee, turn back, dwell in the deeps, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time when I punish him.

9. If grape gatherers come to you, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? If thieves by night, they will destroy only till they have enough.

10. But I have stripped Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself; his seed is ruined, and his brothers, and his neighbors, and he himself is no more.

11. Leave your orphaned children, I will preserve them alive; and let your widows trust in me.

12. For thus says the Lord; Behold, If those who should not have drunk of the cup shall surely drink, will you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink of it.

13. For I have sworn by myself, says the Lord, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all its cities shall be everlasting ruins.

14. I have heard a rumor from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent to the nations, saying, Gather together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15. For, behold, I will make you small among the nations, and despised among men.
16. Your terribleness has deceived you, and the pride of your heart, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill; though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, says the Lord.

17. Also Edom shall be a desolation; every one who goes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all its disasters.

18. As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities, says the Lord, no man shall remain there, nor shall a son of man dwell in it.

19. Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the wilderness by the Jordan against a strong sheepfold; but I will suddenly make him run away from her; and I will appoint over her whoever I choose. For who is like me? And who will set me a time? And who is that shepherd who will stand before me?

20. Therefore hear the counsel of the Lord, that he has taken against Edom; and his intentions, that he intends against the inhabitants of Teiman; Surely the least of the flock shall drag them away; surely their fold shall be appalled at them.

21. The earth is moved at the noise of their fall; the sound of her cry is heard in the Red Sea.

22. Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah; and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.
23. Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard evil news; they are fainthearted; there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

24. Damascus is grown feeble, and turns herself to flee, and fear has seized her; anguish and sorrows have taken her, like a woman in labor.

25. How is the city of praise left without succor, the city of my joy!

26. Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, says the Lord of Hosts.

27. And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-Hadad.

28. Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall strike, thus says the Lord; Arise, go up to Kedar, and destroy the men of the east.

29. Their tents and their flocks shall they take away; they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their utensils, and their camels; and they shall cry to them, Fear is on every side.

30. Flee, go far away, dwell in the deeps, O you inhabitants of Hazor, said the Lord; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has conceived an intention against you.
31. Arise, advance against a nation at ease, that dwells securely, says the Lord, that does not have gates nor bars, that dwell alone.

32. And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil; and I will scatter to every wind those people who cut the corners of their hair; and I will bring their calamity from every sides, said the Lord.

33. And Hazor shall be a dwelling for jackals, and a desolation for ever; there shall no man remain there, nor any son of man dwell in it.

34. The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

35. Thus says the Lord of Hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

36. And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation to which the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37. For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before those who seek their life; and I will bring evil upon them, my fierce anger, says the Lord; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them;
38. And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from there the king and the princes, says the Lord.

39. But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, says the Lord.
1. The word that the Lord spoke against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

2. Declare among the nations, and proclaim, and set up a banner; proclaim, and do not conceal; say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are put to shame, her images are broken in pieces.

3. For from the north comes a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell in there; they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

4. In those days, and in that time, says the Lord, the people of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping; they shall go, and seek the Lord their God.

5. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces towards it, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten.

6. My people has been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go stray, they have turned them away on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place.
7. All who found them have devoured them; and their adversaries said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of justice, against the Lord, the hope of their fathers.

8. Flee from Babylon, and depart from the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the male goats before the flocks.

9. For, behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country; and they shall set themselves in array against her; from there she shall be taken; their arrows shall be like those of an skilled warrior; none shall return in vain.

10. And Chaldea shall be a booty; all who plunder her shall be satisfied, says the Lord.

11. Because you were glad, because you rejoiced, O you robbers of my heritage, because you have grown fat like the heifer in the grass, and you neigh like stallions;

12. Your mother shall be greatly ashamed; she who bore you shall be disgraced; behold, she shall be the last of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

13. Because of the anger of the Lord it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate; every one who goes by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her disasters.

14. Set yourselves in array against Babylon around her; all you that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows; for she has sinned against the Lord.
15. Shout against her around; she has surrendered; her bulwarks have fallen, her walls are thrown down; for it is the vengeance of the Lord; take vengeance upon her; as she has done, do to her.

16. Cut off the sower from Babylon, and he who handles the sickle in the time of harvest; for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

17. Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away; first the king of Assyria has devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones.

18. Therefore thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

19. And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon Mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20. In those days, and in that time, says the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found; for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.

21. Go up against the land of Merathaim, and against the inhabitants of Pekod; lay waste and utterly destroy after them, says the Lord, and do according to all that I have commanded you.
22. A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.

23. How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

24. I have laid a snare for you, and you were taken, O Babylon, and you were not aware; you were found, and also caught, because you strove against the Lord.

25. The Lord has opened his armory, and has brought forth the weapons of his indignation; for this is the work of the Lord God of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

26. Come against her from the furthest border, open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps of grain, and destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be left.

27. Slay all her bulls; let them go down to the slaughter; woe unto them! for their day has come, the time of their punishment.

28. The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the Lord our God, the vengeance for his temple.

29. Call together the archers against Babylon; all you who bend the bow, camp against it surrounding it; let none escape from it; reward her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do to her; for she has been proud against the Lord, against the Holy One of Israel.
30. Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, says the Lord.

31. Behold, I am against you, O you arrogant one, says the Lord God of hosts; for your day has come, the time that I will punish you.

32. And the arrogant one shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all around him.

33. Thus says the Lord of Hosts; The people of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together; and all who took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

34. Their redeemer is strong; the Lord of Hosts is his name; he shall surely plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and unrest to the inhabitants of Babylon.

35. A sword is upon the Chaldeans, says the Lord, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men.

36. A sword is upon the liars; and they shall become fools; a sword is upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed.

37. A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mixed tribes that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women; a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.
38. A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up; for it is a land of
carved idols, and they are mad over their idols.

39. Therefore the wild beasts of the desert shall dwell there, with jackals and
desert owls, and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; nor shall it be dwelt in
from generation to generation.

40. As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities, says
the Lord; so shall no man remain there, nor shall any son of man dwell in there.

41. Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many
kings shall be raised up from the farthest parts of the earth.

42. They shall hold the bow and the javelin; they are cruel, and will not show
mercy; their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every
one lined up, like a man to the battle, against you, O daughter of Babylon.

43. The king of Babylon heard the report of them, and his hands grew feeble;
anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in labor.

44. Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the wilderness by the Jordan
against a strong sheepfold; but I will make them suddenly run over her; and
whoever is chosen, I will appoint him over her, for who is like me? and who will
set me a time? and who is that shepherd who will stand before me?
45. Therefore hear the counsel of the Lord, that he has taken against Babylon; and his intentions, that he intends against the land of the Chaldeans; Surely the least of the flock shall drag them away; surely the fold shall be appalled at them!

46. At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth trembles, and the cry is heard among the nations.
1. Thus says the Lord; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against those who dwell in Lev-Kamay, a destroying wind;

2. And will send to Babylon winnowers, who shall winnow her, and shall empty her land; for in the day of trouble they shall be against her.

3. Against him who bends let the archer bend his bow, and against him who lifts himself up in his coat of mail; and do not spare her young men; destroy utterly all her army.

4. Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and those who are thrust through in her streets.

5. For Israel has not been widowed, nor Judah of his God, of the Lord of Hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

6. Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and let every man save his soul; be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the vengeance of the Lord; he will render to her a recompense.

7. Babylon has been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunk; the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.
8. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed; howl for her; take balm for her pain, perhaps she may be healed.

9. We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed; forsake her, and let us go every one to his own country; for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up to the skies.

10. The Lord has brought forth our vindication; come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God.

11. Sharpen the arrows; gather the shields; the Lord has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; for his plan is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of his temple.

12. Set up a banner upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes; for the Lord has both devised and done that which he spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon.

13. O you who dwell upon many waters, abundant in treasures, your end has come, and the measure of your greed.

14. The Lord of Hosts has sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill you with men, as with locusts; and they shall raise a shout against you.

15. He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and has stretched out the heaven by his understanding.
16. When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens; and he raises vapors from the ends of the earth; he makes lightnings with rain, and brings forth the wind out of his storehouses.

17. Every man becomes stupid without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by the carved idol; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.

18. They are vanity, the work of delusion; in the time of their punishment they shall perish.

19. The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance; the Lord of Hosts is his name.

20. You are hammer ax and weapons of war; for with you I will break in pieces the nations, and with you I will destroy kingdoms;

21. And with you I will break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with you I will break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

22. With you also I will break in pieces man and woman; and with you I will break in pieces old and young; and with you I will break in pieces the young man and the maid;

23. I will also break in pieces with you the shepherd and his flock; and with you I will break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen; and with you I will break in pieces governors and commanders.
24. And I will pay back to Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, says the Lord.

25. Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, says the Lord, which destroys all the earth; and I will stretch out my hand upon you, and roll you down from the rocks, and will make you a burnt mountain.

26. And they shall not take of you a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but you shall be desolate for ever, says the Lord.

27. Set up a banner in the land, blow the shofar among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up like bristling locusts.

28. Prepare nations for war against her, the kings of the Medes, its governors and deputies, and every land under their dominion.

29. And the land shall tremble and writhe in pain; for every purpose of the Lord shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

30. The mighty men of Babylon have ceased to fight, they have remained in their fortresses; their might has failed; they became as women; they have burned her dwelling places; her bars are broken.
31. One runner shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken on every side.

32. And that the fords are seized, and the bulwarks are burned with fire, and the men of war are in panic.

33. For thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor, it is time to thresh her; yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

34. Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me, he has crushed me, he has made me an empty vessel, he has swallowed me up like a crocodile, he has filled his belly with my delicacies, he has scoured me clean.

35. The violence done to me and to my flesh shall be upon Babylon, the inhabitant of Zion shall say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, Jerusalem shall say.

36. Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I will plead your cause, and take vengeance for you; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

37. And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for jackals, an astonishment, and a hissing, without an inhabitant.

38. They shall roar together like lions; they shall growl as lions' cubs.
39. When they are heated I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunk, that they may rejoice, and sleep an everlasting sleep, and not awake, said the Lord.

40. I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with male goats.

41. How is Sheshach taken! And how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! How is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

42. The sea has come up upon Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of its waves.

43. Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land where no man dwells, nor does any son of man pass by.

44. And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow together any more to him; the very wall of Babylon shall fall.

45. My people, go out of the midst of her, and save every man his soul from the fierce anger of the Lord.

46. And lest your heart faint, and you fear for the rumor that shall be heard in the land; a rumor shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumor, and there will be violence in the land, ruler against ruler.
47. Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the carved idols of Babylon; and her whole land shall be put to shame, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

48. Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is in there, shall sing for Babylon; for the destroyers shall come to her from the north, said the Lord.

49. As Babylon has caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.

50. You who have escaped the sword, go away, do not stand still; remember the Lord from far away, and let Jerusalem come to your mind.

51. We are ashamed, because we have heard reproach; shame has covered our faces; for strangers have come into the sanctuaries of the Lord's house.

52. Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will do judgment upon her carved idols; and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

53. Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall destroyers come to her, says the Lord.

54. A sound of a cry comes from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans;
55. Because the Lord has ruined Babylon, and stilled her mighty voice; their waves roar like great waters, the noise of their voice is raised.

56. Because the destroyer has come upon her, upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken; for the Lord God of recompenses shall surely pay back.

57. And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her governors, and her commanders, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep an everlasting sleep, and not wake, said the King, whose name is the Lord of Hosts.

58. Thus says the Lord of Hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labor in vain, and the nations for the fire, and they shall be weary.

59. The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And this Seraiah was the quartermaster.

60. So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon.

61. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, and shall see, and shall read all these words;
62. Then shall you say, O Lord, you have spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.

63. And it shall be, when you have finished reading this book, that you shall bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates;

64. And you shall say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her; and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.
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1. Zedekiah was twenty one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2. And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

3. For through the anger of the Lord it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

4. And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it, and built siege works around it, against it.

5. So the city was besieged till the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

6. And in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

7. Then the city was breached, and all the men of war fled, and went out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; now the Chaldeans were around the city; and they went by the way of the Arabah.
8. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

9. Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him.

10. And the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes; he killed also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

11. Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

12. Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, who served the king of Babylon, to Jerusalem,

13. And burned the house of the Lord, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire;

14. And all the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down all the surrounding walls of Jerusalem.
15. Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive some of the poor of the people, and the remnant of the people who remained in the city, and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

16. But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poor of the land to be vine dressers and farmers.

17. Also the pillars of bronze that were in the house of the Lord, and the bases, and the bronze sea that was in the house of the Lord, the Chaldeans broke, and carried all the bronze of them to Babylon.

18. The pans also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the utensils of bronze with which they ministered, they took away.

19. And the bowls, and the fire pans, and the basins, and the pans, and the lampstads, and the spoons, and the bowls; that which was of gold in gold, and that which was of silver in silver, took the captain of the guard away.

20. The two pillars, one sea, and twelve bronze bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the Lord; the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weight.
21. And concerning the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a thread of twelve cubits encircled it; and its thickness was four fingers; it was hollow.

22. And a capital of bronze was upon it; and the height of one capital was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capitals around them, all of bronze. The second pillar also and the pomegranates were like these.

23. And there were ninety six pomegranates on a side; and all the pomegranates upon the network were a hundred around them.

24. And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three gatekeepers;

25. He took also out of the city an eunuch, who had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of those who were near the king's person, who were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the midst of the city.

26. So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

27. And the king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.
28. This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive; in the seventh year three thousand and twenty three men of Judah;

29. In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred and thirty two persons;

30. In the twenty third year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the men of Judah seven hundred and forty five persons; all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

31. And it came to pass in the thirty seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty fifth day of the month, that Evil-Merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him out of prison,

32. And spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon,

33. And changed his prison garments; and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.

34. And for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him by the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.
1. And it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar river, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

2. In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's exile,

3. The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans, by the Chebar river; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him.

4. And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came from the north, a great cloud, and a fire flaring up, and a brightness was around it, out of its midst, as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

5. Also out of its midst came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.

6. And everyone had four faces, and everyone had four wings.

7. And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf’s foot; and they sparkled like the color of burnished bronze.
8. And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and the four had their faces and their wings thus,

9. Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went everyone straight forward.

10. As for the likeness of their faces, the four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side; and the four had the face of an ox on the left side; the four also had the face of an eagle.

11. Thus were their faces; and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of everyone were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

12. And they went everyone straight forward; where the spirit would go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

13. As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of torches; it flashed up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and from the fire went forth lightning.

14. And the living creatures ran and returned like the appearance of a flash of lightning.

15. And as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.
16. The appearance of the wheels and their work was like the color of an emerald; and the four had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17. When they moved, they moved from any of their four sides; and they did not turn when they moved.

18. As for their rims, they were so high that they were dreadful; and the rims, around the four, were full of eyes.

19. And when the living creatures moved, the wheels moved with them; and when the living creatures were raised from the earth, the wheels were raised.

20. Where ever the spirit would go, they moved, for the spirit wanted to go there; and the wheels were raised with them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

21. When they moved, these moved; and when they stood still, these stood still; and when they were raised from the earth, the wheels were raised with them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

22. And the likeness of the firmament was upon the heads of the living creature, like the color of awesome ice, stretched out above their heads.
23. And under the firmament their wings straight were held straight, one toward another; everyone had two, which covered them, everyone had two which covered their bodies.

24. And when they moved, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, the voice of a tumult, like the noise of an army camp; when they stood, they let down their wings.

25. And there was a voice from above the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood still, and had let down their wings.

26. And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like lapis lazuli; and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness like the appearance of a man upon it.

27. And I saw something like the color of amber, like the appearance of fire enclosed around it, from what appeared to be his loins upward; and from what appeared to be his loins downward, I saw what appeared to be fire, and it had brightness around it.

28. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one speaking.
1. And he said to me, son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak to you.

2. And a spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and set me upon my feet, when I heard him speaking to me.

3. And he said to me, son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to rebellious nations that have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even to this very day.

4. For they are impudent children and stubborn. I send you to them; and you shall say to them, Thus said the Lord God.

5. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house, they will know that there has been a prophet among them.

6. And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you, and you dwell among scorpions; be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house.

7. And you shall speak my words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse to hear; for they are most rebellious.
8. But you, son of man, hear what I say to you: Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth, and eat what I give you.

9. And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me; and, lo, a scroll of a book was in it;

10. And he spread it before me; and it was written inside and outside; and lamentations, mourning and woe were written in it.
1. And he said to me, son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go and speak to the house of Israel.

2. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that scroll.

3. And he said to me, son of man, make your belly eat, and fill your bowels with this scroll that I give you. Then I ate it; and it was in my mouth sweet like honey.

4. And he said to me, son of man, go, get you to the house of Israel, and speak with my words to them.

5. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and of a difficult language, but to the house of Israel;

6. Not to many peoples of a foreign speech and of a difficult language, whose words you can not understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

7. But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they will not listen to me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and stubborn of heart.
8. Behold, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads.

9. Like adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead; fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house.

10. And he said to me, son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.

11. And go, get you to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them, and tell them, Thus said the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse to hear.

12. Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the Lord from his place.

13. I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a noise of a great rushing.

14. And the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me.

15. Then I came to the exiles at Tel Aviv, who dwelt by the Chebar river, and I sat where they sat, and remained there overwhelmed among them seven days.
16. And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

17. Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18. When I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; and you give him not warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand.

19. But if you warn the wicked, and he turns not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have saved your soul.

20. Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at your hand.

21. Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he was warned; and you have saved your soul.

22. And the hand of the Lord was there upon me; and he said to me, Arise, go to the plain, and there I will talk with you.
23. Then I arose, and went to the plain; and, behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory which I saw by the Chebar river; and I fell on my face.

24. Then a spirit entered in me, and set me upon my feet, and spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself inside your house.

25. But you, O son of man, behold, they shall put cords upon you, and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them;

26. And I will make your tongue cleave to the roof of your mouth, that you shall be dumb, and shall not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house.

27. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, Thus said the Lord God; He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses to hear, let him refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.
1. And you, son of man, take a brick, and lay it before you, and portray upon it a city, Jerusalem;

2. And lay siege against it, and build a siege wall against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps against it, and set battering rams against it around it.

3. And take an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between you and the city; and set your face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4. Lie upon your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity.

5. For I have laid upon you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so shall you bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6. And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side, and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days; I have appointed you a day for each year.
7. Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and your arm shall be uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it.

8. And, behold, I will put cords upon you, and you shall not turn from one side to another, till you have ended the days of your siege.

9. And take wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make bread of them; according to the number of the days that you shall lie upon your side, three hundred and ninety days shall you eat of it.

10. And your food which you shall eat shall be, by weight, twenty shekels a day; once a day shall you eat it.

11. You shall drink also water by measure, the sixth part of a hin; once a day shall you drink.

12. And you shall eat it like barley cakes, and you shall bake it with human excrement, in their sight.

13. And the Lord said, Thus shall the people of Israel eat their unclean bread among the nations, where I will drive them.

14. Then I said, Ah Lord God, behold, my soul has not been polluted; for from my youth up even till now I have not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn in pieces; nor did loathsome flesh come into my mouth.
15. Then he said to me, Behold, I have given you cow's dung instead of human excrement, and you shall prepare your bread with it.

16. And he said to me, son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem; and they shall eat bread by weight, and with anxiety; and they shall drink water by measure and in dismay.

17. That they may lack bread and water, and be dismayed with one another, and consume away for their iniquity.
1. And you, son of man, take a sharp knife, take a barber's razor, and pass it over your head and over your beard; then take balances for weighing, and divide the hair.

2. You shall burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and you shall take a third part, and strike with a sword; and a third part you shall scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

3. You shall also take from these a small number, and bind them in your skirts.

4. Then take more of them, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; for from it shall a fire come forth to all the house of Israel.

5. Thus said the Lord God; This is Jerusalem; I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are around her.

6. And she has rebelled against my judgments more wickedly than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are around her; for they have refused my judgments, and they have not walked in my statutes.
7. Therefore thus said the Lord God; Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are around you, and have not walked in my statutes, nor have you kept my judgments, nor have you done according to the practices of the nations that are around you;

8. Therefore thus said the Lord God; Behold, I am against you, and will execute judgments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations.

9. And I will do in you that which I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations.

10. Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of you, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in you, and the whole remnant of you will I scatter to all the winds.

11. Therefore, as I live, said the Lord God, surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore will I also diminish you; my eye shall not spare, nor will I have any pity.

12. A third part of you shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of you; and a third part shall fall by the sword around you; and I will scatter a third part to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.
13. Thus shall my anger spend itself, and I relieve my fury upon them, and I will be comforted; and they shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it in my zeal, when I have spent my fury in them.

14. And I will make you a desolation, and a reproach among the nations that are around you, in the sight of all that pass by.

15. And it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment to the nations that are around you, when I shall execute judgments in you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I, the Lord, have spoken it.

16. When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you; and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread;

17. And will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave you; and pestilence and blood shall pass through you; and I will bring the sword upon you. I, the Lord, have spoken it.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2. Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

3. And say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus said the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys; Behold, I will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.

4. And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

5. And I will lay the dead carcasses of the people of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars.

6. In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be wiped out.

7. And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am the Lord.
8. Yet I will leave a remnant, that you may have among the nations some who shall escape the sword, when you shall be scattered through the countries.

9. And those who escape of you shall remember me among the nations where they shall be carried captive, because I am broken with their wanton heart, which has departed from me, and with their eyes, which turn wantonly after their idols; and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

10. And they shall know that I am the Lord, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them.

11. Thus said the Lord God; Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

12. He who is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he who is near shall fall by the sword; and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine; thus will I spend my fury upon them.

13. Then shall you know that I am the Lord, when their slain men shall be among their idols around their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they offered pleasing odor to all their idols.
14. And will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate and waste, from the wilderness to Dibla, in all their habitations; and they shall know that I am the Lord.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2. And you, son of man, thus said the Lord God to the land of Israel; An end, the end has come upon the four corners of the land.

3. And the end has come upon you, and I will send my anger upon you, and will judge you according to your ways, and will recompense upon you all your abominations.

4. And my eye shall not spare you, nor will I have pity; but I will recompense your ways upon you, and your abominations shall be in your midst; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

5. Thus said the Lord God; An evil, a singular evil, behold, has come.

6. An end has come, the end has come; it watches for you; behold, it has come.

7. The morning has come to you, O you dweller of the land; the time has come, a day is near, a day of tumult and not of joyful shouting on the mountains.

8. And I will shortly pour out my fury upon you, and spend my anger upon you; and I will judge you according to your ways, and will recompense you for all your abominations.
9. And my eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity; I will reward you according to your ways and your abominations that are in your midst; and you shall know that I am the Lord who strikes.

10. Behold the day, behold, it is coming; the dawn is gone forth; the rod has blossomed, arrogance has budded.

11. Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness; none of them shall remain, nor their abundance, nor their splendor; nor shall be wailing for them.

12. The time has come, the day draws near; let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is upon all its multitude.

13. For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive; for the vision concerns their whole multitude. None shall return; for every man lives in sin; they do not hold firm.

14. They have blown the trumpet, to make all ready; but none goes to the battle; for my wrath is upon all its multitude.

15. The sword is outside, and the pestilence and the famine inside; he who is in the field shall die with the sword; and he who is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

16. But those fugitives who escape shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, everyone over his iniquity.
17. All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water.

18. They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

19. They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be like an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to save them in the day of the wrath of the Lord; they shall not satisfy their souls, nor fill their bowels; because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity.

20. As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty; but they have set up in it the images of their abominations and of their detestable things; therefore have I set it far from them.

21. And I will give it to the hands of foreigners for a plunder, and to the wicked of the earth for a booty; and they shall profane it.

22. My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my secret place; for the robbers shall enter into it, and profane it.

23. Make a chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

24. And I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses; I will also put an end to the pride of the strong; and their holy places shall be profaned.
25. Anguish comes and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

26. Disaster shall come upon disaster, and rumor shall come upon rumor; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the Torah shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

27. The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with despair, and the hands of the people of the land shall be weakened; I will do to them after their way, and according to their judgments will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.
1. And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me.

2. Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire; from what appeared to be his loins downward, fire; and from his loins upward, the appearance of brightness, the color of amber.

3. And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and a wind lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looks toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy.

4. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

5. Then said he to me, son of man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north. And I raised my eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the Gate of the Altar this image of jealousy in the entrance.

6. And he said to me, son of man, do you see what they do? The great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, to drive me far away from my sanctuary? And you will still see greater abominations.
And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold there was a hole in the wall.

And he said to me, son of man, dig now in the wall; and when I dug in the wall, behold there was a door.

And he said to me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

And I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping thing, and abominable beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the surrounding wall.

And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man with his incense holder in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

And he also said to me, You will see still greater abominations which they commit.

Then he brought me to the door of the Gate of the Lord's House which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.
15. And he said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? You will see still greater abominations than these.

16. And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the vestibule and the altar, were about twenty five men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

17. Then he said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? It is not enough for the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? But they also have filled the land with violence, and have provoked me even further to anger; and, behold, they put the branch to their nose.

18. Therefore I too will deal in fury; my eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity; and even if they would cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will not listen to them.
1. And he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause those who have charge over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2. And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lies toward the north, and a slaughter weapon in the hand of every man; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's ink well by his side; and they went in, and stood beside the bronze altar.

3. And the glory of the God of Israel had ascended from the Cherub, on which it was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's ink well by his side;

4. And the Lord said to him, Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and who cry for all the abominations that are done in its midst.

5. And to the others he said in my hearing, Go you after him through the city, and strike; let not your eye spare, nor have any pity;

6. Slay utterly old men and young men, young girls, and little children, and women; but do not come near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began with the old men who were before the house.
7. And he said to them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

8. And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God! Will you destroy all the remnant of Israel in the outpouring of your wrath upon Jerusalem?

9. And he said to me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is very great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice; for they say, The Lord has forsaken the land, and the Lord sees not.

10. And as for me also, my eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.

11. And, behold, the man clothed with linen, who had the ink well by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as you have commanded me.
1. Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the Cherubim appeared over them something like a sapphire stone, in appearance like the shape of a throne.

2. And he spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, under the Cherub, and fill your hand with coals of fire from between the Cherubim, and scatter them over the city. And he went in before my eyes.

3. And the Cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

4. Then the glory of the Lord went up from the Cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the Lord's glory.

5. And the sound of the wings of the Cherubim was heard even in the outer court, like the voice of the Almighty God when he speaks.

6. And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the Cherubim; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.
7. And one Cherub stretched out his hand from between the Cherubim to the fire that was between the Cherubim, and took it, and put it in the hands of the man who was clothed with linen; who took it, and went out.

8. And the Cherubim appeared to have the form of a human hand under their wings.

9. And when I looked, behold there were four wheels beside the Cherubim, one wheel beside one Cherub, and another wheel beside another Cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like the color of an emerald stone.

10. And as for their appearances, the four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.

11. When they moved, they moved from any of their four sides; without turning as they moved, but to the place where the head turned they followed it; without turning as they moved.

12. And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and their wheels, were full of eyes around, even the wheels that the four had.

13. As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, the Wheelwork.

14. And everyone had four faces; the first face was the face of a Cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.
15. And the Cherubim were raised. This is the living creature that I saw by the Chebar river.

16. And when the Cherubim moved, the wheels moved with them; and when the Cherubim raised their wings to lift up from the earth, the same wheels also did not turn with them.

17. When they stood, these stood; and when they were raised, these raised themselves also; for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

18. Then the glory of the Lord departed from above the threshold of the house, and stood over the Cherubim.

19. And the Cherubim raised their wings, and raised from the earth before my eyes; when they moved, the wheels also with them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the Lord's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was above over them.

20. This is the living creature that I saw underneath the God of Israel by the Chebar river; and I knew that they were Cherubim.

21. Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

22. As for the likeness of their faces, they were the very same faces I had seen by the Chebar river, they were identical in their appearances; and each one went straight forward.
1. And a spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east Gate of the Lord's House, which looks eastward; and behold at the door of the gate twenty five men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

2. And he said to me, son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity, and give wicked counsel in this city;

3. Who say, It is not near; let us build houses; this city is the cauldron, and we are the meat.

4. Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.

5. And the spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said to me, Speak; Thus said the Lord; Thus have you said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind, everyone of them.

6. You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain.

7. Therefore thus said the Lord God; Your slain whom you have laid in the midst of it, they are the meat, and this city is the cauldron; but I will bring you forth out of its midst.
8. You have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, said the Lord God.

9. And I will bring you out of its midst, and deliver you to the hands of foreigners, and will execute judgments among you.

10. You shall fall by the sword; I will judge you at the border of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

11. This city shall not be your cauldron, neither shall you be the meat in its midst; but I will judge you at the border of Israel;

12. And you shall know that I am the Lord; for you have not walked in my statutes, nor have you executed my judgments, but have done after the practices of the nations that are around you.

13. And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord God! Will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

14. Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

15. Son of man, your brothers, even your brothers, your next of kin, and the entire house of Israel, are they to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the Lord; to us is this land given in possession.
16. Therefore say, Thus said the Lord God; Although I have cast them far off among the nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, I have been to them a little sanctuary in the countries where they have come.

17. Therefore say, Thus said the Lord God; I will gather you from the people, and assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

18. And they shall come there, and they shall take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there.

19. And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit inside you; and I will take the stony heart from their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh;

20. That they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

21. But as for them whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, said the Lord God.

22. Then the Cherubim raised their wings, and the wheels with them; and the glory of the God of Israel was above over them.
23. And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

24. Afterwards a spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the spirit of God to Chaldea, to the exiles. And the vision that I had seen went up from me.

25. Then I told to the exiles all the things that the Lord had shown me.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious house.

2. Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself baggage for exile, and leave by day in their sight; and you shall leave from your place to another place in their sight. Perhaps they will perceive, though they are a rebellious house.

3. Then shall you bring out your baggage by day in their sight, as baggage for exile; and you shall go forth at evening in their sight, as those who go in exile must do.

4. Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry out through it.

5. In their sight shall you bear it upon your shoulders, and carry it out in the dark; you shall cover your face, so that you do not see the ground; for I have set you for a sign to the house of Israel.

6. And I did as I was commanded; I brought out my baggage by day, as baggage for the exile, and in the evening I dug through the wall with my hand; I brought it out in the dark, and I carried it upon my shoulder in their sight.
8. And in the morning came the word of the Lord to me, saying, son of man,

9. has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, What are you doing?

10. Say to them, Thus said the Lord God; This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel who are in it.

11. Say, I am your sign; as I have done, so shall it be done to them; they shall leave and go into exile.

12. And the prince who is among them shall carry upon his shoulder in the dark, and shall go out; they shall dig through the wall to carry out through it; he shall cover his face, so that he does not see the ground with his eyes.

13. My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet he shall not see it, though he shall die there.

14. And I will scatter toward every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his troops; and I will draw out the sword after them.

15. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.
16. But I will leave a few men of them escape from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they go; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

17. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and with anxiety.

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19. And say to the people of the land, Thus said the Lord God about the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and about the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink their water with dismay, because her land will be emptied from all that is in it, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it.

20. And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

21. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,"Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel, which says. The days are prolonged, and every vision fails?

22. Tell them therefore, Thus said the Lord God; I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say to them, The days are at hand, and the word of every vision.
24. For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination inside the house of Israel.

25. For I am the Lord; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word, and I will perform it, says the Lord God.

26. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, behold, they

27. of the house of Israel say, The vision that he sees is for many days to come, and he prophesies of times that are far off.

28. Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God; None of my words shall be delayed any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, says the Lord God.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, prophesy

2. against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy from their own hearts, Hear the word of the Lord;

3. Thus said the Lord God; Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

4. O Israel, your prophets are like foxes among ruins.

5. You have not gone up into the breaches, nor have you built up a fence for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.

6. They have seen vanity and lying divination; they say: The Lord said; and the Lord has not sent them; and they hope that he will confirm the word.

7. Have you not seen a vain vision, and have you not spoken a lying divination, when you say, The Lord said it; although I have not spoken?

8. Therefore thus says the Lord God; Because you have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, says the Lord God.
9. And my hand shall be upon the prophets who see vanity, and who divine lies; they shall not be in the council of my people, nor shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord God.

10. Because they have led my people astray, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and if one builds a wall, these prophets daub it with whitewash;

11. Say to those who daub it with whitewash, that it shall fall; there shall be a deluge of rain; and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall break out.

12. Behold, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, Where is the daubing with which you daubed it?

13. Therefore thus says the Lord God; I will tear it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be a deluge of rain in my anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

14. And I will break down the wall that you have daubed with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation shall be laid bare, and it shall fall, and you shall be consumed in its midst; and you shall know that I am the Lord.
15. Thus will I spend my wrath upon the wall, and upon those who have daubed it with whitewash, and will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who daubed it;

16. The prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, says the Lord God.

17. And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy from their own heart; and prophesy against them,

18. And say, Thus says the Lord God; Woe to the women who sew bands for all arms, and make veils for the head of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of my people, and will you save your own souls alive?

19. And will you profane me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people who hear your lies?

20. Therefore thus says the Lord God; Behold, I am against your arm bands, with which you hunt souls, whisking them off to destruction; and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go free, the souls that you hunt, whisking them to destruction.
21. Your head veils also will I tear, and save my people from your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

22. Because with lies you have cowed the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life;

23. Therefore you shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations; for I will save my people from your hand; and you shall know that I am the Lord.
Then came some of the elders of Israel to me, and sat before me.

And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces; should I let myself be inquired at all by them?

Therefore speak to them, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God; Every man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I, the Lord, will answer him who comes with the multitude of his idols;

That I may catch the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.
7. For everyone of the house of Israel, and the foreigner who sojourns in Israel, who separates himself from me, and sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning me, I, the Lord, will answer him by myself; 

8. And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

9. And if the prophet is deceived when he has spoken a word, I the Lord have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

10. And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be as the punishment of him who seeks him;

11. That the house of Israel should not any more go astray from me, nor be profaned any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, says the Lord God.

12. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

13. Son of man, when the land sins against me by trespassing grievously, then I will stretch out my hand upon it, and will break its staff of bread, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it;
14. Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would only save their own souls by their righteousness, said the Lord God.

15. If I cause evil beasts to pass through the land, and they destroy it, so that it should be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts;

16. Even if these three men were in it, as I live, says the Lord God, they shall not save sons nor daughters; only they shall be saved, but the land shall be desolate.

17. Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it;

18. Even if these three men were in it, as I live, says the Lord God, they shall not save sons nor daughters, but they shall save only themselves.

19. Or if I send a pestilence to that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast;

20. Even if Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, said the Lord God, they shall not save son nor daughter; but they shall save only their own souls by their righteousness.
21. For thus says the Lord God; How much more when I send my four harsh judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

22. Yet, behold, in it shall be left a remnant that shall be brought out, both sons and daughters; behold, they shall come out to you, and you shall see their way and their doings; and you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, concerning all that I have brought upon it.

23. And they shall console you, when you see their ways and their doings; and you shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, says the Lord God.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

ב. כָּל-כְּלָמָם מֵהָר-יהוָה עַד-מוֹשֶׁךָ מֶסֶל-עַד-נוֹמְרוֹת אָשֶּׁר נִמְשָׁךְ אֶשֶּׁר בְּעֵץ בֵּיתֵי נָחָשֵׁים

2. Son of man, In what is the wood of the vine more than any other wood? That vine branch which is among the trees of the forest?

ג. תֵּשָׁבוּ מָנוֹת עֵץ לְעַשׂ שָׂפָה לְמְלָאכָתוּ אָסָיָּהוּ מְמֹמָה יִשֵּׁר לְחֵלֹחַ עֶלְיוֹן-כֵּלָם

3. Shall its wood be taken to do any work? Will men take a peg from it to hang any utensil from it?

ד. כִּי בִּיהַלְשָׁם בָּנָי לְכָלָכָה אַתָּה יִשֵּׁר קְצֹתוֹר אֵךְלָכָה נָזָּה רָצוּךְ בָּהֶם לְכָלָכָה לְמְלָאכָתוּ

4. Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devours both ends of it, and its middle is burned. Is it useful for any work?

ה. כִּי בִּיהַלְשָׁם בָּנָי לְכָלָכָה אַתָּה יִשֵּׁר אֵךְלָכָה מְמֹמָה יִשֵּׁר לְחֵלֹחַ עֶלְיוֹן-כֵּלָם לְמְלָאכָתוּ

5. Behold, when it was whole, it was not useful for any work; how much less shall it be useful for any work, when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned?

ו. כִּי לָכָּה כָּל-אֲמָר יַעֲקֹב יִשֵּׁר בַּמֶּשֶׁךָ אֶשֶּׁר נִמְשָׁךְ בֵּין נַעַר אָשֶּׁר-בְּמַחֲרָתָּו לָא-כָּלָכָה

6. Therefore thus says the Lord God; As the vine wood among the woods of the forest have I given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

ז. כִּי בֶּשֶׁר אָט-פְּני בְּתוּכָּם נְחַשְׁתָּו אֵךְ-כָּלָכָה וְרָצוּךְ כֵּי-אָנֵי יְהוָה בּוֹשָׁמִי

7. And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and you shall know that I am the Lord, when I set my face against them.

ח. כִּי בֶּשֶׁר אָט-פְּנֵי שָׂפָה יִשֵּׁר בֵּיתֵי מְשָׁל מְשָׁל לְהָוא יֵהוָה

8. And I will make the land desolate, because they have acted faithlessly, says the Lord God.
1. Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2. Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

3. And say, Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem; Your birth and your origin is in the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite.

4. And as for your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, nor were you washed in water to cleanse you, nor were you rubbed with salt, nor swaddled at all.

5. No eye pitied you, to do any of these to you, to have compassion upon you; but you were thrown out in the open field, for you were loathed, on the day that you were born.

6. And when I passed by you, and saw you weltering in your own blood, I said to you when you were in your blood, Live! Yes, I said to you when you were in your blood, Live!

7. I have caused you to increase like a plant of the field, and you grew up and became tall, and you came to possess great ornaments; your breasts were formed, and your hair grew, yet you were naked and bare.
8. And when I passed by you, and looked upon you, behold, your time was the
time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness; yes, I
swore to you, and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord God, and you
became mine.

9. Then I washed you with water; indeed, I thoroughly washed away your blood
from you, and I anointed you with oil.

10. I clothed you also with embroidered cloth, and shod you with leather, and I
girded you with fine linen, and I covered you with silk.

11. I decked you also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon your hands, and
a chain on your neck.

12. And I put a ring on your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful
crown upon your head.

13. Thus were you decked with gold and silver; and your garment was of fine
linen, and silk, and embroidered cloth; you ate fine flour, and honey, and oil;
and you were very beautiful, and you were fit for royal estate.

14. And your fame went forth among the nations for your beauty; for it was
perfect through my splendor, which I had bestowed on you, says the Lord God.

15. But you trusted in your own beauty, and played the harlot because of your
fame, and lavished your fornications on everyone who passed by; his it was.
16. And you took some of your garments, and made for yourself high places, decked out in various colors, and played the harlot on them; such things shall not come about, nor shall it continue.

17. You have also taken your pretty jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images, and played the harlot with them,

18. And took your embroidered garments, and covered them; and you have set my oil and my incense before them.

19. My bread also which I gave you, fine flour, and oil, and honey, with which I fed you, you have set it before them for a sweet odor; and thus it was, says the Lord God.

20. And you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to me, and these you have sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your harlotries so small a matter,

21. That you have slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

22. And in all your abominations and your harlotries you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and weltering in your blood.
23. And it came to pass after all your wickedness, woe, woe to you! sqys the Lord God;

24. That you have also built for yourself a platform, and have made for yourself a high place in every street.

25. You have built your high place on every main street, and have made your beauty to be loathed, and have opened your legs to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your harlotries.

26. You have also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your neighbors, large of flesh; and have increased your harlotry, to provoke me to anger.

27. Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over you, and have diminished your allotted portion, and delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd way.

28. You have played the harlot also with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; yes, you have played the harlot with them, and yet you could not be satisfied.

29. You have moreover multiplied your harlotry in the land of Canaan as far as Chaldea; and yet you were not satisfied with that.

30. How weak is your heart, says the Lord God, seeing you do all these things, the work of an importunate harlot;
31. In that you build your platform in every main street, and make your high place in every street; and, because you scorn payment, you have not been like a harlot;

32. But like a wife who commits adultery, who takes strangers instead of her husband!

33. Men give gifts to all harlots; but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and hire them, that they may come to you on every side for your lewd satisfaction.

34. You were the contrary of other women in your harlotry, because none solicited you to commit harlotry; and you paid hire, and no hire was paid to you, therefore you were the contrary.

35. Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the Lord;

36. Thus says the Lord God; Because your shame was displayed, and your nakedness laid bare through your harlotry with your lovers, and with all the idols of your abominations, and because of the blood of your children, which you gave to them;

37. Behold, therefore I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all those that you have loved, with all those that you have hated; I will gather them around you, and will lay bare your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness.
38. And I will judge you, as women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will bring upon you the blood of fury and jealousy.

39. And I will also give you into their hand, and they shall tear down your platform, and shall break down your high places; they shall strip you also of your clothes, and shall take your pretty jewels, and leave you naked and bare.

40. They shall also bring up a company against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and thrust you through with their swords.

41. And they shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments upon you in the sight of many women; and I will cause you to cease from playing the harlot, and you also shall pay hire no more.

42. And I will relieve my fury upon you, and my jealousy shall depart from you, and I will be quiet, and I will be angry no more.

43. Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have enraged me in all these things; behold, therefore I also will reward your ways upon your head, says the Lord God; for you have not taken thought concerning your abominations.

44. Behold, everyone who uses proverbs shall use this proverb against you, saying, Like mother, like daughter.
45. You are your mother's daughter, who loathes her husband and her children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children; your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

46. And your elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters who dwell at your left hand; and your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.

47. Yet you have not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations; and after a little while you were more corrupt than they in all your ways.

48. As I live, says the Lord God, Sodom, your sister, has not done, neither she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters.

49. Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, surfeit of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters; and she did not strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me; therefore I took them away when I saw it.

51. Nor did Samaria commit half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all your abominations which you have done.
52. You also, who have judged your sisters, carry your own disgrace for your sins that you have committed more abominable than they; they have become more righteous than you; be ashamed also, and carry your disgrace, for you have made your sisters appear righteous.

53. When I shall bring back their exiles, the exiles of Sodom and her daughters, and the exiles of Samaria and her daughters, then will I bring back the captivity of your exiles in the midst of them;

54. That you may carry your own shame, and may be confounded in all that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them.

55. When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then you and your daughters shall return to your former estate.

56. Was not your sister Sodom a byword in your mouth in the day of your pride,

57. Before your wickedness was uncovered? It was at the time of the taunt of the daughters of Aram, and all who are around her, the daughters of the Philistines, those around you who despise you.

58. You have carried your lewdness and your abominations, says the Lord.
59. For thus says the Lord God; I will deal with you as you have done, for you have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

60. Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish with you an everlasting covenant.

61. Then you shall remember your ways, and be ashamed, when you shall receive your sisters, your elder and your younger; and I will give them to you for daughters, but not on account of the covenant with you.

62. And I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall know that I am the Lord;

63. That you may remember, and be ashamed, and never open your mouth any more because of your shame, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done, says the Lord God.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2. Son of man, propound a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel;

3. And say, Thus says the Lord God; A great eagle with great wings, and long pinions, rich in feathers of many colors, came to Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar;

4. It broke off the top of its young twigs, and carried it to a land of trade; and set it in a city of merchants.

5. It took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; and placed it by great waters, and set it like a willow tree.

6. And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low height, whose branches turned toward him, and its roots were under him; so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and sent out sprigs.

7. There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers; and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and send out its branches toward him from the bed where it was planted, that he might water it.
8. It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a good vine.

9. Say, Thus says the Lord God; Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that it wither? It shall wither in all its sprouting leaves; it will not need great power or many people to pluck it up by its roots.

10. Behold, being planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind touches it? It shall wither away on the bed where it grew.

11. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

12. Say now to the rebellious house, Do you not know what these things mean? Tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon has come to Jerusalem, and has taken its king, and its princes, and led them with him to Babylon;

13. And has taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and has made him take an oath; he has also taken the mighty of the land;

14. That the kingdom might be humble, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand.

15. But he rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? Shall he escape who does such things? Or shall he break the covenant, and yet be saved?
16. As I live, says the Lord God, surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.

17. Nor shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company help him in the war, by casting up mounds, and building siege walls, to cut off many persons;

18. Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and, having given his hand, he had done all these things, he shall not escape.

19. Therefore thus says the Lord God; As I live, surely my oath that he has despised, and my covenant that he has broken, even that will I reward upon his own head.

20. And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he has trespassed against me.

21. And all his fugitives of all his troops shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered to all winds; and you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it.

22. Thus says the Lord God; I will also take of the top of the high cedar, and will set it; I will pluck off from the top of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain.
23. In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a stately cedar; and under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in the shadow of its branches shall they dwell.

24. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree flourish; I, the Lord, have spoken and have done it.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2. What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

3. As I live, says the Lord God, you shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

4. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sins, it shall die.

5. But if a man is just, and does that which is lawful and right,

6. And has not eaten upon the mountains, nor has he raised his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor has he defiled his neighbor's wife, nor has he come near a menstruating woman,

7. And does not oppress any, but restores to the debtor his pledge, does not commit any robbery, gives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with a garment;
8. Does not give his money out for interest, nor takes any increase, who withholds his hand from iniquity, executes true judgment between man and man,

9. Walks in my statutes, and keeps my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, says the Lord God.

10. If he has fathered a son who is a robber, a shedder of blood, and who has done the like of any one of these things,

11. Though he has not done any of these, yet the other has even eaten on the mountains, and has defiled his neighbor's wife,

12. Has oppressed the poor and needy, has committed robbery, has not restored the pledge, and has raised his eyes to the idols, has committed abomination,

13. Has given out money for interest, and has taken increase; shall he then live? He shall not live; he has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

14. And, behold, if he fathered a son, who sees all his father's sins which he has done, and fears, and does not do likewise,

15. Who does not eat upon the mountains, nor does he lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife,
16. Has not oppressed any, has not taken a pledge, nor has he committed robbery, but gives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with a garment,

17. Who has taken off his hand from the poor, who has not received interest nor increase, has executed my judgments, has walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18. As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he shall die in his iniquity.

19. And you say, Why? Does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done that which is lawful and right, and has kept all my statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live.

20. The soul that sins, shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

22. None of his transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him; in his righteousness that he has done he shall live.
23. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? says the Lord God; and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

24. But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be remembered; in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die.

25. Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not fair. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way fair? Are not your ways unfair?

26. When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dies in them; for his iniquity that he has done shall he die.

27. Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

28. Because he considers, and turns away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

29. Yet said the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not fair. O house of Israel, are not my ways fair? Are not your ways unfair?
30. Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, says the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so that iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31. Cast away from you all your transgressions, in which you have transgressed; and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit; for, why will you die, O house of Israel?

32. For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies, says the Lord God; therefore turn, and live.
1. And you, raise a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

2. And say, What a lioness was your mother! She lay down among lions, she nourished her cubs among young lions.

3. And she brought up one of her cubs; it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.

4. The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt.

5. And when she saw that though she had waited her hope was lost, then she took another of her cubs, and made him a young lion.

6. And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men.

7. And he knew their palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land and all that was in it was appalled by the noise of his roaring.

8. Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit.
9. And they put him in a cage with hooks, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into fortresses, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

10. Your mother is like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters; she was fruitful and full of branches because of the abundance of waters.

11. And she had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

12. But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit; her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.

13. And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

14. And the fire is gone from the rod of her branches, which has devoured her fruit, so that she has no strong rod to be a scepter to rule. This is a lamentation, and has become a lamentation.
1. And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, that some of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the Lord, and sat before me.

2. Then came the word of the Lord to me, saying,

3. Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Are you come to inquire of me? As I live, said the Lord God, I will not be inquired by you.

4. Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Make known to them the abominations of their fathers;

5. And say to them, Thus says the Lord God; In the day when I chose Israel, and raised my hand to the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I raised my hand to them, saying, I am the Lord your God;

6. In the day that I raised my hand to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt to a land that I had spied out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the most glorious of all lands;
7. Then I said to them, Cast away every man the abominations of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

8. But they rebelled against me, and would not listen to me; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt; then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9. But I acted for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the nations, among whom they were, in whose sight I had made myself known to them, by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

10. And I caused them to go out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

11. And I gave them my statutes, and made my judgments known to them, by whose observance man shall live.

12. And also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctifies them.
13. But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness; they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, by whose observance man shall live; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned; then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

14. But I acted for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the nations, in whose sight I brought them out.

15. And I also raised my hand to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the most glorious of all lands;

16. Because they rejected my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but profaned my sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols.

17. Nevertheless my eye spared them and I did not destroy them, nor did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18. But I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not follow the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols;

19. I am the Lord your God; follow my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;
20. And sanctify my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God.

21. However the children rebelled against me; they walked not in my statutes, nor did they keep my judgments to do them, by whose observance man shall live; they profaned my sabbaths; then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to spend my anger against them in the wilderness.

22. Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and acted for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out.

23. I raised my hand to them also in the wilderness, declaring that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries;

24. Because they had not executed my judgments, but had rejected my statutes, and had profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25. Therefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

26. And I defiled them by their own gifts, by making them pass through the fire all that opens the womb, that I might blight them, that they might know that I am the Lord.
27. Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, by committing a trespass against me.

28. For when I had brought them into the land, for which I lifted up my hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offerings; there also they made their sweet odors, and poured out their drink offerings.

29. Then I said to them, What is the high place to which you go? And its name is called Bamah until this day.

30. Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Are you defiled after the manner of your fathers? Do you go astray after their abominations?

31. For when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even until this day; and shall I be inquired by you, O house of Israel? As I live, says the Lord God, I will not be inquired by you.

32. And that which comes into your mind shall never come about, that you say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.
33. As I live, says the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you;

34. And I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

35. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I remonstrate with you face to face.

36. Like I remonstrated with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I remonstrate with you, says the Lord God.

37. And I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

38. And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and those who transgress against me; I will bring them out from the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

39. As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: Go, serve everyone of you his idols, and hereafter also, if you will not listen to me; but profane you my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.
40. For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, says the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me; there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your gifts, with all your holy things.

41. I will accept you with your sweet odors, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the nations.

42. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I raised my hand to give it to your fathers.

43. And there shall you remember your ways, and all your doings, where you have been defiled; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that you have committed.

44. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have acted with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel, says the Lord God.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2. Son of man, set your face toward the south, and drop your word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the Negev;

3. And say to the forest of the Negev, Hear the word of the Lord; Thus says the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree in you, and every dry tree; the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the Negev to the north shall be burned in it.

4. And all flesh shall see that I, the Lord, have kindled it; it shall not be quenched.

5. Then said I, Ah Lord God! they say of me, Does he not speak in allegories?

6. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

7. Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and preach towards the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel,

8. And say to the land of Israel, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I am against you, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked.
9. Seeing then that I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the Negev to the north;

ิ יִֽרְדוּ֨וֹת כֵּלּ-בֶּשְׂרָאֵל כִּי צָאִֽל יְהוָֽה הֵמָּאָתֶּֽי תְּרוּֽם מֵתְשָׂרֵֽה יַלְ-כֵּל-בֶּשְׂרָאֵל-

10. That all flesh may know that I, the Lord, have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more.

יִאֶהְצֵֽה בֵּנַ-אֲעֵמָּו הֵמָּאָת בּשָׂרָו מִתְשִּׂרֵֽה וּבְמֵרִירֵֽהּ פַּֽעֲלוֹת לְעָרִֽיִּים

11. Sigh therefore, you son of man, with the breaking of your loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.

בִּכְּלִ-לְבּ-לֶרֶפְּלֶר בְּכַמְתָּה כֵּל-רְחֵֽת כֵּל-בְּרֵפִּים חָלִֽכְּבָּה פִּֽמּ הָנָֽה בְּאָֽה הִנָּחְֽתָה

12. And it shall be, when they say to you, Why do you sigh? that you shall answer, For the tidings; because it comes; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water; behold, it comes, and shall be brought to pass, says the Lord God.

כִּכְּלַ-לֶרֶפְּלֶר יַרְחַֽת-יֵֽהוָֽה אֲלֵי אָמָֽה

13. Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

יְדֵי בְּרוֹ-אֲדֹם הַבָּא אֶפְּרֶרֶת כֵּל אֲמַר יְהוָֽה אָמַר לַיְּהוָֽה תְּרוּֽם תְּרוּֽם וְגָֽמְרֵֽהוּ:

14. Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus says the Lord; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also polished;

שֹׁמַּמְלֵֽשׁ בֵּשֵֽׁב וַחֲתִימָֽה לֶמַּשׁ-בֵּיה לֶה בֵּרֵֽכֶּנָּה כְּֽהַֽזְּפֶּה-בַּכּוּ-מַרְדֶּֽשָׁא

15. It is sharpened to make a great slaughter; it is polished that it may glitter; should we then make mirth? It is a rod for my son, it rejects every other tree.

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16. And he has given it to be polished, that it may be handled; this sword is sharpened, and it is polished, to give it to the hand of the slayer.
17. Cry and howl, son of man; for it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Israel; terrors because the sword shall be upon my people; strike therefore upon your thigh.

18. Because it is a testing time, and what if there is also this rod of spurning? He should not continue to be, says the Lord God.

19. You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and strike your hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain; it is the sword of the great men who were slain, which surrounds them.

20. I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, so that their heart may faint, and their stumbling be multiplied; ah! it is made bright, it is wrapped up for the slaughter.

21. Go one way or another, either to the right hand, or to the left, wherever your edge is directed.

22. I will also strike my hands together, and I will relieve my fury; I, the Lord, have said it.

23. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
24. Also, you son of man, appoint two ways for yourself, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; both of them shall come forth from one land; and make a sign post, and construct at the head of the way to the city.

25. Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem, the fortified.

26. For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination; he shook the arrows, he consulted the family idols, he looked in the liver.

27. At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth for the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, and to build siege towers.

28. And it shall be to them as a false divination in their sight, they have sworn solemn oaths; but it brings their iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

29. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have caused your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins appear; because you have come to remembrance, you shall be seized with the hand.

30. And you, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come, when iniquity shall have an end,
31. Thus says the Lord God: Remove the turban, and take off the crown; things shall not be the same; exalt him who is low, and abase him who is high.

32. A ruin, a ruin, a ruin will I make it; and it shall be no more, until he comes whose right it is; and I will give it to him.

33. And you, son of man, prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord God concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; say: The sword, the sword is drawn; for the slaughter it is polished, for grasping, that it may glitter;

34. While they see false visions for you, while they divine lies for you, to bring you down on the necks of the slain, of the wicked, whose day has come, when their iniquity shall have an end.

35. Return it to its sheath. I will judge you in the place where you were created, in the land of your origin.

36. And I will pour out my indignation upon you, I will blow against you with the fire of my wrath, and deliver you into the hand of brutal men, skilful to destroy.

37. You shall be fuel for the fire; your blood shall be in the midst of the land; you shall be no more remembered; for I, the Lord, have spoken it.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. And, you son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then make known to her all her abominations.

3. Then say, Thus says the Lord God, The city sheds blood in its midst, that her time may come, and makes idols to defile herself.

4. You have become guilty in your blood that you have shed; and have defiled yourself in your idols which you have made; and you have caused your days to draw near, and have come to your years; therefore have I made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all countries.

5. Those who are near, and those who are far from you, shall mock you, because you are infamous and full of tumult.

6. Behold, the princes of Israel, everyone among you, putting out his full force to shed blood.

7. Among you, they have made light of father and mother; in your midst have they dealt by oppression with the foreigner; in you have they wronged the orphan and the widow.
8. You have despised my holy things, and you have profaned my sabbaths.

9. In you are men who carry tales to shed blood; and in you they eat upon the mountains; in your midst they commit lewdness.

10. In you have they uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you have they abused her who was unclean because of her menstrual flow.

11. And one has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in you has abused his sister, his father's daughter.

12. In you have they taken gifts to shed blood; you have taken interest and increase, and you have unjustly gained from your neighbors by extortion and have forgotten me, says the Lord God.

13. Behold, therefore I have struck my hand at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in your midst.

14. Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I, the Lord, have spoken it, and will do it.

15. And I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you in the countries, and will consume your filthiness from you.
16. And you shall be profaned by yourself in the sight of the nations, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

17. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

18. Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me; all of the, bronze, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver.

19. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20. As they gather silver, and bronze, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in my anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

21. And I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst.

22. As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall you be melted in its midst; and you shall know that I, the Lord, have poured out my fury upon you.

23. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:
24. Son of man, say to her, You are the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

25. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst.

26. Her priests have violated my Torah, and have profaned my holy things; they have not differentiated between the holy and profane, nor have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27. Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, shedding blood, and destroying souls, to get dishonest gain.

28. And her prophets have daubed them with whitewash, seeing false visions, and divining lies to them, saying, Thus says the Lord God, when the Lord has not spoken.

29. The people of the land have used oppression, and committed robbery, and have wronged the poor and needy; indeed, they have oppressed the foreigner wrongfully.

30. And I sought a man among them, who could build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none.
31. Therefore have I poured out my indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath; their own way have I rewarded upon their heads, says the Lord God.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother;

3. And they committed harlotry in Egypt; they committed harlotry in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there was her virgin bosom handled.

4. And their names were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister; and they were mine, and they bore sons and daughters. Thus were their names: Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.

5. And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbors,

6. Who were clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.

7. Thus she committed her harlotry with them, with all those who were the choicest men of Assyria; and with all on whom she doted, with all their idols, she defiled herself.

8. Nor did she give up her harlotry brought from Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they handled her virgin bosom, and poured out their lust upon her.
9. Therefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.

10. These uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword; and she became notorious among women; for they had executed judgment upon her.

11. And her sister Aholibah saw this, yet she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her harlotry more than her sister in her harlotry.

12. She doted upon the Assyrians her neighbors, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

13. Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both of them the same way.

14. And that she increased her harlotry; for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermillion,

15. Girded with girdles upon their loins, with flowing turbans upon their heads, all of them looking like captains, after the custom of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their birth;

16. And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.
17. And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their lust, and she was polluted by them, and her soul was turned from them.

18. And she uncovered her harlotry, and uncovered her nakedness; then my soul was turned from her, just as my soul was turned from her sister.

19. Yet she multiplied her harlotry, recalling the days of her youth, when she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20. For she doted upon her paramours, whose members were like those of asses, and whose issue is like that of horses.

21. Thus you recalled the lewdness of your youth, when those of Egypt handled your bosom, for the sake of the breasts of your youth.

22. Therefore, O Aholibah, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your soul turned, and I will bring them against you on every side;

23. The Babylonians, and all Chaldea, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses.
24. And they shall come against you with a multitude of wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against you buckler and shield and helmet around; and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge you according to their judgments.

25. And I will set my jealousy against you, and they shall deal furiously with you; they shall take away your nose and your ears; and your remnant shall fall by the sword; they shall take your sons and your daughters; and your remnant shall be devoured by the fire.

26. They shall also strip you of your clothes, and take away your pretty jewels.

27. Thus will I make your lewdness cease from you, and your harlotry brought from the land of Egypt; so that you shall not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt any more.

28. For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of those whom you hate, into the hand of them from whom your soul turned;

29. And they shall deal with you hatefully, and shall take away all your labor, and shall leave you naked and bare; and the nakedness of your harlotry shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotry.

30. I will do these things to you, because you have gone astray after the nations, and because you are defiled with their idols.
31. You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore will I give her cup into your hand.

32. Thus says the Lord God: You shall drink of your sister's cup, which is deep and large; you shall be laughed to scorn and held in derision; for it contains much.

33. You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of horror and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria.

34. You shall drink it and drain it out, and you shall break its fragments in pieces, and tear your own breasts; for I have spoken it, says the Lord God.

35. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have forgotten me, and cast me behind your back, therefore bear you also your lewdness and your harlotry.

36. And the Lord said to me: Son of man, will you judge Aholah and Aholibah? Then declare to them their abominations;

37. That they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bore to me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them.

38. And this they have done to me: they have profaned my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.
39. For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, behold, thus they did in the midst of my house.

40. And furthermore, you have sent for men to come from far, to whom a messenger was sent; and, behold, they came; for whom you washed yourself, painted your eyes, and decked yourself with ornaments,

41. And you sat upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, upon which you set my incense and my oil.

42. And a voice of a carefree multitude was with her; and with the men of many sorts were brought Sabaim from the wilderness, who put bracelets on their hands, and beautiful crowns on their heads.

43. Then said I to her who was worn out in adulteries, Will they now commit harlotry with her, and she with them?

44. Yet they went in to her, as they go in to a woman who plays the harlot; so went they in to Aholah and to Aholibah, the lewd women.

45. And righteous men shall judge them after the judgment due to adulteresses, and after the judgment due to women who shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.
46. For thus says the Lord God: I will bring up an assembly upon them, and will make them a horror and a spoil.

47. And the assembly shall stone them with stones, and cut them in pieces with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

48. Thus will I cause lewdness to cease from the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

49. And they shall requite your lewdness upon you, and you shall bear the sins of your idols; and you shall know that I am the Lord God.
1. And in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, write the name of the day, of this same day; the king of Babylon laid siege against Jerusalem this very day.

3. And utter a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God; Set on a pot, set it on, and also pour water in it;

4. Gather the pieces of meat into it, every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones.

5. Take the choice of the flock, and pile the bones under it, and make it boil well, and let its bones be cooked in it.

6. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot in which there is filth, for its filth is not gone from it! Bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.

7. For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the bare rock; she poured it not upon the ground to cover it with dust;
8. That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the bare rock, that it should not be covered.

9. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great.

10. Heap on wood, kindle the fire, boil away the meat, and mix the spices, and let the bones be burned.

11. Then set it empty upon its glowing embers, that its bronze may be heated, and may burn, and that the impurity of it may be molten in it, that its filth may be consumed.

12. In vain is her toil, for her great filth did not go out of her by fire.

13. In your filthiness is lewdness; because I have purged you, and you were not purged, you shall not be purged from your filthiness any more, till I have relieved my fury upon you.

14. I, the Lord, have spoken it; it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, nor will I spare, nor will I repent; according to your ways, and according to your doings, shall they judge you, says the Lord God.

15. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:
16. Son of man, behold, I take away from you the delight of your eyes at a stroke; yet you shall not mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down.

17. Sigh silently, make no mourning for the dead, bind on your turban, and put on your shoes on your feet, and cover not your lips, nor eat the bread of men.

18. And I spoke to the people in the morning; and in the evening my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19. And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these things mean to us, that you do?

20. Then I answered them, The word of the Lord came to me, saying:

21. Speak to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your strength, the delight of your eyes, and the longing of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind shall fall by the sword.

22. And you shall do as I have done; you shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men.

23. And your turbans shall remain upon your heads, and your shoes on your feet; you shall not mourn nor weep; but you shall pine away for your iniquities, and groan to one another.
24. Thus shall Ezekiel be a sign to you; according to all that he has done shall you do; and when this comes, you shall know that I am the Lord God.

25. Also, you son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the delight of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

26. That he who escapes on that day shall come to you, to cause you to hear it with your ears?

27. In that day shall your mouth be opened to the fugitive, and you shall speak, and be dumb no more; and you shall be a sign to them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them;

3. And say to the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord God; Thus said the Lord God: Because you said, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into exile;

4. Behold, therefore I will deliver you to the men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in you, and make their dwellings in you; they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk.

5. And I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels, and the Ammonites a fold for flocks; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

6. For thus says the Lord God: Because you have clapped your hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the disdain of your soul against the land of Israel;

7. Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand upon you, and will deliver you for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut you off from the people, and I will cause you to perish from the countries; I will destroy you; and you shall know that I am the Lord.
8. Thus says the Lord God: Because Moab and Seir say, Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations;

9. Therefore, behold, I will open the flank of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-HaJeshimoth, Baal-Meon, and Kiriatayim,

10. To the men of the east I will give, along with the Ammonites, as a possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.

11. And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

12. Thus says the Lord God: Because Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

13. Therefore thus says the Lord God: I will also stretch out my hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teiman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14. And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, says the Lord God.
15. Thus says the Lord God: Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a disdainful soul, to destroy it in ever lasting hatred;

16. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will stretch out my hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

17. And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.
1. And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, Aha, she, who was the gates of the people, is broken; she has turned to me; I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste;

3. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes his waves to come up.

4. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like a bare rock.

5. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it, says the Lord God; and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

6. And her daughters who are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7. For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will bring upon Tyre Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.
8. He shall slay with the sword your daughters in the field; and he shall set up a siege wall against you, and cast a mound against you, and lift up the buckler against you.

9. And he shall set engines of war against your walls, and with his axes he shall break down your towers.

10. Because of his many horses their dust shall cover you; your walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into your gates, as men enter into a city which has been breached.

11. With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all your streets; he shall slay your people by the sword, and your strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.

12. And they shall make a booty of your riches, and make a plunder of your merchandise; and they shall break down your walls, and destroy your pleasant houses; and they shall lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the water.

13. And I will cause the noise of your songs to cease; and the sound of your lyres shall be heard no more.

14. And I will make you like a bare rock; you shall be a place to spread nets upon; you shall be built no more; for I, the Lord, have spoken it, says the Lord God.
15. Thus says the Lord God to Tyre; Shall not the islands shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in your midst?

16. Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and take off their embroidered garments; they shall dress themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be appalled at you.

17. And they shall raise a lamentation for you, and say to you, How are you destroyed, that was inhabited by seafaring men, the renowned city, that was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, who cause their terror to be on all those around her!

18. And shall the islands tremble in the day of your fall; yes, the islands that are in the sea shall be dismayed at your departure.

19. For thus says the Lord God: When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon you, and great waters shall cover you;

20. When I shall bring you down with those who descend into the pit, with the people of old, and shall set you in the lowest parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with those who go down to the pit, so that you will not be inhabited; and I shall set up my ornament in the land of the living;

21. I will make you a terror, and you shall be no more; even if you are sought for, you shall never be found again, says the Lord God.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. And, you son of man, raise a lamentation for Tyre;

3. And say to Tyre, who dwells at the entrance to the sea, who is a merchant of the peoples for many islands, Thus said the Lord God; O Tyre, you have said, I am of perfect beauty.

4. Your borders are in the midst of the seas, your builders have perfected your beauty.

5. They have made all your planks of cypress trees of Senir; they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for you.

6. Of the oaks of Bashan have they made your oars; with box tree wood have they made your benches of ivory, brought from the islands of Kittim.

7. Fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt was that which you spread forth to be your banner; blue and purple from the islands of Elishah was your awning.

8. The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers; your wise men, O Tyre, who were in you, were your pilots.
9. The elders of Gebal and its wise men were in you, caulking your seams; all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you to exchange your merchandise.

10. They of Persia and of Lud and of Put were in your army, your men of war; they hung the shield and helmet in you; they gave you splendor.

11. The men of Arvad with your army were around you upon your walls, and the Gammadim were in your towers; they hung their shields around upon your walls; they have made your beauty perfect.

12. Tarshish traded with you because of your great wealth of every kind: silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for your wares.

13. Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, traded with you; they traded the persons of men and vessels of bronze for your merchandise.

14. They of the house of Togarmah traded for your wares with horses and horsemen and mules.

15. The men of Dedan traded with you; many islands were the market of your domain; they brought you in payment horns of ivory and ebony.

16. Aram traded with you because of your abundant goods; they traded for your wares with turquoise, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and agate.
17. Judah, and the land of Israel traded with you; they traded for your merchandise wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.

18. Damascus traded with you for your abundant goods, because of your great wealth of every kind; in wine of Helbon, and white wool.

19. Dan also and Javan gave yarn for your wares; bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were traded for your goods.

20. Dedan traded with you in precious clothes for riding.

21. Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, were merchants in your domain, rams, and goats; in these they traded with you.

22. The traders of Sheba and Raamah, they traded with you; they traded for your wares with the best of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

23. Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the traders of Sheba, Assyria, and Chilmad, traded with you.

24. These traded with you in choice garments, in blue clothes, and embroidered work, and in carpets of colored stuff, bound with ropes and made secure, for your merchandise.
25. The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your goods; and you were filled and heavily laden in the heart of the seas.

26. Your rowers have brought you into great waters; the east wind has broken you in the midst of the seas.

27. Your riches, and your goods, your merchandise, your mariners, and your pilots, your caulkers, and those who trade for your merchandise, and all your men of war, who are in you, and in all your company which is in your midst, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of your ruin.

28. The countryside shall shake at the sound of the cry of your pilots.

29. And all who handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land;

30. And shall cause their voice to be heard against you, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes;

31. And they shall make themselves utterly bald for you, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for you with bitterness of soul and bitter wailing.

32. And in their wailing they shall raise a lamentation for you, and lament over you, saying, What city is like Tyre, like her who is destroyed in the midst of the sea?
33. When your goods went forth from the seas, you satisfied many people; you enriched the kings of the earth with your abundant wealth and merchandise.

34. Now you are broken by the seas in the depths of the waters; your goods and all your company in your midst have fallen.

35. All the inhabitants of the islands are appalled at you, and their kings are terrified, their faces are troubled.

36. The merchants among the peoples hiss at you; you have become a terror, and never shall be any more.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord God: Because your heart is raised, and you have said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet you are a man, and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God;

3. Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from you;

4. With your wisdom and with your understanding you have acquired your riches, and have gathered gold and silver into your treasures;

5. By your great wisdom and by your trading you have increased your riches, and your heart is raised because of your riches;

6. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have set your heart as the heart of God;

7. Behold, therefore I will bring foreigners upon you, the most terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness.
8. They shall bring you down to the pit, and you shall die the deaths of those who were slain in the midst of the seas.

9. Will you yet say before him who slays you, I am God? but you shall be a man, and no God, in the hand of him who slays you.

10. You shall die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners; for I have spoken it, says the Lord God.

11. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

12. Son of man, raise a lamentation upon the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God: You are a seal and a paragon, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13. You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the ruby, the crysolithe, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jade, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold; the workmanship of your settings and of your sockets was in you; in the day that you were created they were prepared.

14. You are the anointed Cherub that covers; and I have set you so; you were upon the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15. You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you.
16. By the abundance of your goods they have filled your midst with violence, and you have sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering Cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17. Your heart was raised because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I have cast you to the ground, I have laid you before kings, that they may behold you.

18. You have profaned your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your traffic; therefore I have brought forth a fire from your midst, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those who behold you.

19. All those who know you among the people shall be appalled at you; you have become a terror, and never shall you be any more.

20. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

21. Son of man, set your face against Sidon, and prophesy against it,

22. And say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Sidon; and I will be glorified in your midst; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.
23. For I will send to her pestilence, and blood to her streets; and the wounded shall fall in heaps in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

24. And there shall be no more a pricking brier to the house of Israel, nor any painful thorn among all those around them, who despise them; and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

25. Thus says the Lord God: When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

26. And they shall dwell safely in it, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and they shall dwell securely, when I have executed judgments upon all those around them who despise them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God.
Ezekiel Chapter 29

1. In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt;

3. Speak, and say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great crocodile that lies in the midst of his streams, which has said, My river is my own, and I have made it for myself.

4. But I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your streams to stick to your scales, and I will bring you up from the midst of your streams, and all the fish of your streams shall stick to your scales.

5. And I will cast you into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers; you shall fall upon the open fields; you shall not be brought together, nor gathered; I have given you for food to the beasts of the field and to the birds of the sky.

6. And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the Lord, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.

7. When they took hold of you by your hand, you broke, and tore all their shoulders; and when they leaned upon you, you broke, and made all their loins to be at a stand.
8. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will bring a sword upon you, and cut off man and beast from you.

9. And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the Lord; because he has said, The river is mine, and I have made it.

10. Behold, therefore I am against you, and against your streams, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from Migdol to Sene as far as the border of Cush.

11. No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, nor shall it be inhabited forty years.

12. And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the lands.

13. Yet thus says the Lord God: At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the people where they were scattered;

14. And I will bring back the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return to the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin; and they shall be there a lowly kingdom.
15. It shall be the most lowly of the kingdoms; and never more shall it exalt itself above the nations; for I will so diminish them, that they shall never again rule over the nations.

16. And never again shall it be the reliance of the house of Israel, recalling their iniquity, when they shall turn to them. And then they shall know that I am the Lord God.

17. And it came to pass in the twenty seventh year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

18. Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made his army labor hard against Tyre; every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled; yet he had no wages, nor his army, for Tyre, for the labor that he performed against it;

19. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her booty, and take her plunder; and it shall be the wages for his army.

20. I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor with which he served against it, which they did for me, says the Lord God.

21. In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will open your mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord God: Howl, Alas for the day!

3. For the day is near, the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the nations.

4. And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and anguish shall be in Cush, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down.

5. Cush, and Put, and Lud, and all the mixed tribes, and Cub, and the men of the land that is in league with them, shall fall with them by the sword.

6. Thus says the Lord; Also those who uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down; from Migdol to Svene shall they fall in it by the sword, says the Lord God.

7. And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are laid waste.

8. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and when all her helpers shall be destroyed.
9. In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the confident Cushites afraid, and anguish shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt; for, behold, it comes.

10. Thus says the Lord God: I will also make an end to the multitude of Egypt, by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

11. He, and his people with him, the most terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

12. And I will make the streams dry, and sell the land to the hand of the wicked; and I will make the land desolate, and all that is in it, by the hand of foreigners; I, the Lord, have spoken it.

13. Thus says the Lord God: I will also destroy the idols, and I will make an end to the images of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt; and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

14. And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments in No.

15. And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.
16. And I will set a fire in Egypt; Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be torn asunder, and Noph shall have distresses daily.

17. The young men of Aven and of Pi-Beseth shall fall by the sword; and these cities shall go into exile.

18. At Tahpanhes also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt; and the pride of her strength shall cease in her; as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into exile.

19. Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

20. And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

21. Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, behold, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a dressing to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

22. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall from his hand.

23. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.
24. And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand; but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groaning of a deadly wounded man.

25. But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall put my sword in the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

26. And I will scatter Egypt among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I am the Lord.
1. And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Who are you like in your greatness?

3. Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with pretty branches, amid a shadowing forest, and of great height; and its top was among the thick boughs.

4. The waters made it great, the deep set it up on high with its rivers running around its plants, and it sent out its little canals to all the trees of the field.

5. Therefore its height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when it shot them forth.

6. All the birds of the sky made their nests in its boughs, and under its branches all the beasts of the field brought forth their young, and under its shadow dwelt all great nations.

7. Thus was it fair in its greatness, in the length of its branches; for its root was by great waters.
8. The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it; the cypress trees were not like its boughs, and the plane trees were not like its branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like it in its beauty.

9. I have made it fair by the multitude of its branches; so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied it.

10. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have raised yourself in height, and he has shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is raised in his height;

11. I have therefore delivered him to the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him; I have driven him out for his wickedness.

12. And foreigners, the most terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him; upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches have fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth have gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

13. Upon his ruin shall all the birds of the sky remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches;

14. So that none of all the trees by the waters shall exalt themselves in their height, nor shoot up their top among the thick boughs, nor have their trunks tower on high, all that drink water; for they are all delivered to death, to the nether world, in the midst of the sons of men, with those who go down to the pit.
15. Thus says the Lord God: In the day when he went down to Sheol I caused the deep to mourn, to cover itself for him, and I restrained its floods, and the great waters were stopped; and I clothed Lebanon in gloom for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

16. I made the nations tremble at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with those who descend into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all who drink water, shall be comforted in the nether world.

17. They also went down into Sheol with him, to those who were slain by the sword; and those who were his arm, who dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the nations.

18. To whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the nether world; you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with those who were slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord God.
Ezekiel Chapter 32

1. And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, raise a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, You consider yourself a young lion of the nations, but you are like a crocodile in the seas; and you burst forth in your rivers, and trouble the waters with your feet, and foul their rivers.

3. Thus says the Lord God: I will therefore spread out my net over you with a company of many people; and they shall bring you up in my net.

4. Then will I throw you upon the land, I will cast you out on the open field, and I will cause all the birds of the sky to settle on you, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with you.

5. And I will lay your flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height.

6. I will also water with your blood the land over which you overflow, as far as the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of you.

7. And when I shall extinguish you, I will cover the heaven, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.
8. All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over you, and set darkness upon your land, says the Lord God.

9. I will also trouble the hearts of many people, when I shall bring your destruction among the nations, to the countries which you have not known.

10. I will make many peoples appalled at you, and their kings shall be terrified for you, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.

11. For thus says the Lord God: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you.

12. By the swords of the mighty will I cause your multitude to fall, the most terrible of the nations, all of them; and they shall spoil the pride of Egypt, and all its multitude shall be destroyed.

13. I will destroy also all its beasts from beside the great waters; nor shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

14. Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to flow like oil, says the Lord God.

15. When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be stripped of all that fills it, when I shall strike all those who dwell in it, then shall they know that I am the Lord.
16. This is the lamentation with which they shall lament her; the daughters of
the nations shall lament her; they shall lament for her, for Egypt, and for all her
multitude, says the Lord God.

17. And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month,
that the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

18. Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, her
together with the daughters of mighty nations, to the nether world, with those
who go down into the pit.

19. Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down, and be laid with the
uncircumcised.

20. They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword; she is
delivered to the sword; draw her down and all her multitudes.

21. The mighty chiefs shall speak to him from the midst of Sheol with those who
help him; they have gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

22. Assyria is there and all her company; his graves are around him; all of them
slain, fallen by the sword;

23. Their graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is around her
grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which struck terror in the land of the
living.
24. There is Elam and all her multitude around her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised into the nether world, who struck terror in the land of the living; and they have carried their shame with those who go down to the pit.

25. They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude; her graves are around him; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; though the terror of them was spread in the land of the living, yet they have carried their shame with those who went down to the pit; he is put in the midst of those who were slain.

26. There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude; her graves are around him; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they struck terror in the land of the living.

27. And shall they not lie with the fallen mighty of the uncircumcised, who have gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war, their swords laid under their heads, and their iniquities having come upon their bones? For the terror of the mighty was in the land of the living.

28. And you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shall lie with those who were slain by the sword.

29. There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who for all their might are laid by those who were slain by the sword; they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit.
30. There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain; ashamed for the terror which they struck with their might; and they lie uncircumcised with those who were slain by the sword, and carry their shame with those who went down to the pit.

31. Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, says the Lord God.

32. For I have struck my terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with those who were slain by the sword, Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord God.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, speak to your people, and say to them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman;

3. If he blows the shofar, when he sees the sword come upon the land, to warn the people;

4. Then, whoever hears the sound of the shofar, and does not take warning, if the sword comes, and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5. He heard the sound of the shofar, and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon him. But if he had taken warning he would have saved his soul.

6. But if the watchman sees the sword coming, and does not blow the shofar, and the people are not warned; if the sword comes, and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7. And you, O son of man, I have set you as a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear the word from my mouth, and warn them from me.
8. When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die; if you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand.

9. But, if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you would have saved your soul.

10. Therefore, O son of man, speak to the house of Israel; Speak thus, saying: If our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

11. Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked should turn from his way and live; turn, turn from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

12. Therefore, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not save him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day when he sins.

13. When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trusts in his own righteousness, and commits iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but he shall die for the iniquity that he has committed.
14. And, when I say to the wicked, You shall surely die, if he turns away from his sin, and does that which is lawful and right;

15. If the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has robbed, follow the statutes of life, without committing iniquity, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17. Yet your people say, The way of the Lord is unfair; but it is their way that is unfair.

18. When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he shall die by it.

19. But if the wicked turns away from his wickedness, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall live by it.

20. Yet you say, The way of the Lord is unfair. O you house of Israel, I will judge you, everyone according to his ways.

21. And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one who had escaped from Jerusalem came to me, saying: The city has fallen.
22. And the hand of the Lord was upon me in the evening, before he who had escaped came; and had opened my mouth, by the time he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no longer dumb.

23. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

24. Son of man, those who inhabit those ruined places of the land of Israel speak, saying: Abraham was one man, and he inherited the land; but we are many; the land is given to us as an inheritance.

25. Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood; and shall you possess the land?

26. You stand upon your sword, you commit abominations, and everyone of you defiles his neighbor's wife; and shall you possess the land?

27. Say thus to them, Thus says the Lord God: As I live, surely those who are in the ruined places shall fall by the sword, and he who is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in the fortresses and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

28. For I will make the land a total desolation, and the pride of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, so that none shall pass through.
29. Then shall they know that I am the Lord, when I have made the land most desolate because of all the abominations which they have committed.

30. As for you, son of man, your people, by the walls and in the doors of the houses, are still talking against you, speaking one to another, everyone to his brother, saying: Come, I beg you, and hear what is the word that comes forth from the Lord.

31. And they come to you as the people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but they do not carry them out; for with their mouth they express much love, but their heart goes after unjust gain.

32. And, behold, you are to them like a love song by one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not carry them out.

33. And when this comes to pass, behold, it will come, then shall they know, that a prophet has been among them.
And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say to them, to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

You eat the fat, and you clothe yourselves with the wool, you kill those who are fed; but you do not feed the sheep.

You have not strengthened the weak, nor have you healed the sick, nor have you bound up that which was broken, nor have you brought back that which was driven away, nor have you sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty you have ruled them.

And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill; my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none searched or sought after them.

Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;
8. As I live, says the Lord God, surely because my flock has become a prey, and my flock has become food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did my shepherds search for my flock; but the shepherds fed themselves, and did not feed my flock;

9. Therefore, O you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;

10. Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and I will put an end to their feeding the sheep; nor shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will save my flock from their mouth, so that they may not be food for them.

11. For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will search my sheep, and seek them out.

12. As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day when he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

13. And I will bring them out from among the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be; there shall they lie in a good pasture, and in a fat grazing land shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
15. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, said the Lord God.

16. I will seek the one which was lost, and bring back the one which was driven away, and will bind up the crippled, and will strengthen the sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them in judgment.

17. And as for you, O my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between one lamb and another, between the rams and the male goats.

18. Is it so small a thing to you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must also trample down with your feet the remnant of your pastures? And to have drunk clear waters, that you must also foul the rest with your feet?

19. And as for my sheep, they eat that which you have trampled with your feet; and they drink that which you have fouled with your feet.

20. Therefore thus says the Lord God to them; Behold, I will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

21. Because you have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the weak ones with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad;

22. Therefore I will save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between one lamb and another.
23. And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, my servant David shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

24. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken it.

25. And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and I will make an end in the land to the evil beasts; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

26. And I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing; and I will cause the showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

27. And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its produce, and they shall be secure in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and saved them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

28. And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

29. And I will raise up for them a plantation of renown, and they shall not be consumed any more with hunger in the land, nor suffer any more the insults of the nations.
30. Thus shall they know that I, the Lord, their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord God.

31. And you my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, says the Lord God.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it,

3. And say to it, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against you, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will make you a total desolation.

4. I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

5. Because you have had an everlasting hatred, and have shed the blood of the people of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of their final punishment;

6. Therefore, as I live, says the Lord God, I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; surely you have hated your own blood; therefore blood shall pursue you.

7. Thus will I make Mount Seir a total desolation, and cut off from it all who come and go.
8. And I will fill its mountains with its slain men; in your hills, and in your valleys, and in all your rivers, shall fall those who are slain with the sword.

9. I will make you everlasting desolations, and your cities shall not be restored; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

10. Because you have said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; though the Lord was there;

11. Therefore, as I live, says the Lord God, I will do according to your anger, and according to your envy which you showed because of your hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I shall judge you.

12. And you shall know that I am the Lord, and that I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying: They are laid desolate, they are given us to devour.

13. Thus with your mouth you have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me; I have heard them.

14. Thus says the Lord God: When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate.

15. As you rejoiced at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do to you; you shall be desolate, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it; and they shall know that I am the Lord.
1. And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord;

2. Thus says the Lord God: Because the enemy has said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession;

3. Therefore prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord God: Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that you might be a possession to the rest of the nations, and you are in the lips of talkers, and have become the vicious gossip of the people;

4. Therefore, you mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus says the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the rest of the nations that are around;

5. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, which have appointed my land to themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with disdainful minds, to cast it out for a prey.
6. Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys, Thus says the Lord God; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because you have suffered the insults of the nations;

7. Therefore thus says the Lord God: I have raised my hand, Surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own insult.

8. But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they will soon be coming.

9. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown;

10. And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the ruined places shall be rebuilt;

11. And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit; and I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

12. And I will cause men to walk upon you, my people Israel; and they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no longer bereave them of children.
13. Thus says the Lord God: Because they say to you, You are a land that devours up men, and have bereaved your nations;

14. Therefore you shall devour men no more, nor bereave your nations any more, says the Lord God.

15. And I will not allow the insult of the nations to be heard any more against you, nor shall you bear the reproach of the people any more, nor shall you cause your nations to stumble any more, said the Lord God.

16. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

17. Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings; their way was before me as the uncleanness of a menstruating woman.

18. Therefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols with which they had defiled it;

19. And I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

20. And when they came to the nations, to which they came, they profaned my holy name, when men said of them, These are the people of the Lord, and they are gone out from his land!
21. But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, to which they came.

22. Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I do not do this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for my holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations, to which you came.

23. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

24. For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you from all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25. Then I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your filthiness; and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put inside you; and I will take away the heart of stone from your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

27. And I will put my spirit inside you, and cause you to follow my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them.
28. And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29. And I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will summon the grain, and will increase it and lay no famine upon you.

30. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the produce of the field, that you shall receive no more reproach of famine among the nations.

31. Then shall you remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32. Not for your sakes do I do this, says the Lord God, let that be known to you; be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

33. Thus says the Lord God: In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the ruined places shall be rebuilt.

34. And the desolate land shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that was in the sight of all who passed by.
35. And they shall say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities have become fortified, and are inhabited.

36. Then the nations that are left around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places, and have replanted that which was desolate; I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.

37. Thus says the Lord God: This also I will let the house of Israel, ask me to do for them; I will increase their men like a flock.

38. Like the flock of sacrifices, like the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts, shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am the Lord.
1. The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the wind of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

2. And he led me around among them; and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, behold, they were very dry.

3. And he said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, you know.

4. And he said to me, Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O you dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

5. Thus says the Lord God to these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live;

6. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

7. And I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
8. And as I beheld, behold, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them.

9. And he said to me, Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

10. And I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, a very large army.

11. Then he said to me, son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.

12. Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up from your graves,

14. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall place you in your own land; then shall you know that I, the Lord, have spoken it, and performed it, says the Lord.
15. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

16. And you, son of man, take one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the people of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions;

17. And join them one to the other into one stick; and they shall become one in your hand.

18. And when your people shall speak to you, saying: Will you not tell us what you mean by these?

19. Say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions, and will put them with him, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand.

20. And the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes.

21. And say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from among the nations, where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land;
22. And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, nor shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all;

23. Nor shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them in all their dwelling places, where they have sinned, and will cleanse them; so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd; they shall also follow my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

25. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob my servant, where your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell in it, they and their children, and their grandchildren for ever; and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

26. And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27. My tabernacle also shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

28. And the nations shall know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.
1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

3. And say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal;

4. And I will turn you around, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in complete armor, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them wielding swords;

5. Persia, Cush, and Put with them; all of them with shield and helmet;

6. Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah from the farthest north, and all his bands; and many people with you.

7. Be prepared, and prepare for yourself, you, and all your company that are assembled with you, and be a guard to them.

8. After many days you shall be called upon; in the latter years you shall come against the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered from many peoples, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste; but it is brought out from the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.
9. You shall ascend and come like a storm, you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your bands, and many people with you.

10. Thus says the Lord God: It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into your mind, and you shall think an evil plot;

11. And you shall say, I will go up to the land of villages without walls; I will go to those who are at rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

12. To take booty, and to plunder; to turn your hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

13. Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all its young lions, shall say to you, Have you come to take booty? Have you gathered your company to plunder? To carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great booty?

14. Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog. Thus says the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwells securely, shall you not know it?

15. And you shall come from your place from the farthest north, you, and many people with you, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army;
16. And you shall come up against my people of Israel, like a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in you, O Gog, before their eyes.

17. Thus says the Lord God: Are you he of whom I have spoken in old times by my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them?

18. And it shall come to pass on that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, says the Lord God, that my fury shall be roused.

19. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

20. And the fishes of the sea, and the birds of the sky, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men who are upon the face of the earth, shall tremble at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

21. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, says the Lord God; every man's sword shall be against his brother.
22. And I will contend with him by pestilence and by blood; and I will rain down upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, a torrential rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.
1. And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus said the Lord God; Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal;

2. And I will turn you around, and entice you on, and will cause you to come up from the farthest north, and will bring you against the mountains of Israel;

3. And I will strike your bow from your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall from your right hand.

4. You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you, and all your bands, and the peoples that are with you; I will give you to the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

5. You shall fall upon the open field; for I have spoken it, says the Lord God.

6. And I will send a fire on Magog, and among those who dwell securely in the islands; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7. And I will make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them profane my holy name any more; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.
8. Behold, it has come, and it is done, says the Lord God; this is the day of which I have spoken.

9. And those who dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the staves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire for seven years;

10. And they shall take no wood from the field, nor cut down any from the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire; and they shall destroy those who destroyed them, and rob those who robbed them, says the Lord God.

11. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give to Gog a place for burial in Israel, the Valley of the Travellers to the east of the sea; and it shall block the path of the travellers; and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it the Valley of Hamon-Gog, (Multitude of Gog).

12. For seven months shall the house of Israel bury them, so that they may cleanse the land.

13. And all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown on the day that I shall be glorified, says the Lord God.

14. And they shall set apart men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the travellers those who remain upon the face of the earth, so as to cleanse it; after the end of seven months shall they search.
15. And the travellers who pass through the land, when any sees human bone, then he shall set up a sign by it, till the grave diggers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-Gog.

16. And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17. And you, son of man, thus says the Lord God: Speak to every feathered bird, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrificial feast that I prepare for you, a great sacrificial feast upon the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18. You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

19. And you shall eat fat till you are full, and drink blood till you are drunk, of my sacrificial feast which I have prepared for you.

20. Thus you shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, says the Lord God.

21. And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

22. And the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day forward.
23. And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into exile for their iniquity; because they dealt treacherously against me, therefore I hid my face from them, and gave them to the hand of their enemies; so they all fell by the sword.

24. According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done to them, and I hid my face from them.

25. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Now will I bring back the exile of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be zealous for my holy name;

26. They shall forget their shame, and all their faithlessness in which they have been faithless to me, when they dwelt securely in their land, and none made them afraid.

27. When I have brought them back from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

28. Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, who caused them to be led into exile among the nations; but I have gathered them to their own land, and have left there none of them any more.

29. And I will not hide my face any more from them; for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord God.
1. In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth
day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city had fallen, on that very
day the hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me there.

2. In the visions of God he brought me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a
very high mountain, on which was the structure like a city on the Negev.

3. And he brought me there, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance
was like the appearance of bronze, with a thread of flax in his hand, and a
measuring reed; and he stood at the gate.

4. And the man said to me: Son of man, behold with your eyes, and hear with
your ears, and set your heart upon all that I shall show you; for you have been
brought here so that I might show them to you; declare all that you see to the
house of Israel.

5. And behold a wall all around the outside of the house, and in the man's hand
a measuring reed of six cubits long by a cubit and a hand wide; so he measured
the width of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6. Then he came to the gate which looks toward the east, and went up its stairs,
and measured the threshold of the gate, which was one reed wide; and the other
threshold of the gate, which was one reed wide.
7. And every little chamber was one reed long, and one reed wide; and between the little chambers were five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the vestibule of the gate inside was one reed.

8. He measured also the vestibule of the gate inside, one reed.

9. Then he measured the vestibule of the gate, eight cubits; and its posts, two cubits; and the vestibule of the gate was on the inside.

10. And the little chambers of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure; and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

11. And he measured the width of the entrance of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12. And there was a border of one cubit before the little chambers on this side, and a border was one cubit on that side; and the little chambers were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13. He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another; the width was twenty five cubits, from door to door.

14. And he made his measure of the posts, sixty cubits, also for the posts of the courts around the gate.
15. And from the front of the gate of the entrance to the front of the inner vestibule of the gate were fifty cubits.

16. And there were narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts around the gate inside, and likewise to the vestibules; and windows were around inside; and upon each post were palm trees.

17. Then he brought me to the outward court, and, behold, there were chambers, and a pavement made for the court around; thirty chambers were upon the pavement.

18. And the pavement was by the side of the gates corresponding to the length of the gates; that was the lower pavement.

19. Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner court outside, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20. And he measured the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, its length and its width.

21. And its little chambers were three on this side and three on that side; and its posts and its vestibules were after the measure of the first gate; its length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty five cubits.
22. And its windows, and its vestibule, and its palm trees, were according to the measure of the gate that looks toward the east; and it was ascended by seven steps; and its vestibule lay before them.

23. And there was a gate of the inner court opposite the gate towards the north, and towards the east; and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

24. After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south; and he measured its posts and its vestibule according to these measures.

25. And there were windows in it and around its vestibule, like those windows; the length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty five cubits.

26. And there were seven steps to ascend it, and its vestibule was before them; and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon its posts.

27. And there was a gate in the inner court toward the south; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

28. And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate according to these measures;
29. And its little chambers, and its posts, and its vestibule, according to these measures; and there were windows in it and around it in its vestibule; it was fifty cubits long, and twenty five cubits wide.

30. And the vestibules around were twenty five cubits long, and five cubits wide.

31. And its vestibule was toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon its posts; and its ascent had eight steps.

32. And he brought me into the inner court toward the east; and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33. And its little chambers, and its posts, and its vestibule, were according to these measures; and there were windows in it and around its vestibule; it was fifty cubits long, and twenty five cubits wide.

34. And its vestibule was toward the outward court; and palm trees were upon its posts, on this side, and on that side; and its ascent had eight steps.

35. And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures;

36. Its little chambers, its posts, and its vestibule, and the windows around it; the length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty five cubits.
37. And its posts were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon its posts, on this side, and on that side; and its ascent had eight steps.

38. And its chambers and its entries were by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

39. And in the vestibule of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay on it the burnt offering and the sin offering and the guilt offering.

40. And at the side outside, as one goes up to the entrance of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at the vestibule of the gate, were two tables.

41. Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, upon which they slew their sacrifices.

42. And the four tables were of cut stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high; upon which they laid the instruments with which they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43. And inside were hooks, a hand wide, fastened around; and upon the tables was the meat of the offering.
44. And outside the inner gate were the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and they faced toward the south; one at the side of the east gate facing toward the north.

45. And he said to me, This chamber, which faces toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46. And the chamber which faces toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar; these are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, who come near the Lord to minister to him.

47. And he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits wide, foursquare; and the altar that was before the house.

48. And he brought me to the vestibule of the house, and measured each post of the vestibule, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side; and the width of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49. The length of the vestibule was twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits; and he brought me by the steps whereby they went up to it; and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.
1. And he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits wide on the one side, and six cubits wide on the other side, which was the width of the tabernacle.

2. And the width of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side; and he measured its length, forty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits.

3. Then he came to the interior, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the width of the door, seven cubits.

4. And he measured its length, twenty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits, according to the width of the temple; and he said to me, This is the Most Holy place.

5. And he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the width of every side chamber, four cubits, around the house on every side.

6. And the side chambers were one over another thirty three times; and there were recesses in the wall which was of the house for the side chambers around, that they might have hold, so that they were not fastened into the wall of the house.
7. And the side chambers became wider as one circled higher and higher; for the winding around of the house went still upward around the house; therefore the width of the house continued upward; and thus one ascended from the lowest level to the highest level by the middle.

8. I saw also that the house had a platform around it; the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six long cubits.

9. The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chamber on the outside, was five cubits; and so was that which was left by the place of the side chambers of the house.

10. And between the chambers was the width of twenty cubits around the house on every side.

11. And the doors of the side chambers were towards the place that was left, one door towards the north, and another door towards the south; and the width of the place that was left was five cubits around.

12. And the building that was before the main wing on the western side was seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick around, and its length was ninety cubits.

13. And he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the main wing and the building, with its walls, a hundred cubits long;
14. Also the width of the front of the house, and of the main wing towards the east, a hundred cubits.

15. And he measured the length of the building in front of the main wing which was behind it, and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the vestibules of the court;

16. The thresholds, and the narrow windows, and the galleries around those three; opposite the threshold was a wood panelling all around, so the space from the ground up to the windows, and the windows, were covered;

17. Likewise to the space above the door, to the inner house, and outside, and on all the wall around inside and outside, by measure.

18. And it was made with Cherubim and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a Cherub and a Cherub; and every Cherub had two faces;

19. So that the face of a man was towards the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion towards the palm tree on the other side; thus it was made through all the house around.

20. From the ground to above the door were Cherubim and palm trees, and so on the wall of the temple.

21. The posts of the temple were squared, and likewise the front of the sanctuary; the appearance of the one as the appearance of the other.
22. The altar of wood was three cubits high, and its length two cubits; and it had corners; its length and its walls were of wood; and he said to me, This is the table that is before the Lord.

23. And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24. And the doors had two leaves each, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other door.

25. And there were fashioned on them, on the doors of the temple, Cherubim and palm trees, such as the ones upon the walls; and there were thick planks on the front of the vestibule outside.

26. And there were narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the vestibule, and upon the side chambers of the house, and on the thick planks.
1. Then he brought me out into the outer court, the way toward the north; and he brought me into the chamber that was opposite the main wing, and which was before the building toward the north.

2. The length of the front of the building was hundred cubits, with the door on the north, and the width was fifty cubits.

3. Adjoining the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and facing the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery against gallery in three stories.

4. And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits width inside, a way of one cubit; and their doors were towards the north.

5. And the upper chambers were shorter; for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower, and the middlemost, in the building.

6. For they were in three stories, but did not have pillars as the pillars of the courts; therefore it was set back from the ground more than the lowest and the middle ones.

7. And the length of the wall that was outside opposite the chambers, towards the outer court on the front of the chambers was fifty cubits.
8. For the length of the chambers that belonged to the outer court was fifty cubits; and, behold, before the temple were a hundred cubits.

9. And from under these chambers was the entrance on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.

10. The chambers were set in the thickness of the wall of the court towards the east, opposite the main wing, and opposite the building.

11. With a way before them; like the appearance of the chambers which were towards the north, as long as they, and as wide as they; with all their exits, according to their fashions; and as their doors,

12. So were also the doors of the chambers that were towards the south; there was a door in the head of the way, the way directly before the wall towards the east, as one enters into them.

13. And he said to me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the main wing, they are holy chambers, where the priests who approach to the Lord shall eat the Most Holy things; there shall they lay the Most Holy things, and the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; for the place is holy.
14. When the priests enter in it, then shall they not go from the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments in which they minister; for they are holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which belong to the people.

15. And when he finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out towards the gate which faced the east, and measured it around.

16. He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed around.

17. He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed around.

18. He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

19. He turned to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20. He measured it by the four sides; it had a wall around, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred wide, to make a separation between the holy and the common.
1. And he brought me to the gate that looks towards the east;

2. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east; and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with his glory.

3. And the appearance of the vision which I saw was like the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the Chebar river; and I fell upon my face.

4. And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate which faced towards the east.

5. And a spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house.

6. And I heard him speaking to me from the house; and a man stood by me.

7. And he said to me, Son of man, behold the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the people of Israel for ever; and the house of Israel shall not profane my holy name any more, not they, nor their kings, by their harlotry, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.
8. In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and only the wall between me and them, they have profaned my holy name by their abominations that they have committed; therefore I have consumed them in my anger.

9. And let them put away their harlotry, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in their midst for ever.

10. You, son of man, describe the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.

11. And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, describe to them the form of the house, and its fashion, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its ordinances, and all its shapes, and all its laws; and write it in their sight, that they may keep its whole form, and all its ordinances, and do them.

12. This is the Torah of the house; Upon the top of the mountain its whole limit around it shall be Most Holy. Behold, this is the Torah of the house.

13. And these are the measures of the altar by cubits; The cubit is a cubit and a hand wide; the bottom shall be a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border by its surrounding edge shall be a span; and this shall be the higher place of the altar.
14. And from the bottom upon the ground to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the width one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the width one cubit.

15. And the altar shall be four cubits high; and from the altar and upwards shall be four horns.

16. And the altar hearth shall be a square, twelve cubits long by twelve wide.

17. And the ledge shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen wide in its four sides; and the border around it shall be a cubit around; and its stairs shall face the east.

18. And he said to me, son of man, thus says the Lord God: These are the ordinances of the altar on the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings on it, and to sprinkle blood on it.

19. And you shall give to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who come near me, to minister to me, says the Lord God, a young bull for a sin offering.

20. And you shall take of its blood, and put it on its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and upon the surrounding border; thus shall you cleanse and purge it.
21. You shall take the bull also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary.

22. And on the second day you shall offer a male goat without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed with the bull.

23. When you have finished cleansing it, you shall offer a young bull without blemish, and a ram from the flock without blemish.

24. And you shall offer them before the Lord, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering to the Lord.

25. Seven days shall you prepare every day a goat for a sin offering; they shall also prepare a young bull, and a ram from the flock, without blemish.

26. Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate it.

27. And when these days are ended, it shall be, that from the eighth day onward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, said the Lord God.
1. Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces the east; and it was closed.

2. Then says the Lord to me; This gate shall be closed, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it; because the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it, therefore it shall be closed.

3. As for the prince, he, being the prince, shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by the way of the vestibule of that gate, and shall go out the same way.

4. Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

5. And the Lord said to me, son of man, mark well, and behold with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord, and all its laws; and mark well the entrance of the house, with all the exits of the sanctuary.

6. And you shall say to the rebellious, to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: O house of Israel, let it be and end to all your abominations,
7. In that you have brought into my sanctuary foreigners, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to defile it, my house, when you offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

8. And you have not kept the charge of my holy things; but you have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary to please yourselves.

9. Thus says the Lord God: No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the people of Israel, shall enter into my sanctuary.

10. And the Levites who went far from me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from me after their idols; they shall bear their iniquity.

11. And they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them.

12. Because they ministered to them before their idols, and became a stumbling block to the house of Israel; therefore I have raised my hand against them, says the Lord God, and they shall bear their iniquity.
13. And they shall not come near to me, to do the office of a priest to me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the Most Holy place; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14. And I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all its service, and for all that shall be done in it.

15. But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of my sanctuary when the people of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister to me, and they shall stand before me to offer to me the fat and the blood, says the Lord God;

16. They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my charge.

17. And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and inside.

18. They shall have linen turbans upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causes sweat.
19. And when they go out into the outer court, into the outer court to the people, they shall take off their garments with which they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20. And they shall not shave their heads, nor let their locks grow long; they shall only trim their heads.

21. And no priest shall drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22. And they shall not take widows or divorced women for wives, but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest.

23. And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24. And in a controversy they act as judges; and they shall judge it according to my judgments; and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed times; and they shall sanctify my sabbaths.

25. And they shall not defile themselves by coming near to a dead person; however for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother or for a sister who had no husband, they may defile themselves.
26. And after he is cleansed, they shall count to him seven days.

27. And in the day that he goes into the sanctuary, to the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, said the Lord God.

28. And it shall be to them for an inheritance; I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession.

29. They shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30. And the first of all the first fruits of all things, and every offering, of all your offerings, shall belong to the priests; you shall also give to the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause a blessing to rest in your house.

31. The priests shall not eat of any thing that dies of itself, or is torn, whether it is bird or beast.
1. And, when you shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer a gift to the Lord, a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of twenty five thousand reeds, and the width shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all its surrounding borders.

2. Of this there shall be a square plot for the sanctuary, five hundred in length by five hundred in width, and fifty cubits around for its open spaces.

3. And of this measure shall you measure a length of twenty five thousand, and a width of ten thousand; and in it shall be the sanctuary and the Most Holy place.

4. The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to the Lord; and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5. And an area of twenty five thousand in length, and ten thousand in width, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves for a possession, twenty districts.

6. And you shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand wide, and twenty five thousand long, adjoining the designated portion of holy area; it shall be for the whole house of Israel.
7. And a portion shall be for the prince on either side of the designated holy area, and of the possession of the city, in front of the designated holy area, and in front of the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward; and the length shall correspond to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.

8. It shall be his possession of the land in Israel; and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9. Thus says the Lord God: Enough, O princes of Israel; put away violence and oppression, and execute judgment and justice, cease your exactions from my people, says the Lord God.

10. You shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bat.

11. The ephah and the bat shall be of one measure, that the bat may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer; its measure shall be according to the homer.

12. And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, twenty five shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your mina.
13. This is the offering that you shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of wheat, and you shall give the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of barley;

14. Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bat of oil, you shall offer the tenth part of a bat from the kor, which is a homer of ten bats; for ten bats are a homer;

15. And one lamb from the flock, out of two hundred, from the well watered pastures of Israel; for a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to atone for them, says the Lord God.

16. All the people of the land shall give this offering for the prince in Israel.

17. And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meal offerings, and drink offerings, at the feasts, the new moons, and the sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel; he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meal offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to atone for the house of Israel.

18. Thus says the Lord God: In the first month, on the first day of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary;

19. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the door posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and upon the door posts of the gate of the inner court.
20. And so you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who sins in error or ignorance; so shall you make atonement for the house.

21. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22. And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering.

23. And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the Lord, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering.

24. And he shall prepare a meal offering of an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil for an ephah.

25. In the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, he shall do the same in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, according to the meal offering, and according to the oil.
1. Thus says the Lord God: The gate of the inner court that faces the east shall be closed the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2. And the prince shall enter by the way of the vestibule of that gate from outside, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall bow down at the threshold of the gate; then he shall go out; but the gate shall not be closed until the evening.

3. Likewise the people of the land shall bow down at the door of this gate before the Lord on the sabbaths and the new moons.

4. And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer to the Lord on the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5. And the meal offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

6. And on the day of the new moon it shall be a young bull without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish.

7. And he shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according to his means, and a hin of oil to an ephah.
8. And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the vestibule of that gate, and he shall go out by the same way.

9. But when the people of the land shall come before the Lord in the solemn feasts, he who enters in by the way of the north gate to bow down shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go out by the way of the north gate; he shall not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go out straight ahead.

10. And the prince in their midst, when they go in, he shall go in; and when they go out, he shall go out.

11. And in the feasts and in the appointed seasons the meal offering shall be an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according to his means, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

12. And when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offering to the Lord, the gate facing east shall be opened for him, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day; then he shall go out; and after he goes out, the gate shall be closed.

13. And you shall daily prepare a burnt offering to the Lord of a year old lamb without blemish; you shall prepare it every morning.
14. And you shall prepare a meal offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour; a meal offering continually by an everlasting ordinance to the Lord.

15. Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt offering.

16. Thus says the Lord God: If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons, it shall be its inheritance, it shall be its sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance.

17. But if he gives a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

18. And the prince shall not take any of the inheritance of the people to thrust them wrongfully out of their possession; but he shall give inheritance to his sons from his own possession; that my people should not be scattered every man from his possession.

19. Then he brought me through the entrance, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which faced the north; and, behold, there was a place on the far side westward.
20. And he said to me, This is the place where the priests shall cook the guilt offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meal offering; so that they should not carry them to the outer court, to sanctify the people.

21. Then he brought me out to the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.

22. In the four corners of the court there were small courts, forty cubits long and thirty wide; these four corners were of one measure.

23. And there was a row of masonry around them, around the four, and it was made with cooking hearths under the surrounding rows.

24. And he said to me, These are the places of those who cook, where the ministers of the house shall cook the sacrifice of the people.
1. And he brought me back to the door of the house; and, behold, waters flowed from under the threshold of the house eastward; for the front of the house faced to the east, and water run out from beneath the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

2. And he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me around the way outside to the outer gate by the way that faces to the east; and, behold, there ran out water on the right side.

3. And when the man who had the line in his hand went out eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the water; the water reached the ankles.

4. And he measured a thousand, and brought me through the water; the water reached the knees. And he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the water reached the loins.

5. And he measured a further thousand; and it was a stream that I could not pass over; for the water had risen, water to swim in, a stream that could not be passed over.

6. And he said to me, Son of man, have you seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the edge of the stream.

7. And when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the stream were many trees on one side and on the other.
8. And he said to me, These waters flow out towards the eastern region, and go down to the Arabah, to the sea; and when they enter the sea, the waters shall be healed.

9. And it shall come to pass, that every thing that lives, which moves, wherever the streams shall come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come there; for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live where the stream comes.

10. And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Ein-Gedi as far as Ein-Eglayim; they shall be a place for spreading nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, a great many like the fish of the Great Sea.

11. But its swamps and its marshes shall not be healed; they shall be left for salt.

12. And by the stream, upon its bank, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for food, whose leaf shall not wither, nor shall its fruit fail; it shall bring forth fresh fruit every month, because the waters for them flow from the sanctuary; and their fruit shall be for food, and their leaves for healing.

13. Thus says the Lord God: This shall be the border, according to which you shall divide the land for inheritance to the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph shall have two portions.
14. And you shall inherit it, one as well as another; concerning which I raised my hand to give it to your fathers; and this land shall fall to you for inheritance.

15. And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the Great Sea, by the way of Hethlon, as you go to Zedad;

16. Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; middle Hazar, which is by the coast of Hauran.

17. And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-Enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side.

18. And the east side you shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and between the land of Israel and the Jordan, from the border to the east sea. And this is the east side.

19. And the south side southward, from Tamar to the waters of Meribot-Kadesh, to the river, as far as the Great Sea. And this is south side towards the Negev.

20. The west side also shall be the Great Sea from the border, as far as opposite the entrance to Hamath. This is the west side.

21. And you shall divide this land for yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.
22. And it shall come to pass, that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance to you, and to the foreigners who sojourn among you, who shall father children among you; and they shall be to you as those born in the country among the people of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23. And it shall come to pass, that in whatever tribe the foreigner sojourns, there shall you give him his inheritance, says the Lord God.
1. And these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goes to Hamath, Hazar-Enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; a portion for Dan.

2. And by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Asher.

3. And by the border of Asher, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Naphtali.

4. And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Manasseh.

5. And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Ephraim.

6. And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Reuben.

7. And by the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Judah.
8. And by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the offering which you shall offer of twenty five thousand reeds in width, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side to the west side; and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9. The portion that you shall designate to the Lord shall be of twenty five thousand in length, and of ten thousand in width.

10. And for them, for the priests, shall be this holy portion; toward the north twenty five thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in width, and toward the east ten thousand in width, and toward the south twenty five thousand in length; and the sanctuary of the Lord shall be in its midst.

11. It shall belong to the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; who have kept my charge, who did not go astray when the people of Israel went astray, as the other Levites went astray.

12. And it shall be to them a section set apart from the designated portion of the land, a thing Most Holy, by the border of the Levites.

13. And opposite the border of the priests the Levites shall have twenty five thousand in length, and ten thousand in width; all the length shall be twenty five thousand, and the width ten thousand.
14. And they shall not sell any of it, nor exchange, nor alienate that choice portion of the land; for it is holy to the Lord.

15. And the five thousand, that are left in the width over against the twenty five thousand, shall be for common use for the city, for dwelling, and for open land; and the city shall be in its midst.

16. And these shall be its measures; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.

17. And the open lands of the city shall be towards the north two hundred and fifty, and towards the south two hundred and fifty, and towards the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

18. And the remnant in length corresponding to the designated holy portion shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be alongside the designated holy portion; and its produce shall be for food to those who work in the city.

19. And those who work in the city shall work in it from all the tribes of Israel.

20. And the designated portion shall be twenty five thousand by twenty five thousand; you shall designate the holy portion square, including the possession of the city.
21. And the remnant shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, in front of the twenty five thousand of the designated area to the east border, and westward opposite the twenty five thousand to the west border, opposite the portions for the prince; and it shall be the holy area; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in its midst.

22. And thus the possession of the Levites, and the possession of the city, shall be in the midst of that which is the prince's; between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be the portion of the prince.

23. As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west side, Benjamin shall have a portion.

24. And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Shimeon shall have a portion.

25. And by the border of Shimeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar shall have a portion.

26. And by the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun shall have a portion.

27. And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad shall have a portion.

28. And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be from Tamar to the waters of Meribot-Kadesh, and to the river toward the Great Sea.
29. This is the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, says the Lord God.

30. And these are the exits of the city: on the north side, the wall having a length of four thousand and five hundred measures.

31. And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel; three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

32. And at the east side there is a measure of four thousand and five hundred; and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33. And at the south side there is a measure of four thousand and five hundred; and three gates; one gate of Shimeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

34. At the west side there is a measure of four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

35. It shall be eighteen thousand measures around; and the name of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there.
1. The word of the Lord that came to Hoshea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

2. When the Lord spoke at first through Hoshea, the Lord said to Hoshea: Go, take a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry, for the land has committed great harlotry, departing from the Lord.

3. So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; who conceived, and bore him a son.

4. And the Lord said to him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease.

5. And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

6. And she conceived again, and bore a daughter. And God said to him, Call her name Unpitied, (Lo-Ruhamah); for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will completely take them away.
7. But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, nor by horses, nor by horsemen.

8. And when she had weaned Unpitied, she conceived, and bore a son.

9. Then God said, Call his name Not my people, (Lo-Ammi), for you are not my people, and I will not be your God.
1. And the number of the people of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor counted; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said to them, You are not my people, there it shall be said to them, You are the sons of the living God.

2. Then shall the people of Judah and the people of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up from the land; for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

3. Say to your brothers, My people, (Ammi); and to your sisters, Pity, (Ruhamah).

4. Plead with your mother, plead; for she is not my wife, nor am I her husband; let her therefore put away her harlotry away from of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

5. Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.

6. And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they are the children of harlotry.
7. For their mother has played the harlot; she who conceived them has done shamefully; for she said, I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.

8. Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and make a wall against her, that she shall not find her paths.

9. And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but she shall not find them; then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then it was better for me than now.

10. For she did not know that it was I who gave her grain, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they used for the Baal.

11. Therefore I will return, and take back my grain in its time, and my wine in its season, and will recover my wool and my flax which were to cover her nakedness.

12. And now will I uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her from my hand.

13. I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.
14. And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, about which she said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

15. And I will punish her for the days of the Baalim, on which she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, says the Lord.

16. Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her.

17. And I will give her vineyards from there, and the valley of Achor for a Gate of Hope; and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came out of the land of Egypt.

18. And it shall be at that day, says the Lord, that you shall call me My husband ("Ishi"); and shall no more call me My master ("Baali").

19. For I will take away the names of Baalim from her mouth, and they shall no more be mentioned by their name.

20. And in that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground; and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them lie down safely.
21. And I will betroth you to me for ever; I will betroth you to me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in grace, and in mercies.

22. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know the Lord.

23. And it shall come to pass in that day, I will answer, says the Lord, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth;

24. And the earth shall answer the grain, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall answer Jezreel.

25. And I will sow her to me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her who had Not Obtained Mercy; and I will say to them who were Not Ny People, You are my people; and they shall say, You are my God.
1. Then said the Lord to me, Go again, love a woman who is beloved of a lover, and an adulteress; even as the love of the Lord toward the people of Israel, who look to other gods, and love cakes of raisins.

2. So I bought her for me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for a homer of barley, and a letekh of barley;

3. And I said to her, You shall remain as mine for many days; you shall not play the harlot, and you shall not be for another man; so will I also be for you.

4. For the people of Israel shall remain many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without a pillar, and without an ephod, and without family idols;

5. Afterwards shall the people of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.
1. Hear the word of the Lord, people of Israel; for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, no mercy, no knowledge of God in the land.

2. There is swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and blood leads to blood.

3. Therefore shall the land mourn, and everyone who dwells in it shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of heaven; the fishes of the sea shall also be taken away.

4. Yet let no man strive, and let none accuse; for your people are like those who strive with the priest.

5. Therefore you shall fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with you in the night, and I will destroy your mother.

6. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall not be a priest to me; seeing that you have forgotten the Torah of your God, I will also forget your children.

7. As they were increased, so they sinned against me; therefore will I change their glory into shame.
8. They feed on the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

9. And it shall be, like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them for their doings.

10. For they shall eat, and not have enough; they shall commit harlotry, and shall not increase; because they have ceased to take heed to the Lord.

11. Harlotry and wine and new wine take away the heart.

12. My people ask counsel of a piece of wood, and their staff declares to them! For the spirit of harlotry has caused them to err, and they have left their God to play the harlot.

13. They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and terebinths, because their shadow is good; therefore your daughters shall commit harlotry, and your brides shall commit adultery.

14. I will not punish your daughters when they commit harlotry, nor your brides when they commit adultery; for they themselves go aside with harlots, and they sacrifice with cult prostitutes; therefore the people who do not understand shall fall.

15. Though you, Israel, play the harlot, let not Judah also be guilty; and do not come to Gilgal, nor go up to Beth-Aven, nor swear, As the Lord lives.
16. For Israel is stubborn as a stubborn heifer. Shall the Lord now feed them like a lamb in a large pasture?

17. Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone.

18. Their drunken bout is over; their harlotry is done; they have had their fill of love; their shield is disgrace.

19. The wind has bound her up in its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.
1. Hear this, O priests; and listen, O house of Israel; and give ear, O house of the king; for yours is the judgment, because you have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.

2. And the revolters are deep dyed in slaughter, and I am rejected by them all.

3. I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me; for now, O Ephraim, you commit harlotry, and Israel is defiled.

4. Their doings do not permit them to return to their God; for the spirit of harlotry is in the midst of them, and they have not known the Lord.

5. And the pride of Israel testifies to his face; therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.

6. They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the Lord; but they shall not find him; he has withdrawn himself from them.

7. They have dealt treacherously against the Lord; for they have fathered alien children; now a month shall devour them with their portions.

8. Blow the shofar in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah; cry aloud in Beth-Aven. They are after you, O Benjamin.
9. Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke; among the tribes of Israel I have made known that which shall surely be.

10. The princes of Judah are like those who remove the landmark; therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.

11. Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after a command.

12. Therefore I will be to Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

13. When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb; but he is not able to heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

14. For I will be to Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah; I will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall save him.

15. I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face; in their affliction they will seek me saying,
1. Come, and let us return to the Lord; for he has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck, and he will bind us up.

2. After two days he will revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

3. Let us know, let us follow on to know the Lord; his going forth is sure as the morning; and he shall come to us as the rain, as the latter rains that water the earth.

4. O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your goodness is like the morning mist, and like the dew that early goes away.

5. Therefore have I hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth; and your judgments are as the light that goes forth.

6. For I desired loyal love, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7. But they like Adam have transgressed the covenant; there have they dealt treacherously against me.

8. Gilead is a city of those who work iniquity, and it is polluted with blood.
9. And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so does the company of priests; they murder on the way to Shechem; for they commit lewdness.

10. I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel; there is harlotry in Ephraim, Israel is defiled.

11. Also, O Judah, he has set a harvest for you. When I would have returned the captivity of my people,
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1. When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria; for they commit falsehood; and the thief comes in, and the bandits rob outside.

2. And they do not consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness; now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

3. They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

4. They are all adulterers, like a heated oven, whose baker ceases to stock the fire, from the kneading of the dough, until it is leavened.

5. On the day of our king, the princes became sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.

6. For they have made ready their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait; their baker sleeps all the night; in the morning it burns as a flaming fire.

7. They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings have fallen; there is none among them who calls to me.

8. Ephraim mixes himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.
9. Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knows it not; yes, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knows not.

10. And the pride of Israel testifies to his face; and they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek him for all this.

11. Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart; they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

12. As they go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down like the birds of the sky; I will chastise them, as their congregation has heard.

13. Woe to them, for they have fled from me! Destruction to them, because they have transgressed against me! I would have redeemed them, but they have spoken lies against me.

14. And they have not cried to me with their heart, but they howl upon their beds; they assemble themselves for grain and wine, and they rebel against me.

15. Though I have trained them and strengthened their arms, yet they plan mischief against me.

16. They turn to them, but to no avail; they are like a deceitful bow; their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue; this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.
1. Set the shofar to your mouth. He shall come like an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my Torah.

2. Israel shall cry to me, My God, we know you.

3. Israel has cast off the thing that is good; the enemy shall pursue him.

4. They have set up kings, but not by me; they have made princes, and I knew it not; they have made themselves idols from their silver and gold, that they may be cut off.

5. Your calf, O Samaria, has cast you off; my anger is kindled against them; how long will it be before they attain to innocency?

6. For from Israel was it also; the workman made it; it is not God; but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

7. For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the stormy wind; it has no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal; if, perhaps, it yields, strangers shall swallow it up.

8. Israel is swallowed up; now shall they be among the nations like a useless vessel.
9. For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself; Ephraim has hired lovers.

10. Though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and in a little while they will tremble at the burden of a king and princes.

11. Because Ephraim has multiplied altars for sinning, the altars have become to him altars for sinning.

12. Though I write for him the great things of my Torah, they are regarded as a strange thing.

13. As for the sacrifices that they burn for me, let them slaughter the flesh and eat; but the Lord does not desire them; now will he remember their iniquity, and punish their sins; they shall return to Egypt.

14. For Israel has forgotten his Maker, and builds palaces; and Judah has multiplied fortified cities; but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour their palaces.
1. Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people; for you have played the harlot, against your God; you have loved a harlot's hire upon every threshing floor.

2. The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail her.

3. They shall not dwell in the Lord's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean food in Assyria.

4. They shall not offer wine offerings to the Lord, nor shall they be pleasing to him; their sacrifices shall be to them as the bread of mourners; all who eat of it shall be polluted; for their bread shall be for their hunger only; it shall not come into the house of the Lord.

5. What will you do on the solemn day, and on the day of the feast of the Lord?
The prophet is the watchman of Ephraim, with my God; a fowler's snare is in all his ways, and enmity in the house of his God.

9. They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah; therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will punish their sins.

10. I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first ripe fruit in the fig tree at her first season; but when they came to Baal-Peor, they dedicated themselves to that shame; and they became abominable like the thing which they loved.

11. As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, no birth, no pregnancy, no conception.

12. Though they bring up their children, I will bereave them, that there shall not be a man left; woe also to them when I depart from them!

13. Ephraim, as I saw Tyre, is planted in a pleasant place; but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

14. Give them, O Lord; what will you give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

15. All their wickedness is in Gilgal; for there I hated them; for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of my house, I will love them no more; all their princes are rebellious.
16. Ephraim is struck, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit; though they bring forth, yet I will slay even the beloved fruit of their womb.

17. My God will cast them away, because they did not listen to him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.
Hosea Chapter 10

1. Israel is an empty vine, how should he bring forth fruit to himself? as his fruit increased, so has he multiplied his altars; the more goodly was his land, the more he improved his pillars.

2. Their heart is divided; now shall they be found guilty; he shall break down their altars, he shall destroy their pillars.

3. For now they shall say, We have no king, because we did not fear the Lord; what then should a king do for us?

4. They have spoken mere words, swearing falsely in making a covenant; this judgment springs up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5. The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Beth-Aven; for its people shall mourn over it, and its priests who rejoiced on it, for its glory, because it is departed from it.

6. It shall also be carried to Assyria for a present to king Jareb; Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

7. As for Samaria, her king is cut off like foam upon the water.

8. The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed; the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.
9. O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah; there they remained; Shall not war overtake them, these children of iniquity, as in Gibeah?

10. When I so desire I will chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they are harnessed for labor in their two furrows.

11. And Ephraim is like a well trained heifer, that loves to tread out the grain; but I passed over her fair neck; I will make Ephraim ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.

12. Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till he comes and rains righteousness upon you.

13. You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped iniquity; you have eaten the fruit of lies; because you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your mighty men.

14. Therefore a tumult shall arise among your people, and all your fortresses shall be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth-Arbel in the day of the battle; the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children.

15. So shall Beth-El do to you because of your great wickedness; at dawn shall the king of Israel be cut off completely.
Hosea

Hosea Chapter 11

1. When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

2. As they called them, so they went from them; they sacrificed to the Baalim, and burned incense to carved idols.

3. I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

4. I drew them with human cords, with bands of love; and I was to them like those who take off the yoke from their jaws, and I laid food to them.

5. He should not have returned to the land of Egypt, nor should an Assyrian have been his king. Because they refused to return,

6. The sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels.

7. And my people are bent on turning away from me; though they called them to rise, none at all would raise himself.

8. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I turn you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I set you as Zeboim? My heart is turned inside me, all my compassion is kindled.
9. I will not execute the fierceness of my anger, I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in your midst; and I will not enter into the city.

10. They shall walk after the Lord; he shall roar like a lion. When he shall roar, then the children shall come trembling from the west.

11. They shall tremble like a bird from Egypt, and like a dove from the land of Assyria; and I will place them in their houses, says the Lord.
1. Ephraim surrounded me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah still rules with God, and is faithful with the holy ones.

2. Ephraim guards the wind, and follows after the east wind; he daily increases lies and desolation; and they make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried to Egypt.

3. The Lord has also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he reward him.

4. He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had strove with God;

5. And he strove with an angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication to him; he found him in Beth-El, and there he spoke with us;

6. And the Lord is the God of hosts; the Lord is his name.

7. Therefore turn to your God; keep loving kindness and judgment, and wait on your God continually.

8. As for the trader, the scales of deceit are in his hand; he loves to oppress.
9. And Ephraim said, I have become rich, I have found wealth for myself; in all my labors they shall find no iniquity in me that was a sin.

10. And I, who am the Lord your God from the land of Egypt, will yet make you dwell in tents, as in the days of the appointed feast.

11. I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used parables through the prophets.

12. Gilead is iniquitous; they have become mere vanity; they sacrifice bulls in Gilgal; their altars are like heaps in the furrows of the fields.

13. And Jacob fled into the country of Aram, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.

14. And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

15. Ephraim provoked him to anger most bitterly; therefore shall he leave his blood guilt upon him, and the Lord shall requite his reproach on him.
Hosea Chapter 13

1. When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he became guilty through the Baal, he died.

2. And now they sin more and more, and have made for themselves molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of craftsmen; they say of them, Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves.

3. Therefore they shall be like the morning mist, and like the dew that passes away early, like the chaff that is driven by the wind out of the floor, and like the smoke from the chimney.

4. And I am the Lord your God from the land of Egypt, and you know no god but me; for there is no savior beside me.

5. I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.

6. According to their pasture, they became full; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore they have forgotten me.

7. Therefore I will be to them as a lion; as a leopard by the way will I observe them;

8. I will meet them like a bear that is bereaved of her cubs, and will tear their closed up heart, and there I will devour them like a lion; the wild beast shall tear them.
9. O Israel, you have destroyed yourself; for you are against me, against your help.

10. I will be your king. Who will save you in all your cities? And your judges, of whom you said, Give me a king and princes?

11. I gave you a king in my anger, and took him away in my wrath.

12. The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is kept in store.

13. The pangs of a laboring woman shall come upon him; he is an unwise son; for he should not tarry where children break forth.

14. Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from death? O death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your destruction? Compassion shall be hidden from my eyes.

15. Though he may flourish like the reed grass, an east wind shall come, the wind of the Lord shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up; it shall strip his treasure of all precious vessels.
1. Samaria shall be found guilty; for she has rebelled against her God; they shall fall by the sword; their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women shall be ripped up.

2. O Israel, return to the Lord your God; for you have stumbled in your iniquity.

3. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord; say to him: Forgive all iniquity, and receive us graciously; so will we offer the words of our lips instead of calves.

4. Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; nor shall we say any more to the work of our hands, You are our gods; for in you the orphan finds mercy.

5. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for my anger is turned away from him.

6. I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall flower like the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

7. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like the Lebanon.

8. Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive like the grain, and blossom like the vine; their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.
9. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I answer him, and look on him; I am like an evergreen cypress tree. From me comes your fruit.

10. Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is prudent, let him know them; for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just walk in them; but the transgressors shall stumble in them.
Joel Chapter 1

1. The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2. Hear this, you old men, and give ear, all you inhabitants of the land. Has such a thing been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

3. Tell you your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

4. That which the cutting locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; which the swarming locust has left, the hopping locust has eaten; and that which the hopping locust has left, the destroying locust has eaten.

5. Awake, you drunkards, and weep; and howl, all you drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, for it is cut off from your mouth.

6. For a nation has come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he has the fangs of a lioness.

7. He has laid my vine waste, and splintered my fig tree; he has made it clean bare, and thrown it down; its branches are made white.

8. Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.
9. The meal offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the Lord; the priests, the Lord's ministers, mourn.

10. The field is wasted, the land mourns; for the grain is wasted; the new wine is dried up, the oil languishes.

11. Be you ashamed, O you farmers; howl, O you vine dressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished.

12. The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languishes; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, all the trees of the field, are withered; because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

13. Gird yourselves, and lament, you priests; howl, you ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God; for the meal offering and the drink offering is withheld from the house of your God.

14. Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry to the Lord.

15. Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

16. Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God?
17. The seed shrivels under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the grain is withered.

18. How do the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yes, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

19. O Lord, to you I cry; for the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame has burned all the trees of the field.

20. The beasts of the field cry also to you; for the water streams have dried up, and the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.
1. Blow the shofar in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord comes, for it is near at hand;

2. A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness. Like twilight spread upon the mountains; a great and mighty people; there has never been the like, nor shall be any more after them, through the years of many generations.

3. A fire devours before them; and behind them a flame burns; the land is like the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; and nothing escapes them.

4. The appearance of them is like the appearance of horses; and like horsemen they run.

5. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, like a strong people set in battle array.

6. At their presence the people are in anguish; all faces are covered with blackness.

7. They run like mighty men; they climb the wall like men of war; and they march everyone on his ways, and they do not break their ranks;
8. Nor does one thrust another; they walk everyone in his path; and when they burst through the weapons, they are not wounded.

9. They run to and fro in the city; they run upon the wall, they climb up into the houses; they enter by the windows like a thief.

10. The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble; the sun and the moon are dark, and the stars withdraw their shining;

11. And the Lord utters his voice before his army; for his camp is very large; for he who executes his word is strong; for the day of the Lord is great and very awesome; and who can abide it?

12. Yet even now, says the Lord, turn to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning;

13. And tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repents of the evil.

14. Who knows if he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him; a meal offering and a drink offering to the Lord your God?

15. Blow the shofar in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly;
16. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go out of his room, and the bride out of her chamber.

17. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the vestibule and the altar, and let them say, Spare your people, O Lord, and give not your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the people, Where is their God?

18. Then the Lord was zealous for his land, and pitied his people.

19. And the Lord answered and said to his people, Behold, I will send you grain, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with that; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations;

20. But I will remove far off from you the northerner, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the eastern sea, and his rear toward the western sea, and his stench and foul smell shall rise, though he has done great things.

21. Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice; for the Lord will do great things.

22. Be not afraid, you beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness shall spring, for the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and the vine yield their strength.
23. Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given you the first rain in due measure, and he has brought down for you the rain in the first month, the former rain, and the latter rain.

24. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25. And I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten, the hopping locust, and the destroying locust, and the cutting locust, my great army which I sent among you.

26. And you shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be ashamed.

27. And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else; and my people shall never be ashamed.
1. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions;

2. And also upon the servants and upon the maidservants in those days will I pour out my spirit.

3. And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

4. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the awesome day of the Lord come.

5. And it shall come to pass, that whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the remnant those whom the Lord shall call.
1. For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

2. I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will enter into judgment with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and have divided my land.

3. And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

4. And also, What are you to me, O Tyre, and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? Are you paying me back for something? If you are paying me back, swiftly and speedily I will return your deed upon your own head;

5. Because you have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly treasures;

6. And the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem have you sold to the Javanim, removing them far from their own border.

7. Behold, I will raise them from the place where you have sold them, and will return your deed upon your own head;
8. And I will sell your sons and your daughters to the hand of the people of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off; for the Lord has spoken it.

9. Proclaim this among the nations; Prepare war, stir up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up;

10. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong.

11. Hasten and come, all you nations, and gather yourselves together around; cause your mighty ones to come down, O Lord.

12. Let the nations be stirred up, and come to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the nations around.

13. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe; come, tread down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

14. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

15. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.
16. And the Lord roars out of Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shake; but the Lord will be a refuge for his people, and a fortress for the people of Israel.

17. And you shall know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain; then shall Jerusalem be holy, and no strangers shall pass through her any more.

18. And it shall come to pass on that day, that the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the streams of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall issue from the house of the Lord, and shall water the river of Shittim.

19. Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence done against the people of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20. But Judah shall remain for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21. For though I have acquitted them, I have not acquitted those who shed their blood. And the Lord dwells in Zion.
Amos Chapter 1

1. The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2. And he said: The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

3. Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Damascus I will turn away its punishment, but for the fourth I will not turn away its punishment, because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron,

4. But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad.

5. And I will break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of Aven, and him who holds the scepter from the house of Eden; and the people of Aram shall go into exile to Kir, said the Lord.

6. Thus says the Lord; For three transgressions of Gaza, I will turn away its punishment, but for the fourth I will not turn away its punishment; because they carried away into exile a complete captivity, to deliver them to Edom.
7. But I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, which shall devour its palaces;

8. And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon, and I will turn my hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, says the Lord God.

9. Thus says the Lord; For three transgressions of Tyre I will turn away its punishment, but for the fourth I will not turn away its punishment; because they delivered a complete captivity to Edom, and did not remember the brotherly covenant;

10. But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre, which shall devour its palaces.

11. Thus says the Lord; For three transgressions of Edom I will turn away its punishment, but for the fourth, I will not turn away their punishment; because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity, and his anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever;

12. But I will send a fire upon Teiman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

13. Thus says the Lord; For three transgressions of the Ammonites I will turn away their punishment, but for the fourth, I will not turn away their punishment; because they have ripped up the pregnant women of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border;
14. And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour its palaces, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the stormy wind;

15. And their king shall go into exile, he and his princes together, says the Lord.
1. Thus says the Lord; For three transgressions of Moab I will turn away his punishment, but for the fourth I will not turn away his punishment; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime;

2. And I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kiriath; and Moab shall die amidst tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the shofar;

3. And I will cut off the judge from his midst, and will slay all its princes with him, says the Lord.

4. Thus says the Lord; For three transgressions of Judah I will turn away his punishment, but for the fourth I will not turn away his punishment; because they have despised the Torah of the Lord, and have not kept his commandments; and their lies, after which their fathers walked, have led them astray;

5. But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6. Thus says the Lord; For three transgressions of Israel I will not turn away his punishment, but for the fourth I will not turn away its punishment; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;
7. They pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the humble; and a man and his father will go in to the same girl, to profane my holy name;

8. And they lay themselves down by every altar upon clothes taken in pledge, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.

9. And I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and who was strong like the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

10. Also I brought you out from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

11. And I raised up some of your sons for prophets, and some of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not so, O people of Israel? says the Lord.

12. But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.

13. Behold, I will press you down in your place, as a cart full of sheaves presses down.

14. Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, nor shall the mighty save himself;
15. Nor shall he stand who handles the bow; and he who is swift of foot shall not save himself; nor shall he who rides the horse save himself.

16. And he who is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, says the Lord.
Amos Chapter 3

1. Hear this word that the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

2. Only you have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

3. Can two walk together, unless they are in agreement?

4. Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Does a young lion cry out of his den, if he has taken nothing?

5. Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, if there is no trap for it? Does a snare spring up from the ground, when it has taken nothing?

6. Shall a shofar be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall evil befall a city, unless the Lord has done it?

7. Surely the Lord God will do nothing, without revealing his secrets to his servants the prophets.

8. The lion has roared, who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken, who can but prophesy?
9. Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say: Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in its midst, and the oppressed in its midst.

10. For they do not know how to do right, says the Lord, those who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.

11. Therefore thus says the Lord God; An adversary there shall be and shall surround the land; and he shall bring down your strength from you, and your palaces shall be plundered.

12. Thus says the Lord; As the shepherd rescues out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the people of Israel who dwell in Samaria be rescued with the corner of a bed, and the corner of a couch.

13. Hear, and testify in the house of Jacob, says the Lord God, the God of hosts,

14. That on the day that I punish Israel for its transgressions, I will also punish the altars of Beth-El; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

15. And I will strike the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall come to an end, says the Lord.
1. Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are in the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their masters, Bring, that we may drink!

2. The Lord God has sworn by his holiness, that, behold, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your remnant with fish hooks.

3. And you shall go out through the breaches, everyone straight before her; and you shall be cast away into Harmon, says the Lord.

4. Come to Beth-El, and transgress; to Gilgal and multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three days;

5. And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim free will offerings, publish them; for this you like to do, O you people of Israel, says the Lord God.

6. And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord.
7. And I also withheld the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest; and I made it rain upon one city, and did not make it rain upon another city; one field was rained upon, and the field on which it did not rain withered.

8. So two or three cities wandered to one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord.

9. I have stricken you with blasting and mildew; when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the cutting locust devoured them; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord.

10. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt; your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stench of your camps come up to your nostrils; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord.

11. I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord.

12. Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel.

13. For, behold, he who forms the mountains, and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the high places of the earth, the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name.
1. Hear you this word which I take up against you, a lamentation, O house of Israel.

2. The virgin of Israel has fallen; she shall rise no more; she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up.

3. For thus says the Lord God; The city that went forth a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went forth a hundred shall have ten left for the house of Israel.

4. For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel, Seek me, and you shall live;

5. But do not seek Beth-El, and do not enter into Gilgal, or pass over to Beersheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into exile, and Beth-El shall come to nothing.

6. Seek the Lord, and you shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and none will be there to quench it in Beth-El.

7. You who turn judgment to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the ground,
8. Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns the deep darkness into morning, and makes the day darken into night; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth. The Lord is his name;

9. Who sends forth destruction against the strong, the destruction that comes against the fortress.

10. They hate him who rebukes in the gate, and they loathe him who speaks uprightly.

11. Therefore, since you trample upon the poor, and you take from him exactions of wheat, you have built houses of cut stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink wine of them.

12. For I know your many transgressions, and your mighty sins; you who afflict the just, you who take a bribe, and turn aside the poor at the gate.

13. Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

14. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as you have spoken.

15. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
16. Therefore the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord, said thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the farmer to mourning, and to wailing those who are skilled in lamentation.

17. And wailing shall be in all vineyards; for I will pass through you, says the Lord.

18. Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light.

19. As if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned with his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? Very dark with no brightness in it?

21. I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell the sacrifices of your solemn assemblies.

22. Though you offer me burnt offerings and meal offerings, I will not accept them; nor I will regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23. Take away from me the noise of your songs; for I will not listen to the melody of your lutes.

24. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.
25. Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

26. But you shall carry Sikuth your king, and Kiyun, your images, your star-god, which you made for yourselves.

27. And I will cause you to go into exile beyond Damascus, says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.
Amos Chapter 6

1. Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who trust in the mountain of Samaria, who are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come!

2. Pass to Calneh, and see; and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are they better than these kingdoms? Or are their border greater than your border?

3. O, you who put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near!

4. Who lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the midst of the stall;

5. Who pluck the strings of the flute, and, like David, devise for themselves instruments of music;

6. Who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest ointments; but they are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph.

7. Therefore now shall they go into exile at the head of the exiles, and the revelry of those who stretched themselves shall pass away.
8. The Lord God has sworn by himself, says the Lord the God of hosts, I loathe the pride of Jacob, and hate his palaces; therefore I will deliver up the city with all that is in it.

9. And it shall come to pass, if ten men remain in one house, they shall die.

10. And if a man's uncle, he who burns him, shall take him up, to bring the bones out of the house, and shall say to him who is in the innermost parts of the house: Is there still any with you? And he shall say: No. And he shall say: Silence! We must not mention the name of the Lord.

11. For, behold, the Lord commands, and he will strike the great house into fragments, and the little house into bits.

12. Do horses run upon the rock? Does one plow there with oxen? For you have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood;

13. You who rejoice over nothing, who say, Have we not taken, by our own strength, horns for ourselves?

14. For, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, says the Lord the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entrance of Hemath to the brook of the Arabah.
1. Thus the Lord God showed me; and, behold, he was forming locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, behold, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.

2. And it came to pass, that when they finished eating the grass of the land, I said, O Lord God, forgive, I beseech you! How shall Jacob stand? He is so small!

3. The Lord repented concerning this; It shall not be, said the Lord.

4. Thus the Lord God showed me; and, behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

5. Then I said, O Lord God, cease, I beseech you! How shall Jacob stand? He is so small!

6. The Lord repented concerning this. This also shall not be, said the Lord God.

7. Thus he showed me; and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

8. And the Lord said to me: Amos, what do you see? And I said, A plumb line. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them;
9. And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10. Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-El sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

11. For thus Amos said, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led into exile away from his land.

12. Also Amaziah said to Amos, O you seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there;

13. But never again prophesy at Beth-El; for it is the king's sanctuary, and the royal house.

14. Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I am not a prophet, nor am I a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees;

15. And the Lord took me while I followed the flock, and the Lord said to me: Go, prophesy to my people Israel.

16. And therefore hear the word of the Lord; You say, Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.
17. Therefore thus says the Lord; Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided by line; and you shall die in an unclean land; and Israel shall surely go to exile away from its land.
Amos Chapter 8

1. Thus the Lord God showed me; and, behold, a basket of summer fruit.

2. And he said: Amos, what do you see? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the Lord to me: The end has come upon my people of Israel; I will never again pass by them.

3. And the songs of the temple shall be wailings in that day, said the Lord God; many will be the dead bodies; they shall be cast out in every place. Silence!

4. Hear this, O you who swallow up the needy, so as to destroy the poor of the land,

5. Saying: When will the new moon be over, so that we may sell grain? And the sabbath, so that we may set forth wheat to make the ephah measure small and to make the shekel great, and to deal with deceitful scales.

6. That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

7. The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their doings.
8. Shall not the land tremble for this, and everyone mourn who dwells in it? And it shall all rise up like the River; and it shall overflow and sink down like the river of Egypt.

9. And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day;

10. And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and its end like a bitter day.

11. Behold, the days come, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord;

12. And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.

13. In that day all the pretty virgins and young men shall faint for thirst.

14. Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, As your god, O Dan, lives, and, As the road to Beersheba lives, they shall fall, and never rise up again.
Amos Chapter 9

1. I saw the Lord standing upon the altar; and he said, Strike the capitals, that the thresholds may shake; and break them in pieces over all their heads; and I will slay the last of them with the sword; not a single one of them shall flee away, and not a single one of them shall escape.

2. Though they dig into Sheol, from there shall my hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, from there will I bring them down;

3. And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out from there; and though they hide from my sight at the bottom of the sea, there will I command the serpent, and it shall bite them;

4. And though they go into captivity before their enemies, there will I command the sword, and it shall slay them; and I will set my eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

5. And the Lord God of hosts is he who touches the land, and it shall melt, and all who dwell in it shall mourn; and all of it shall rise up like the River; and sink down like the River of Egypt.

6. It is he who builds his upper chambers in the heavens, and has founded his vault upon the earth; it is he who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth; The Lord is his name.
7. Are you not like the Cushites to me, O people of Israel? says the Lord. Did I not bring Israel out of the land of Egypt? And the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Arameans from Kir?

8. Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; except that I will not completely destroy the house of Jacob, says the Lord.

9. For, behold, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like grain is sifted in a sieve, yet not even the least grain shall fall upon the earth.

10. All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say: Evil shall not overtake or meet us.

11. In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and repair its breaches; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will rebuild it as in the days of old;

12. That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the nations, who are called by my name, says the Lord who does this.

13. Behold, the days come, says the Lord, when the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.
14. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink their wine; they shall also make gardens, and eat their fruit.

15. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, says the Lord your God.
1. The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom; We have heard tidings from the Lord, and an ambassador has been sent among the nations, Arise! Let us rise up against her in battle!

2. Behold, I will make you small among the nations; you shall be greatly despised.

3. The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; who said in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4. Though you soar aloft like the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, from there will I bring you down, says the Lord.

5. If thieves came to you, if robbers by night, how are you cut off!, would they not have stolen till they had enough? If the grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave some grapes?

6. How Esau has been pillaged! His hidden things sought out!

7. All the men of your confederacy have driven you to the border; the men who were at peace with you have deceived you, and prevailed against you; those who eat your bread have laid a trap under you; there is no understanding of it.
8. Shall I not in that day, says the Lord, destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the Mount of Esau?

9. And your mighty men, O Teiman, shall be dismayed, so that every man from the Mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

10. For your violence against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off for ever.

11. On the day that you stood aloof, on the day that strangers carried away his wealth, and foreigners entered his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, you were like one of them.

12. But you should not have looked in the day of your brother, in the day of his misfortune; nor should you have rejoiced over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction; nor should you have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

13. You should not have entered the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; nor should you have been among those who looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity;

14. Nor should you have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his who escaped; nor should you have delivered up those of his who remained in the day of distress.
15. For the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your reward shall return upon your own head.

16. For as you have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually; indeed, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

17. But upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions.

18. And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble, and they shall burn them and consume them; and none shall remain of the house of Esau; for the Lord has spoken it.

19. And they of the Negev shall possess the Mount of Esau; and they of the Shephelah the land of the Philistines; and they shall possess the field of Ephraim, and the field of Samaria; and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.

20. And this exiled host of the people of Israel, who are among the Canaanites, as far as Zarephath; and the exiles of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the Negev.

21. And saviors shall ascend Mount Zion to judge the Mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.
Jonah Chapter 1

1. And the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2. Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.

3. But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Jaffa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare for it, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish away from the presence of the Lord.

4. But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship seemed likely to break up.

5. Then the sailors were afraid, and cried each one to his own god, and they threw the wares that were in the ship to the sea, to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the interior of the ship; and had lain down, and was fast asleep.

6. So the ship's captain came to him, and said to him, What do you mean, O sleeper? Arise! Call upon your God! Perhaps God will give a thought to us, that we do not perish.

7. And they said to one another, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.
8. Then they said to him, Tell us, we beg you, for whose cause is this evil upon us? What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?

9. And he said to them, I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land.

10. Then the men were very afraid, and said to him, Why have you done this? For the men knew that he had fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

11. Then they said to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may calm down for us? For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.

12. And he said to them, Take me up, and throw me into the sea; then the sea will calm down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great tempest is upon you.

13. Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it back to land; but they could not; for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.

14. And they cried to the Lord, and said, We pray you, O Lord, we pray you, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.
15. So they took Jonah up, and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging.

16. Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the Lord, and made vows.
1. And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2. Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish,

3. And said, I cried to the Lord out of my distress, and he heard me; from the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

4. For you cast me into the deep, in the heart of the seas; and the floods surrounded me; all your billows and your waves passed over me.

5. Then I said, I am cast out from your presence; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.

6. The waters surrounded me, even to the soul; the depth closed around me, the weeds were wrapped around my head.

7. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars closed on me for ever; yet have you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God.

8. When my soul fainted inside me I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

9. Those who pay regard to lying vanities forsake their loyalty.
10. But I will sacrifice to you with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation belongs to the Lord.

11. And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.
1. And the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying: Arise!

2. Go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I bid you.

3. And Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. And Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in extent.

4. And Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Another forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5. And the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

6. And word came to the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he took off his robe, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying: Neither man, beast, herd or flock should taste anything! They should not feed nor drink water!
8. And let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; let them turn everyone from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

9. Who can tell if God may yet turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?

10. And God saw their doings, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, which he had said that he would do to them; and he did not do it.
1. And this displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2. And he prayed to the Lord, and said, I pray you, O Lord, is this not what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I hastened to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and that you repent of the evil.

3. Therefore now, O Lord, take, I pray you, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

4. Then says the Lord, Do you do well to be so angry?

5. And Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there he made himself a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he should see what would become of the city.

6. And the Lord God appointed a castor oil plant, and made it grow over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to save him from his distress. And Jonah was exceedingly glad of the plant.

7. And, when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm, and it attacked the plant so that it withered.
8. And it came to pass, when the sun rose, that God appointed a hot east wind; and the sun beat down upon the head of Jonah, so that he fainted, and wished to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

9. And God said to Jonah: Do you do well to be so angry for the plant? And he said: I do well to be so angry, even to death.

10. Then the Lord said, You had concern for the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night;

11. And should I not spare Nineveh, that great city, where there are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?
1. The word of the Lord that came to Micah the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2. Hear, all you people; listen, O earth, and all that is in it; and let the Lord God be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.

3. For, behold, the Lord comes out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4. And the mountains shall melt under him, and the valleys shall be split, like wax before the fire, and like the waters that are poured down a steep place.

5. All this is for the transgression of Jacob, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what are the high places of Judah? Are they not Jerusalem?

6. Therefore I will turn Samaria into a heap of rubble in the field, and a place for planting vines; and I will pour down her stones into the valley, and I will uncover her foundations.

7. And all her carved idols shall be beaten to pieces, and all her hires shall be burned with the fire, and all her idols will I lay desolate; for she gathered them from the hire of a harlot, and to the hire of a harlot they shall return.
8. For this I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like jackals, and a mourning like owls.

9. For her wound is incurable; for it has come to Judah; it has reached the gate of my people, to Jerusalem.

10. Do not declare it in Gath! Do not weep at all! In Beth-Leaphrah roll yourself in the dust.

11. Pass away, you inhabitant of Saphir, in nakedness and in shame; the inhabitant of Zaanan did not come forth to the mourning of Beth-HaEzel; he will take from you your standing place.

12. For the inhabitant of Maroth waited anxiously for good tidings; but evil came down from the Lord to the gates of Jerusalem.

13. O you inhabitant of Lachish, harness the chariot to the steed; she was the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion; for in you were found the transgressions of Israel.

14. Therefore you shall give presents to Moresheth-Gath; the houses of Achzib shall be a deceit to the kings of Israel.

15. Yet I will bring a heir to you, O inhabitant of Mareshah; the glory of Israel shall come to Adullam.
16. Make yourself bald, and cut off your hair for the children of your delight; make your head bald like a vulture; for they shall go from you into exile.
Micah Chapter 2

1. Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2. And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his heritage.

3. Therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, against this family I devise an evil, from which you shall not remove your necks; nor shall you go haughtily; for it will be an evil time.

4. In that day they shall take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We are utterly ruined; he changes the portion of my people; how he removes it from me; and divides our fields among renegades.

5. Therefore you shall have none to cast the line by lot in the congregation of the Lord.

6. Do not preach, thus they preach, they should not preach concerning such things; that they shall not take shame.

7. O you who are named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the Lord impatient? Are these his doings? Do not my words do good to him who walks uprightly?
8. And against my people he raises him up as an enemy; you pull the robe from
the front of the garment of those who pass by safely returning from war.

9. You cast out the women of my people from their pleasant houses; you take
my glory away for ever from their children.

10. Arise, and depart; for this is not your rest; because of its uncleanness, it shall
destroy with a grievous destruction.

11. If a man, walking in wind and falsehood, would lie, saying, I will preach to
you of wine and of strong drink, even he would be the preacher of this people!

12. I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of you; I will surely gather the remnant
of Israel; I will put them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in the midst
of their pasture; they shall make a great noise because of the multitude of men.

13. He who opens the breach will go up before them; they will break in and
pass through the gate, and go out by it; and their king shall pass before them,
and the Lord at their head.
1. And I said, Hear, I beg you, O heads of Jacob, and you princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know justice?

2. You who hate the good, and love the evil; who tear off their skin from them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3. Who eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as if for the pot, like meat inside the cauldron.

4. Then shall they cry to the Lord, but he will not answer them; he will hide his face from them at that time, because they have behaved ill in their doings.

5. Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray; who cry Peace, when they bite with their teeth, but prepare war against him who puts nothing into their mouths.

6. Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision; and it shall be dark to you, without divination; and the sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7. Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded; yes, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer from God.
8. But truly I am full with power by the spirit of the Lord, and with judgment, and with might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9. Hear this, I beg you, you heads of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel, who loathe justice, and pervert all equity.

10. Who build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11. Their heads judge for bribes, and their priests teach for hire, and their prophets divine for money; yet they lean upon the Lord, and say: Is not the Lord among us? No evil can come upon us!

12. Therefore, because of you, Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps of rubble, and the Mountain of the House like the high places of the forest.
Micah Chapter 4

1. But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the Mountain of the House of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow to it.

2. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for Torah shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3. And he shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide concerning far away strong nations; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more.

4. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken it.

5. For let all people walk everyone in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

6. In that day, says the Lord, I will assemble her who limps, and I will gather her who is driven out, and her whom I have afflicted;
7. And I will make her who limps a remnant; and her who was cast off, a strong nation; and the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth, and for evermore.

8. And you, O tower of the flock, the fortress of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, the former dominion shall come; the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.

9. And why do you cry out aloud? Is there no king in you? Has your counsellor perished that pangs have seized you like a woman in labor?

10. Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in labor; for now shall you go out of the city, and you shall dwell in the field, and you shall go to Babylon; there shall you be rescued; there the Lord shall redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

11. And now many nations are gathered against you, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eyes look upon Zion.

12. But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, nor do they understand his plan, that he has gathered them as sheaves to the threshing floor.

13. Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs bronze; and you shall beat in pieces many people; and I will consecrate their gain to the Lord, and their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth.
14. And gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; he has laid siege against us; they shall strike the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.
Micah Chapter 5

1. But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall he come forth to me, he who is to be ruler in Israel; and his origin is from ancient time, from days of old.

2. Therefore he will give them up, until the time when she who labors has brought forth; then the remnant of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

3. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide; for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

4. And this shall be peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land; and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against seven shepherds, and eight princes of men.

5. And they shall rule the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod with the keen blade; thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land, and when he treads inside our borders.

6. And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people like dew from the Lord, like the showers upon the grass, that do not delay for man, nor wait for the sons of men.
7. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations in the midst of many peoples like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep; which, if it goes through, treads down, and tears in pieces, and no one can save.

8. Your hand shall be lifted up upon your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off.

9. And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord, that I will cut off your horses out of your midst, and I will destroy your chariots.

10. And I will cut off the cities of your land, and throw down all your fortresses;

11. And I will cut off witchcraft from your hand; and you shall have no more soothsayers;

12. Your carved idols also I will cut off, and your pillars from your midst; and you shall bow down no more to the work of your hands.

13. And I will pluck up your Asherim from your midst; and I will destroy your cities.

14. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the nations, such as they have not heard.
Micah Chapter 6

1. Hear now what the Lord said; Arise, contend before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

2. Hear, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and you strong foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

3. O my people, what have I done to you? And in what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4. For I brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5. O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab planned, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim to Gilgal; that you may know the righteousness of the Lord.

6. With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with one year old calves?

7. Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
8. He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love loving mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

9. The Lord's voice cries to the city, and the man of wisdom shall see your name; hear the rod, and who has appointed it.

10. Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable?

11. Shall I count myself pure with wicked scales, and with a bag of deceitful weights?

12. For its rich men are full of violence, and its inhabitants have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13. Therefore also I will make you sick by smiting you, making you desolate because of your sins.

14. You shall eat, but not be satisfied; and your sickness shall be in your inward parts; and you shall conceive, but shall not deliver; and that which you deliver I will give up to the sword.

15. You shall sow, but you shall not reap; you shall tread the olives, but you shall not anoint yourself with oil; you shall tread grapes, but shall not drink wine.
16. For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the doings of the house of Ahab, and you walk in their counsels; that I should make you a desolation, and its inhabitants a hissing; therefore you shall bear the reproach of my people.
Micah

Micah Chapter 7

1. Woe is me! For I am like the last of the summer fruits, like the grape gleanings of the vintage; there is no cluster to eat, no first ripe fruit which my soul desires.

2. The good man has perished from the earth; and there is no one upright among men; they all lie in wait for blood; each man hunts his brother with a net.

3. The hands are upon that which is evil, the prince asks, and the judge asks for payment; and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul; thus they weave the web.

4. The best of them is like a brier; the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge; the day of your watchmen and your punishment comes; now shall their confusion come.

5. Do not trust your friend; do not put your confidence in a guide; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom.

6. For the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7. Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.
8. Rejoice not against me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light to me.

9. I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause, and executes judgment for me; he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

10. Then my enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her, she who said to me, Where is the Lord your God? My eyes shall behold her; now she will be trodden down like the mire of the streets.

11. A day for the building of your walls! In that day the decree shall be removed far away.

12. In that day they will come to you from Assyria, and from the cities of Mazor, and from Mazor to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.

13. However the land shall be desolate because of those who dwell in it, for the fruit of their doings.

14. Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your heritage, who dwell alone in the forest, in the midst of Carmel; let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

15. As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt I will tell him marvelous things.
16. The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

17. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall come trembling out of their holes like the crawling things of the earth; they shall be afraid of the Lord our God, and shall fear because of you.

18. Who is a God like you, who pardons iniquity, and passes over the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He does not retain his anger for ever, because he delights in mercy.

19. He will again have compassion upon us; he will suppress our iniquities; and you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20. You will show truth to Jacob, and loving mercy to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.
1. The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2. The Lord is a jealous and revenging God; the Lord revenges, and is full of wrath; the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries, and keeps wrath for his enemies.

3. The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will by no means acquit the wicked; the way of the Lord is in the tempest and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

4. He rebukes the sea, and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers; Bashan languishes, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languishes.

5. The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is aroused at his presence, and the world, and all who dwell in it.

6. Who can stand before his indignation? And who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken asunder by him.

7. The Lord is good, a fortress in the day of trouble; and he knows those who trust in him.

8. But with an overflowing flood he will make a complete end of her place, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.
9. What do you plan against the Lord? He will make a complete end; affliction shall not rise up the second time.

10. Like entangled thorns, drunken as with their drink, they are consumed like dry stubble.

11. From you came out one who plotted evil against the Lord, and counselled villainy.

12. Thus says the Lord: Though they are at peace, and many, they will be cut down, and it shall pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more.

13. And now I will break his yoke from off you, and will burst your bonds asunder.

14. And the Lord has given a commandment concerning you, that your name shall no more be sown. From the house of your gods I will cut off the carved idol and the molten image. I will make your grave; for you are vile.
Nahum

1. Behold upon the mountains the feet of him who brings good tidings, who announces peace! O Judah, keep your feasts, perform your vows; for the wicked one shall no more pass through you; he is completely cut off.

2. The shatterer has come against you; guard the ramparts, watch the road, make your loins strong, fortify your power mightily.

3. For the Lord restores the pride of Jacob, like the pride of Israel; for plunderers have stripped them, and ruined their vine branches.

4. The shield of his mighty men is red, the brave men are in scarlet; the chariots glitter with steel fire in the day of his preparation, and the spears of cypress wood are brandished.

5. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the squares; they seem like torches, they dart like lightning.

6. He remembers his brave men; they stumble in their walk; they make haste to its wall, and the screen is prepared.

7. The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is in dismay.

8. It is set up, she is uncovered, she is carried away, and her maidens moan like doves, beating on their breasts.
9. But Nineveh is like an old established pool of water; yet they shall flee away. Halt, halt, they cry; but none turns back.

10. Plunder the silver, plunder the gold; for there is no end of treasure; there are precious vessels in abundance.

11. She is empty, and void, and waste; and the heart faints, and the knees knock together, and anguish is in all loins, and all their faces are covered with blackness.

12. Where is the lion's den, and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion walked, and the lion's cub, and none made them afraid?

13. The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with torn flesh.

14. Behold, I am against you, says the Lord of Hosts, and I will burn her chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions; and I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall no more be heard.
1. Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departs not;

2. The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

3. The horseman leaps up with his bright sword and glittering spear; and there is a multitude of slain, and a heap of carcasses; and there is no end of dead bodies; they stumble over the dead bodies.

4. Because of the numerous harlotries of the charming and bewitching harlot, who sells nations through her harlotry, and families through her witchcraft.

5. Behold, I am against you, says the Lord of Hosts; and I will lift your skirts over your face, and I will show the nations your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame.

6. And I will cast abominable filth upon you, and make you vile, and will make you like dung.

7. And it shall come to pass, that all those who look upon you shall flee from you, and say, Nineveh is laid waste; who will bemoan her? Where shall I seek comforters for you?
8. Are you better than No-Ammon, that was situated among the rivers, waters surrounding her, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea?

9. Cush was her strength, and Egypt without limit; Put and Lubim were your helpers.

10. Yet she was carried away, she went into captivity; her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of every street; and they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

11. You also shall be drunken; you will be dazed, you will also seek a refuge from the enemy.

12. All your fortresses shall be like fig trees with the first ripe figs; if they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.

13. Behold, your people in your midst are women; the gates of your land shall be set wide open to your enemies; the fire shall devour your bars.

14. Draw waters for the siege, fortify your fortresses; go into the clay, and tread the mortar, take hold of the brick mould.

15. There shall the fire devour you; the sword shall cut you off, it shall eat you up like the locust; be swept away as with the locust, be swept away as with the swarming locust.
16. You have multiplied your merchants more than the stars of heaven; the locust spreads its wings and flies away.

17. Your crowned ones are like the locusts, and your captains like the swarms of grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, but when the sun arises they fly away, and no one knows the place where they are.

18. Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria; your nobles are at rest; your people are scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathers them.

19. There is no healing of your breach; your wound is grievous; all who hear the report about you clap the hands over you; for upon whom has not your wickedness passed unceasingly?
1. The burden which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

ב. זר-סנה יתוהו וקיטי ותפשת נותיכ אללה שומס ולבא חמש:

2. O Lord, how long shall I cry, and you will not hear? I cry out to you Violence!, and you will not save?

ג. לאו המבשח שום תוהםされます יש shown חוסם לברדי בחר ריב הנדך ישא:

3. Why do you show me iniquity, and cause me to behold mischief? For destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

ד. של-פנ תומת תוהם ולוא-ה yaptı לבשה משבש כר נשע מזמורי את-<this תשתיק צעל-מכן

4. Therefore the Torah is slacked, and justice never goes forth; for the wicked surrounds the righteous; so that justice goes forth perverted.

ה. לאו בזועה והבשה והמהת תוהם כי-משל פעל Комהכ לא הזאמרו כיר-משפר:

5. Behold among the nations, and regard, and be struck with amazement; for I will perform a deed in your days, that you will not believe if told.

ו. כי-הנחבי מקים את-משדריםなどが המר והبريطانيا המהילה למרים-ארם-לרגשה

6. For, behold, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who shall march through the width of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.

ז. לאו ענהרה היא ממענה מפששת ישאתו עזה:

7. They are terrible and dreadful; their justice and their dignity proceed from themselves.

ח. יכלו מבניהם סוכי והיijo מואאם ערב השאר פְּשָׁש יָפָשְׁשֵׁי ויִרְכָּשְׁי מְךַּחְּק יבאו רעפו

8. Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than evening wolves; and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly like a vulture hastening to devour.
9. They shall all come for violence; their faces set towards the east; and they shall gather captives like sand.

10. And they shall scoff at kings, and make sport of princes; they shall laugh at every fortress, for they heap up dust, and take it;

11. Then he shall sweep by like the wind and go on, bearing his guilt; his strength is his god.

12. Are you not from everlasting, O Lord my God, my Holy One? We shall not die, O Lord. You have ordained them as a judgment; and you, O Rock, have established them for chastisement.

13. Your eyes are too pure to behold evil, you can not look on iniquity. Why do you look upon those who deal treacherously, and are silent when the wicked swallows the man more righteous than he?

14. And do you make men like the fishes of the sea, like the creeping things, that have no ruler over them?

15. He brings them all up with the hook, he catches them in his net, and gathers them in his drag; therefore he rejoices and is glad.

16. Therefore he sacrifices to his net, and burns incense to his drag; because by them his portion is fat, and his food abundant.

17. Shall he therefore empty his net, and unceasingly not spare to slay the nations?
1. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say to me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, so that he who reads it may run.

3. For the vision is still for an appointed time, and it speaks concerning the end, and does not lie; though it seems slow, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not come late.

4. Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.

5. And though wine is treacherous, the arrogant man shall not abide, who widens his soul like Sheol; and he, like death, cannot be satisfied; for he has gathered to himself all the nations, and collected all peoples as his own.

6. Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him who increases that which is not his! For how long? And to him who loads himself with property taken in pledge!

7. Shall not your creditors rise up suddenly against you, and those awake who will make you tremble, and you shall be booty for them?
8. Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you; for the blood of men, and for the violence to the land, to the city, and to all who dwell in it.

9. Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be safe from the power of evil!

10. You have plotted shame to your house by cutting off many peoples, and have sinned against your soul.

11. For the stone shall cry out from the wall, and the beam from the timber shall answer it.

12. Woe to him who builds a town with blood, and establishes a city by iniquity!

13. Behold, is it not of the Lord of Hosts that the peoples labor only for fire, and the nations weary themselves only for vanity?

14. For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

15. Woe to him who gives his neighbor drink, adding your venom to it, and makes him drunken also, that you may look on their nakedness!
16. You are filled with shame instead of glory; drink yourself also, and stagger; the cup of the Lord's right hand shall be turned to you, and shameful disgrace shall be on your glory.

17. For the violence done to Lebanon shall cover you, and the destruction of the beasts will terrify them, because of men's blood, and for the violence to the land, to the city, and to all who dwell in it.

18. What use is there in a carved idol whose maker has shaped it, a molten image, and a teacher of lies, that its maker should trust in his own work when he makes dumb idols?

19. Woe to him who says to the wood, Awake! To the dumb stone, Arise! Can it teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it.

20. But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
1. A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to a poem.

ב. בקשת שופתי, יראתי, יוהי tabindex: CHAPTER OF THE BOOK: 2
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2. O Lord, I have heard your report, and I was afraid; O Lord, revive your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

ג. אתולה מתחיה, יבוא בקורת מנהר—ףארג ישלח כסה שמחים חום והחלקה ילאה מנאיה.

3. God comes from Teiman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

ד. בנה כארוק נחתה קרבון מאדו, ולא נשם ביוויא (יזח) [צ"ה]:

4. And his brightness is like the light; rays flash from his hand, and there is his power hidden.

ה. لوֹבַיָּא. יְהֹלָה יְהֹרָה וּבָא בְּשֵׁךְ לְרַכְבָּיו.

5. Before him goes pestilence, and burning coals go forth at his feet.

ו. עצם רמלד עלייה ראה ירח, גהום והחלקה וקרית—שיה ובצבת עולם חליכות.

6. He stands, and shakes the earth; he beholds, and causes the nations to tremble; and the everlasting mountains are dashed in pieces, the everlasting hills bow; his ways are as of old.

ז. הנחת אווכ יראתי קוח נלחוכ ירחיות יראית אくる מנאיה.

7. I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; and the curtains of the land of Midian trembled.

ח. פַּרְכְּבוּ הוא יְתַוְּא אָמַּבֶּהוּ אָסָּף אָסָּף עְבָרָה בָּי הַרְבּ בָּלș—hepbathe.com: תבשוכ

8. Is the Lord displeased against the rivers? Is your anger against the rivers? Is your wrath against the sea, that you rode upon your horses, your chariots of salvation?
9. Your bow is stripped naked, according to the oaths that you addressed to the tribes. Selah. You cleaved the earth with rivers.

10. The mountains saw you, and they trembled; the raging waters passed by; the deep uttered its voice, and lifted up its hands on high.

11. The sun and moon stood still in their habitation; at the light of your arrows as they speed, and at the shining of your glittering spear.

12. You marched through the land in indignation, you threshed the nations in anger.

13. You come forth for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed; you have crushed the head out of the house of the wicked, uncovering it from the foundation to the neck. Selah.

14. You pierced with his own shaft the head of his warriors, who came like a stormy wind to scatter me; their rejoicing was like devouring the poor secretly.

15. You walked through the sea with your horses, through the heap of great waters.

16. When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the sound; rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled where I stand, that I should wait for the day of trouble; when he comes up against the people who invade us.
17. Although the fig tree shall not blossom, nor shall fruit be in the vines; the produce of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no food; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls;

18. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like those of a deer, and he guides me upon my high places. To the choirmaster on my stringed instruments.

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1. The word of the Lord which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

2. I will utterly consume all things from off the face of the earth, says the Lord.

3. I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the sky, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the face of the earth, says the Lord.

4. I will also stretch out my hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the idolatrous priests with the priests;

5. And those who worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and those who worship and who swear by the Lord, and who swear by Malcham;

6. And those who are turned back from the Lord; and those who have not sought the Lord, nor inquired of him.

7. Hold your peace at the presence of the Lord God; for the day of the Lord is at hand; for the Lord has prepared a sacrificial feast, he has consecrated his guests.
8. And it shall come to pass on the day of the Lord's sacrificial feast, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all those who are clothed with foreign attire.

9. And on the same day also I will punish all those who leap on the threshold, who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

10. And it shall come to pass on that day, says the Lord, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the Fish Gate, and a wailing from the Second Quarter, and a loud crash from the hills.

11. Howl, you inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the trading people are cut down; all those who weigh silver are cut off.

12. And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men who are settled on their lees; who say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, nor will he do evil.

13. Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation; they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine.

14. The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hastens fast, the sound of the day of the Lord; the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.
15. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of ruin and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16. A day of the shofar and alarm against the fortified cities, and against the high towers.

17. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord; and their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

18. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to save them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy; for he shall make an end, a sudden end, of all who dwell in the land.
1. Gather yourselves together, gather together, O undesired nation!

2. Before the decree is brought forth, before the day when you pass away like chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord comes upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger comes upon you.

3. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have performed his judgment; seek righteousness, seek humility; it may be that you shall be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger.

4. For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon shall be a desolation; they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5. Woe to the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of the Lord is against you; O Canaan, land of the Philistines, I will destroy you, so that there shall be no inhabitant.

6. And the sea coast shall be pastures and meadows for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

7. And it shall be an allotment for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed there; in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening; for the Lord their God shall remember them, and restore their captivity.
8. I have heard the taunt of Moab, and the reviling of the Ammonites, how they have taunted my people, and magnified themselves against their border.

9. Therefore as I live, says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, and the Ammonites like Gomorrah, the breeding place of nettles, and salt pits, and a desolation for ever; the remnant of my people shall plunder them, and the survivors of my people shall possess them.

10. This shall they have for their pride, because they have taunted and magnified themselves against the people of the Lord of Hosts.

11. The Lord will be terrible to them; for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, everyone from his place, all the islands of the nations.

12. You Cushites also, you shall be slain by my sword.

13. And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.

14. And flocks shall lie down in her midst, all the beasts of the nations; both the little owl and the great owl shall lodge in its capitals; their voice shall sing in the window; desolation shall be in the threshold; for he shall lay bare the cedar work.
15. This is the joyful city that dwelt secure, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me. What a desolation has she become! A place for beasts to lie down in! Every one who passes by her shall hiss, and gesture with his hand.
1. Woe to her who is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

2. She did not obey the voice; she did not accept correction; she did not trust in the Lord; she did not draw near her God.

3. Her princes inside her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw no bones in the morning.

4. Her prophets are worthless and treacherous persons; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the Torah.

5. The just Lord is in her midst; he will not do iniquity; every morning he brings his judgment to light, he does not fail; but the unjust knows no shame.

6. I have cut off nations; their pinnacles are desolate; I made their streets waste, so that none passes by; their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, there is no inhabitant.

7. I said, Surely you will fear me, you will accept correction; then her dwelling would not have been cut off, according to all that I had threatened to bring upon her. But they were up early, and corrupted all their doings.
8. Therefore wait for me, says the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them my indignation, my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

9. For then I will convert the peoples to a clear language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one accord.

10. From beyond the rivers of Cush my suppliants, the daughter of my dispersed ones, shall bring my offering.

11. On that day you shall not be ashamed for all your doings, by which you have transgressed against me; for then I will remove from your midst those who rejoice in your pride, and you shall no more be haughty in my holy mountain.

12. And I will leave in your midst a poor and lowly people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord.

13. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

14. Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.
15. The Lord has taken away your judgments, he has cast out your enemy. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall not see evil any more.

16. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Do not fear, O Zion! Let not your hands be slack.

17. The Lord your God is in your midst; a mighty one who saves, he will rejoice over you with joy; he will be silent in his love, he will joy over you with singing.

18. I will gather those who mourn far away for the solemn assembly, who were of you, who had borne for you the burden of insult.

19. Behold, at that time I will undo all who afflict you; and I will save her who limps, and gather her who was driven out; and I will get praise and fame to those who have been put to shame in all the earth.

20. At that time I will bring you back, and at that time I will gather you; for I will make you a name and a praise among all the people of the earth, when I restore your captivity before your eyes, says the Lord.

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1. In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,

2. Thus speaks the Lord of Hosts, saying, This people say that the time has not yet come, the time that the Lord's house should be built.

3. Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4. Is it time for you, yourselves, to dwell in your well timbered houses, while this house lies in ruins?

5. And therefore thus says the Lord of Hosts; Consider your ways.

6. You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but you have not enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you dress yourself, but there is no warm; and he who earns wages earns wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7. Thus says the Lord of Hosts; Consider your ways.

8. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, says the Lord.
9. You looked for much, and, behold, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says the Lord of Hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, and everyone of you runs to his own house.

10. Therefore the heaven above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.

11. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the grain, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground brings forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands.

12. Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people feared before the Lord.

13. Then Haggai the Lord's messenger spoke the Lord's message to the people, saying, I am with you, says the Lord.

14. And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked in the house of the Lord of Hosts, their God,

15. In the twenty fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.
1. In the seventh month, in the twenty first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by the prophet Haggai, saying,

2. Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

3. Who is left among you who saw this house in its first glory? How do you see it now? Is it not in your eyes as nothing?

4. Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord: and be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, says the Lord, and work; for I am with you, said the Lord of Hosts;

5. According to the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, so my spirit remains among you; do not fear.

6. For thus says the Lord of Hosts; Yet again in a little while, I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land.

7. And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of Hosts.
8. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Hosts.

9. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, says the Lord of Hosts; and in this place I will give peace, says the Lord of Hosts.

10. On the twenty fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying:

11. Thus says the Lord of Hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the Torah, saying,

12. If one carries consecrated meat in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt touches bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any food, shall it become consecrated? And the priests answered and said, No.

13. Then said Haggai, If one who is unclean by a dead body touches any of these, does it become unclean? And the priests answered and said, It does become unclean.

14. Then Haggai answered, and said: So it is with this people, and so it is with this nation before me, says the Lord: and so it is with every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

15. And now, I pray you, consider from this day onward. Before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the Lord;
16. Since they were, when one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty measures of the press, there were but twenty.

17. I struck you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not turn to me, says the Lord.

18. Consider now from this day onward, from the twenty fourth day of the ninth month, from the day when the foundation of the temple of the Lord was laid, consider it.

19. Is the seed yet in the barn? Do the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, still not bring forth? From this day on I will bless you.

20. And again the word of the Lord came to Haggai on the twenty fourth day of the month, saying:

21. Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

22. And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those who ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, everyone by the sword of his brother.
23. On that day, says the Lord of Hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the Lord, and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you, says the Lord of Hosts.
Zechariah Chapter 1

1. In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying:

2. The Lord has been much displeased with your fathers.

3. Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord of Hosts; Turn to me, says the Lord of Hosts, and I will turn to you, said the Lord of Hosts.

4. Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried out, Thus says the Lord of Hosts; Turn now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings; but they did not hear, nor did they listen to me, says the Lord.

5. Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live for ever?

6. But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? So that they repented and said: As the Lord of Hosts intended to do to us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so has he dealt with us.

7. On the twenty fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shvat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying:
8. I saw in the night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees in the glen; and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses.

9. Then I said, O my lord, what are these? And the angel who talked with me said to me, I will show you what these are.

10. And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the Lord has sent to walk to and fro in the earth.

11. And they answered the angel of the Lord who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sits still, and is at rest.

12. Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord of Hosts, how long will you not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which you have had indignation these seventy years?

13. And the Lord answered the angel who talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

14. And the angel who talked with me said to me, Proclaim, saying: Thus says the Lord of Hosts; I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great zeal.
15. And I am very much displeased with the nations that are at ease; for I was only a little angry, and they furthered the affliction.

16. Therefore thus says the Lord: I have returned to Jerusalem with mercies; my house shall be rebuilt in it, says the Lord of Hosts, and a measuring line shall be stretched over Jerusalem.

17. Proclaim further, saying, Thus says the Lord of Hosts; My cities shall again overflow with prosperity; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.
1. Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

2. And I said to the angel who talked with me, What are these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

3. And the Lord showed me four craftsmen.

4. Then I said: What are these coming to do? And he spoke, saying, Those were the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man could lift up his head; but these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations, which lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.

5. I lifted up my eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

6. Then said I, Where are you going? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width, and what is its length.

7. And, behold, the angel who talked with me goes out, and another angel goes out to meet him,
8. And said to him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and cattle in it;

9. And I, says the Lord, will be to her a surrounding wall of fire, and the glory in her midst.

10. Ho! ho! Flee from the land of the north, says the Lord; for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of the heaven, says the Lord.

11. Ho! Escape, O Zion, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.

12. For thus says the Lord of Hosts; because of his honor he sent me to the nations which plundered you; for he who touches you touches the apple of his eye.

13. For, behold, I will shake my hand upon them, and they shall become plunder to those who served them; and you shall know that the Lord of Hosts has sent me.

14. Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for, behold, I come, and I will dwell in your midst, says the Lord.

15. And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the Lord of Hosts has sent me to you.
16. And the Lord shall inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

17. Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.
Zechariah Chapter 3

1. And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to thwart him.

2. And the Lord said to Satan, The Lord rebukes you, O Satan; the Lord that has chosen Jerusalem rebukes you. Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

3. And Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

4. And he answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, Remove the filthy garments from him. And to him he said, Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will dress you in festive garments.

5. And I said, Let them set a pure mitre upon his head. And they set a pure mitre upon his head, and dressed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by.

6. And the angel of the Lord warned Joshua, saying,

7. Thus says the Lord of Hosts; If you will walk in my ways, and if you will keep my charge, and you will also judge my house, and will also guard my courts, then I will give you access among these who stand by.
8. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you, and your friends who sit before you; for they are men of good omen; for, behold, I will bring my servant the Branch (Zemach).

9. For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua. Upon one stone are seven facets; behold, I will engrave its inscription, says the Lord of Hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10. On that day, says the Lord of Hosts, everyone of you shall invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree.
1. And the angel who talked with me came again, and waked me, like a man who is wakened out of his sleep,

2. And he said to me, What do you see? And I said, I have looked, and behold a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl upon its top, and seven lamps on it, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon its top;

3. And there are two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon its left side.

4. And I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

5. Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, my lord.

6. Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of Hosts.

7. Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forward its headstone, shouting Grace, grace to it.
8. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

9. The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and you shall know that the Lord of Hosts has sent me to you.

10. For who has despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11. Then I answered, and said to him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the lampstand and upon its left side?

12. And I answered again, and said to him, What are these two olive branches which are beside the two golden sprouts, from which the golden oil is poured out?

13. And he answered me and said, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, my lord.

14. And he said, These are the two anointed ones, who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.
1. Then I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold a flying scroll.

2. And he said to me, What do you see? And I answered, I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits.

3. And he said to me, This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth; for everyone who steals shall be cut off henceforth, according to it; and everyone who swears falsely shall be cut off henceforth, according to it.

4. I will send it forth, says the Lord of Hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him who swears falsely by my name; and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and it shall consume it with its timber and its stones.

5. Then the angel who talked with me went out, and said to me, Lift up now your eyes, and see what is this that goes out.

6. And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah measure going out. And he said, This is their appearance through all the earth.

7. And, behold, the leaden cover was lifted; and there was a woman sitting in the midst of the ephah measure.
8. And he said, This is Wickedness. And he cast her into the midst of the ephah measure; and he cast the weight of lead upon its mouth.

9. Then I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork; and they lifted up the ephah measure between the earth and the sky.

10. Then I said to the angel who talked with me, Where are they taking the ephah measure?

11. And he said to me, To build it a house in the land of Shinar; and when this is prepared, they will set it down there upon its base.
1. And I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of bronze.

2. In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

3. And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grizzled, bay horses.

4. Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, What are these, my lord?

5. And the angel answered and said to me, These are the four winds of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6. The black horses which are in it go toward the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grizzled go toward the south country.

7. And the bay horses went out, and sought to go to walk to and fro through the earth; and he said, Get here, walk to and fro through the earth. And they walked to and fro through the earth.
8. Then he cried to me, and spoke to me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have set my spirit at rest in the north country.

9. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

10. Take from the exiles, Heldai, Tobiah, and Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon, and come on that same day, and go to the house of Josiah, son of Zephaniah;

11. And take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest;

12. And speak to him, saying, Thus speaks the Lord of Hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is the Branch (Zemach); and he shall grow up from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord;

13. He shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and there shall be a priest before his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

14. And the crowns shall remain, as a memorial to Helem, and to Tobiah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, in the temple of the Lord.

15. And those who are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord, and you shall know that the Lord of Hosts has sent me to you. And this shall come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.
Zechariah Chapter 7

1. And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the Lord came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Kislev;

2. And Beth-El had sent Sharezer and Regem-Melech, and his men, to entreat the favor of the Lord,

3. And to speak to the priests who were in the house of the Lord of Hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

4. And the word of the Lord of Hosts came to me, saying,

5. Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, for these seventy years, did you really fast for me?

6. And when you eat, and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?

7. Should you not hear the words which the Lord has proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with its cities around her, when the Negev and the Shephelah were inhabited?
8. And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying,

9. Thus speaks the Lord of Hosts, saying, Render true judgment, and show loving kindness and compassion every man to his brother;

10. And do not oppress the widow, nor the orphan, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you plot evil against his brother in your heart.

11. But they refused to listen, and turned a stubborn shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

12. And they made their hearts like adamant stone, lest they should hear the Torah, and the words which the Lord of Hosts has sent in his spirit by the former prophets; therefore a great wrath came from the Lord of Hosts.

13. And so, as he cried, and they would not hear, the Lord of Hosts said: So they cried, and I did not hear;

14. But I scattered them with a stormy wind among all the nations whom they did not know. Thus the land was desolate after them, so that no man passed by nor returned; for they laid the pleasant land desolate.
1. Again the word of the Lord of Hosts came to me, saying,

2. Thus says the Lord of Hosts; I was zealous for Zion with great zeal, and I was zealous for her with great fury.

3. Thus says the Lord: I have returned to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth; and the mountain of the Lord of Hosts the Holy Mountain.

4. Thus says the Lord of Hosts: Old men and old women shall again dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for the fullness of days.

5. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.

6. Thus says the Lord of Hosts: If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in my eyes? says the Lord of Hosts.

7. Thus says the Lord of Hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;
8. And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

9. Thus says the Lord of Hosts: Let your hands be strong, you who hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, who spoke on the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of Hosts was laid, saying that the temple might be built.

10. For before these days there was no wage for man, nor any wage for beast; nor was there any peace to him who went out or who came in, because of the adversary; for I set all men everyone against his neighbor.

11. But now I will not be to the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the Lord of Hosts.

12. For there shall be the seed of peace; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her produce, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

13. And it shall come to pass, that as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, but let your hands be strong.

14. For thus says the Lord of Hosts: As I intended to do evil to you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, says the Lord of Hosts, and I did not relent;
15. So do I intend in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear.

16. These are the things that you shall do; Speak every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates;

17. And let none of you plot evil in your hearts against his neighbor; do not love false oaths; for all these are things that I hate, said the Lord.

18. And the word of the Lord of Hosts came to me, saying,

19. Thus says the Lord of Hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall become times of joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts to the house of Judah; therefore love truth and peace.

20. Thus says the Lord of Hosts: It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities;

21. And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to entreat the favor of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of Hosts. I will go also.

22. And many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.
23. Thus says the Lord of Hosts: In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men from the nations of every language, shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have heard that God is with you.
1. The burden of the word of the Lord in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus shall be his resting place; when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward the Lord.

2. And also Hamath which has its borders there; Tyre, and Sidon, though it is very wise.

3. And Tyre has built for herself a fortress, and heaped up silver like dust, and fine gold like the mud of the streets.

4. Behold, the Lord will strip her of her possessions, and he will strike her power into the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

5. Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also shall see it, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron shall see that her expectation has been confounded; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6. And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7. And I will take away his blood from his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; and he too shall remain for our God; and it shall be like a clan in Judah; and Ekron like a Jebusite.
8. And I will encamp around my house against any army, against any who passes by and returns; and no oppressor shall pass through them any more; for now have I seen with my eyes.

9. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, your King comes to you; he is just, and victorious; humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass.

10. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off; and he shall speak peace to the nations; and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

11. As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant I have sent forth your prisoners out of the pit where there is no water.

12. Return to the fortress, you prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double;

13. For I have bent Judah for me, I have filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up your sons, O Zion, over your sons, O Javan, and made you like the sword of a mighty man.

14. And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth like the lightning; and the Lord God shall blow the shofar, and shall move in stormy winds of the south.
15. The Lord of Hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and be boisterous as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and like the corners of the altar.

16. And the Lord their God shall save them on that day as the flock of his people; for they shall be like the jewels of a crown, shining over his land.

17. For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.
Zechariah Chapter 10

1. Ask rain of the Lord in the time of the latter rain; from the Lord who makes thunder clouds, and gives them showers of rain, and to everyone grass in the field.

2. For the family idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and the dreams have told falsehoods; they give empty comfort; therefore they went their way like a flock, they were afflicted, because there was no shepherd.

3. My anger burns against the shepherds, and I will punish the goats; for the Lord of Hosts has remembered his flock, the house of Judah, and has made them like the magnificent horse in the battle.

4. From them shall come forth the cornerstone, from them the tent peg, from the battle bow, from them every ruler together.

5. And they shall be as mighty men, who trample down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because the Lord is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6. And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again for I have compassion on them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off; for I am the Lord their God, and will answer them.
7. And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; and their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the Lord.

8. I will whistle for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them; and they shall increase as they have increased before.

9. And I will sow them among the peoples; and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and shall return.

10. And I will bring them back also from the land of Egypt, and gather them from Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; till there is no room for them.

11. And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall strike the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up; and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart away.

12. And I will strengthen them in the Lord; and they shall walk in his name, says the Lord.
1. Open your doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars.

2. Wail, O cypress tree; for the cedar has fallen; because the mighty trees are ruined; howl, O you oaks of Bashan; for the thick forest has come down.

3. There is a sound of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is gone; a sound of the roaring of young lions; for the wilderness along the Jordan is destroyed.

4. Thus says the Lord my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;

5. Whose owners slay them, and hold themselves not guilty; and they who sell them say, Blessed be the Lord; for I am rich. And their own shepherds do not pity them.

6. For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, says the Lord: but, behold, I will deliver the men everyone into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king; and they shall strike the land, and from their hand I will not save them.

7. And I will feed the flock of slaughter, you, O poorest of the flock. And I took for myself two rods; the one I called Grace (Noam), and the other I called Severity (Hovlim); and I fed the flock.
8. Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and I became impatient with them, and their soul also detested me.

9. Then I said, I will not be your shepherd; that which dies, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat the flesh of one another.

10. And I took my rod, Grace, and broke it, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples.

11. And it was broken on that day; and so the poorest of the flock who paid heed to me knew that it was the word of the Lord.

12. And I said to them, If it seems right to you, give me my wages; and if not, forbear. And they weighed for my wages thirty pieces of silver.

13. And the Lord said to me, Cast it into the treasury, the good price at which I was paid by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them into the treasury in the house of the Lord.

14. Then I broke my other rod, Severity, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15. And the Lord said to me, Take once more the instruments of a worthless shepherd.
16. For, behold, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, who shall not take care of those who are cut off, nor shall he seek the young one, nor heal the maimed, nor feed that which stands still; but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear off their hoofs in pieces.

17. Woe to the worthless shepherd who deserts the flock! May the sword strike his arm, and his right eye! Let his arm be dried up, and his right eye blinded!
1. The burden of the word of the Lord concerning Israel, says the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man inside him.

2. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling to all the people around, and it shall also be against Judah in the siege against Jerusalem.

3. And on that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all who burden themselves with it shall be grievously hurt. And all the peoples of the earth shall be gathered together against it.

4. On that day, says the Lord, I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness; and I will open my eyes upon the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the nations with blindness.

5. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength through the Lord of Hosts their God.

6. On that day I will make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among trees, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the peoples around, on the right hand and on the left; and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, in Jerusalem.
7. And the Lord shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

8. On that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he who is feeble among them shall be as David on that day; and the house of David shall be like a divine being, like the angel of the Lord before them.

9. And it shall come to pass on that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look towards me, regarding those whom the nations have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only son, and shall be in bitterness over him, as one who is in bitterness for his firstborn.

11. On that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadad-Rimmon in the valley of Megiddo.

12. And the land shall mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

13. The family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;
14. All the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.
Zechariah Chapter 13

1. On that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for cleansing and for sprinkling.

2. And it shall come to pass on that day, says the Lord of Hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass from the land.

3. And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother who bore him shall say to him, You shall not live; for you speak lies in the name of the Lord; and his father and his mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies.

4. And it shall come to pass on that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed everyone of his vision, when he has prophesied; nor shall they wear a hairy mantle in order to deceive;

5. But he shall say, I am not a prophet, I am a tiller of the soil; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

6. And one shall say to him, What are these wounds in your hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.
7. Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man who is my associate, says the Lord of Hosts: strike the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

8. And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, says the Lord, two thirds shall be cut off and die; but one third shall be left alive.

9. And I will bring this third through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will test them as gold is tested; they shall call on my name, and I will hear them; I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The Lord is my God.
1. Behold, the day of the Lord comes, and the plunder taken from you shall be divided in your midst.

2. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women raped; and half of the city shall go into exile, and the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4. And his feet shall stand on that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in its midst toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall be moved toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5. And you shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal; yes, you shall flee, like you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah; and the Lord my God shall come, and all the holy ones with you.

6. And it shall come to pass on that day, that there shall not be bright light nor thick darkness;
7. But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night; but it shall come to pass, that at evening time there shall be light.

8. And it shall be on that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea; in summer and in winter shall it be.

9. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth; on that day the Lord shall be one, and his name One.

10. All the land shall be changed like the Arabah from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and she shall be lifted up, and remain in her place, from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the first gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananeel to the king's wine presses.

11. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall dwell secure.

12. And this shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their sockets, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

13. And it shall come to pass on that day, that a great panic from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.
14. And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the nations around shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and clothing, in great abundance.

15. And such shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these camps, as this plague.

16. And it shall come to pass, that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths.

17. And it shall be, that whoever will not come up of all the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, upon them shall be no rain.

18. And if the family of Egypt does not go up, and does not come, they will have no rain. This shall be the plague, with which the Lord will strike the nations that do not come up to observe the Feast of Booths.

19. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that come not up to observe the Feast of Booths.

20. On that day shall there be inscribed upon the bells of the horses, Sacred to the Lord; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the basins before the altar.
21. And every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be sacred to the Lord of Hosts; and all those who sacrifice shall come and take of them, and cook in them; and on that day there shall not be merchants any more in the house of the Lord of Hosts.
Malachi Chapter 1

1. The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi.

2. I have loved you, says the Lord. Yet you say, How have you loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? says the Lord; yet I loved Jacob,

3. And I hated Esau, and laid waste his mountains and gave his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness.

4. For Edom said: We are impoverished, but we will return and rebuild the desolate places. Thus says the Lord of Hosts: They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The Border of Wickedness, and The people against whom the Lord has indignation for ever.

5. And your eyes shall see, and you shall say, The Lord will be magnified beyond the border of Israel.

6. A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of Hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name, and you say: How have we despised your name?

7. You offer polluted bread upon my altar; and you say, How have we polluted you? In that you say, The table of the Lord is contemptible.
8. And if you offer the blind for sacrifice, is this not evil? And if you offer the lame and the sick, is this not evil? Offer it now to your governor, will he be pleased with you, or accept your person? says the Lord of Hosts.

9. And now, I beg you, beseech God that he will be gracious to us; this has been your doing. Will he show favor to any of you? says the Lord of Hosts.

10. O, that were one among you who would shut the doors that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, said the Lord of Hosts, nor will I accept an offering from your hand.

11. For, from the rising of the sun until it goes down, my name is great among the nations; and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

12. But you have profaned it, in that you say, The table of the Lord is polluted; and his fruit, his food, is contemptible.

13. And you said, Behold, what a weariness it is! And you snuffed at it, says the Lord of Hosts; and you brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus you brought an offering. Should I accept this from your hand? says the Lord.

14. Let the deceiver be cursed, who has in his flock a male, and yet vows, and sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished; for I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared among the nations.
1. And now, O you priests, this commandment is for you.

2. If you will not hear, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Indeed I have cursed them already, because you do not lay it to heart.

3. Behold, I will rebuke your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, the dung of your solemn feasts; and you will be taken away with it.

4. And you shall know that I have sent this commandment to you, that my covenant might be with Levi, says the Lord of Hosts.

5. My covenant was with him for life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear with which he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

6. The Torah of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips; he walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many away from iniquity.

7. For the priest's lips should guard knowledge, and they should seek the Torah from his mouth; for he is a messenger of the Lord of Hosts.
8. But you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble in the Torah; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts.

9. Therefore I have also made you contemptible and base before all the people, because you have not kept my ways, but have shown partiality in regard to the Torah.

10. Have we not all one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

11. Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the holiness of the Lord which he loved, and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

12. The Lord will cut off all living offspring from the tents of Jacob, from the man who does this, and from him who brings an offering to the Lord of Hosts.

13. And this again you do: you cover the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with sighing, because he will not regard the offering any more, nor receive it with good will from your hand.

14. And you say, Why is this so? Because the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, yet is she your companion, and the wife of your covenant.
15. And did not God make of you one flesh? So that one should have a spiritual kin? And what does that one flesh seek? A godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not be faithless to the wife of your youth.

16. For to send her away is hateful, says the Lord, the God of Israel, and covering one's garment with violence, says the Lord of Hosts; therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not be faithless.

17. You have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet you say: How have we wearied him? When you say, Every one who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delights in them; or, Where is the God of justice?
Malachi Chapter 3

1. Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, and the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in, behold, he shall come, says the Lord of Hosts.

2. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like the washer's soap;

3. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and refine them like gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.

4. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the orphan, and who turn aside the foreigner from his right, and do not fear me, says the Lord of Hosts.

6. For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you sons of Jacob are not consumed.
7. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my ordinances, and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of Hosts. But you said, How shall we return?

8. Will man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say, How have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings.

9. You are cursed with a curse; for you have robbed me, this whole nation.

10. Bring all the tithes to the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and test me now with that, says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour for you an overflowing blessing.

11. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; nor shall your vine cast her fruit in the field before the time, says the Lord of Hosts.

12. And all nations shall call you blessed; for you shall be a land of delight, says the Lord of Hosts.

13. Your words have been strong against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, How have we spoken against you?
14. You have said: It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts?

15. And now we call the arrogant happy; those who work wickedness prosper; even those who tempt God escape.

16. Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another; and the Lord listened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for those who feared the Lord, and who took heed of his name.

17. And they shall be mine, says the Lord of Hosts, on that day which I appoint as my particular day; and I will spare them, like a man spares his own son who serves him.

18. Then you shall return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve him.

19. For, behold, the day comes, it shall burn like an oven; and all the arrogant, and all who do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of Hosts, so that it will not leave them root nor branch.

20. But to you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in its wings; and you shall go forth leaping like calves from the stall.
21. And you shall trample down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I shall do this, says the Lord of Hosts.

22. Remember the Torah of Moses my servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

23. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord;

24. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a curse.
I Chronicles
Chapter 1

1. Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jared,
Hanoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5. The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

6. And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

7. And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodaniam.

8. The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.


10. And Cush fathered Nimrod; he began to be mighty upon the earth.
11. And Mizraim fathered Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

12. And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, the Philistines descend from them, and Caphtorim.

13. And Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,

14. The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

15. And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

16. And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17. The sons of Shem: Elam, and Ashur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.

18. And Arphaxad fathered Shalah, and Shalah fathered Eber.

19. And to Eber were born two sons; the name of the one was Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name was Joktan.

20. And Joktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

21. Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah,
22. And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

23. And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.

24. Shem, Arphaxad, Shalah,

25. Eber, Peleg, Rehu,

26. Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27. Abram; who is Abraham.


29. These are their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

30. Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema,

31. Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

32. Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine; she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan: Sheba, and Dedan.
33. And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these are the sons of Keturah.

34. And Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel.

35. The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Rehuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

36. The sons of Eliphaz: Teiman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

37. The sons of Rehuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

38. And the sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan.

39. And the sons of Lotan: Hori, and Homam: and Timna was Lotan's sister.


41. The sons of Anah: Dishon. And the sons of Dishon: Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

42. The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Jaakan. The sons of Dishon: Uz, and Aran.
43. Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the people of Israel: Belah the son of Beor: and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

44. And when Belah died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.

45. And when Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Teimanites reigned in his place.

46. And when Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place: and the name of his city was Avith.

47. And when Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.

48. And when Samlah died, Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his place.

49. And when Saul died, Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place.

50. And when Baal-Hanan died, Hadad reigned in his place: and the name of his city was Pai; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

51. And Hadad died. And the chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth,
52. Chief Aholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

53. Chief Kenaz, chief Teiman, chief Mibzar,

54. Chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom.
1. These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Shimeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

2. Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3. The sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah; these three were born to him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil in the sight of the Lord; and he slew him.

4. And Tamar his daughter in law bore him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

5. The sons of Perez: Hezron, and Hamul.

6. And the sons of Zerah: Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five of them in all.

7. And the sons of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the matter of the devoted property.

8. And the sons of Ethan: Azariah.

9. The sons also of Hezron, who were born to him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.
10. And Ram fathered Amminadab; and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, prince of the men of Judah;

11. And Nahshon fathered Salmah, and Salmah fathered Boaz,

12. And Boaz fathered Obed, and Obed fathered Jesse.

13. And Jesse fathered his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimeah the third,

14. Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

15. Ozem the sixth, David the seventh:

16. Whose sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.

17. And Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

18. And Caleb the son of Hezron fathered children by Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth; her sons are these: Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon.

19. And when Azubah died, Caleb took to him Ephrath, who bore him Hur.
20. And Hur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered Bezalel.

21. And afterwards Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old; and she bore him Segub.

22. And Segub fathered Jair, who had twenty three cities in the land of Gilead.

23. And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath, and its towns, sixty cities. All these belonged to the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

24. And, after Hezron died in Caleb-Ephratah, his wife Abijah bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

25. And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were: Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and Ahijah.

26. Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

27. And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were: Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

28. And the sons of Onam were: Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai: Nadab, and Abishur.
29. And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban, and Molid.

30. And the sons of Nadab: Seled, and Appaim; but Seled died without children.

31. And the sons of Appaim: Ishi. And the sons of Ishi: Sheshan. And the children of Sheshan: Ahlai.

32. And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai: Jether, and Jonathan; and Jether died without children.

33. And the sons of Jonathan: Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34. Now Sheshan had no sons, but only daughters. And Sheshan had a slave, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha.

35. And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his slave to wife; and she bore him Attai.

36. And Attai fathered Nathan, and Nathan fathered Zabad,

37. And Zabad fathered Ephlal, and Ephlal fathered Obed,

38. And Obed fathered Jehu, and Jehu fathered Azariah,
39. And Azariah fathered Helez, and Helez fathered Eleasah,

40. And Eleasah fathered Sisamai, and Sisamai fathered Shallum,

41. And Shallum fathered Jekamiah, and Jekamiah fathered Elishama.

42. Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were: Meysha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

43. And the sons of Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

44. And Shema fathered Raham, the father of Jorkoam; and Rekem fathered Shammai.

45. And the son of Shammai was Maon; and Maon was the father of Beth-Zur.

46. And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez; and Haran fathered Gazez.

47. And the sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

49. She bore also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibea; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

50. These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah: Shobal the father of Kiriath-Jearim,

51. Salmah the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of Beth-Gader.

52. And Shobal the father of Kiriath-Jearim had sons: Haroeh, and half of the Manahathites.

53. And the families of Kiriath-Jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites.

54. The sons of Salmah: Bethlehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.

55. And the families of the scribes who lived in Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites who came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.
1. Now these were the sons of David, who were born to him in Hebron: the
firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the
Carmelitess:

2. The third, Absalom, the son of Maachah, the daughter of Talmai king of
Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah, the son of Haggith:

3. The fifth, Shephatiah, of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife.

4. These six were born to him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and
six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty three years.

5. And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimeah, and Shobab, and Nathan,
and Solomon; four, of Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel:

6. Ibhar also, and Elishama, and Eliphelet,

7. And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

8. And Elishama, and Eliadah, and Eliphelet, nine.
9. These were all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

10. And Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

11. Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

12. Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

13. Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

14. Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15. And the sons of Josiah were: the firstborn, Johanan, the second, Jehoiakim, the third, Zedekiah, the fourth, Shallum.

16. And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

17. And the sons of Jeconiah: the captive, Shealtiel his son,

18. Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.
19. And the sons of Pedaiah were: Zerubbabel, and Shimei; and the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shemomith their sister:

20. And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jeshua-Hesed, five.

21. And the sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah, and Isaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

22. And the sons of Shechaniah: Shemaiah; and the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igal, and Baria, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

23. And the sons of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

24. And the sons of Elioenai were: Hodaviah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

2. And Reaiah the son of Shobal fathered Jahath; and Jahath fathered Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites.

3. And these were of the father of Etam: Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister was Hazelelponi:

4. And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah, the father of Bethlehem.

5. And Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6. And Naarah bore him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Teimeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.

7. And the sons of Helah were: Zereth, and Zohar, and Ethnan.

8. And Koz fathered Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

9. And Jabez was more honorable than his brothers: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bore him with sorrow.
10. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him what he requested.

11. And Chelub the brother of Shuhah fathered Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.

12. And Eshton fathered Beth-Rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-Nahash. These are the men of Rechah.

13. And the sons of Kenaz: Othniel, and Seraiah; and the sons of Othniel; Hathath.

14. And Meonothai fathered Ophrah; and Seraiah fathered Joab, the father of the Valley of Karashim; for they were craftsmen.

15. And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah: Kenaz.

16. And the sons of Jehalelel: Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.

17. And the sons of Ezrah were: Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon: and she bore Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoah.
18. And his wife, of the tribe of Judah, bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, who Mered took.

19. And the sons of Hodijah's wife, the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoah the Maachathite.

20. And the sons of Shimon were: Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-Hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were: Zoheth, and Ben-Zoheth.

21. The sons of Shelah, the son of Judah were: Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of those who worked fine linen, of the house of Ashbea,

22. And Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-Lehem. And these are ancient records.

23. These were the potters, and those who lived among plantations and hedges: there they lived, occupied with the king's work.

24. The sons of Shimeon were: Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Saul.

25. Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

26. And the sons of Mishma: Hamuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son.
27. And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many children, neither did their family multiply, like the descendants of Judah.

28. And they lived in Beersheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-Shual,

29. And in Bilhah, and in Ezem, and in Tolad,

30. And in Bethuel, and in Hormah, and in Ziklag,

31. And in Beth-Marcaboth, and Hazar-Susim, and in Beth-Birei, and in Shaaraim. These were their cities to the reign of David.

32. And their villages were: Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities:

33. And all their villages that were around the same cities, as far as Baal. These were their habitations, and their genealogy.

34. And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah, the son of Amaziah,

35. And Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

36. And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,
37. And Ziza the son of Shippi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah;

38. These mentioned by their names were princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

39. And they went to the entrance of Gedor, to the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40. And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceful; for they of Ham had lived there of old.

41. And these registered by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and destroyed their tents, and the Meunim who were found there, and exterminated them completely to this day, and lived in their place: because there was pasture there for their flocks.

42. And some of them, of the sons of Shimeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

43. And they destroyed the rest of the Amalekites who had escaped, and lived there to this day.
1. Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, for he was the firstborn; but, since he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not to be considered after the birthright.

2. For Judah prevailed above his brothers, and from him came the chief ruler; but the birthright belonged to Joseph.

3. The sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, were: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

4. The sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,

5. Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,

6. Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-Pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites.

7. And his brothers by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was considered, were the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,

8. And Belah the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who lived in Aroer, as far as Nebo and Baal-Meon:
9. And eastward he inhabited as far as the entrance to the wilderness of the river Euphrates: because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead.

10. And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they lived in their tents throughout all the east land of Gilead.

11. And the men of Gad lived opposite them, in the land of Bashan as far as Salcah:

12. Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.

13. And their brothers of the house of their fathers were: Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven.

14. These are the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

15. Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.

16. And they lived in Gilead in Bashan, and in its towns, and in all the pasture lands of Sharon, to their limits.

17. All these were registered by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.
18. The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, brave men, men able to bear shield and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, were forty four thousand seven hundred and sixty, who went out to the war.

19. And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab.

20. And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he granted their entreaty; because they put their trust in him.

21. And they took away their livestock: fifty thousand camels, and two hundred and fifty thousand sheep, and two thousand asses, and one hundred thousand men.

22. For many fell down slain, because the war was of God. And they lived in their places until the exile.

23. And members of the half tribe of Manasseh lived in the land; they were very numerous from Bashan to Baal-Hermon and Senir, and to Mount Hermon.

24. And these were the heads of the house of their fathers: Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, and heads of the house of their fathers.
25. And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and played the harlot after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God destroyed before them.

26. And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-Pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, till this day.

27. The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kehath, and Merari.

28. And the sons of Kehath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

29. And the children of Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

30. Eleazar fathered Phinehas, Phinehas fathered Abishua,

31. And Abishua fathered Bukki, and Bukki fathered Uzzi,

32. And Uzzi fathered Zerahiah, and Zerahiah fathered Meraioth,

33. Meraioth fathered Amariah, and Amariah fathered Ahitub,

34. And Ahitub fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Ahimaaz,
35. And Ahimaaz fathered Azariah, and Azariah fathered Johanan,

36. And Johanan fathered Azariah, he is the one who performed the priest's duty in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem:

37. And Azariah fathered Amariah, and Amariah fathered Ahitub,

38. And Ahitub fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Shallum,

39. And Shallum fathered Hilkiah, and Hilkiah fathered Azariah,

40. And Azariah fathered Seraiah, and Seraiah fathered Jehozadak,

41. And Jehozadak went into exile, when the Lord carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.
1. The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kehath, and Merari.

2. And these are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni, and Shimei.

3. And the sons of Kehath were: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

4. The sons of Merari: Mahli, and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers.

5. Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,

6. Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeaterai his son.

7. The sons of Kehath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

8. Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,

9. Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Saul his son.

10. And the sons of Elkanah: Amasai, and Ahimoth.
11. As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah: Zophai his son, and Nahath his son.

12. Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.

13. And the sons of Samuel: the firstborn Vashni, and Abijah.

14. The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son.

15. Shimeah his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

16. And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the Lord, after the ark rested there.

17. And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem: and then they performed their duty according to their order.

18. And these are the men who served and their sons. Of the sons of the Kehathites: Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel.

19. The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah.

20. The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai.
21. The son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,

22. The son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,

23. The son of Izhar, the son of Kehath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

24. And his brother Asaph, who stood at his right hand, Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimeah,

25. The son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah,

26. The son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,

27. The son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,

28. The son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.

29. And their brothers the sons of Merari stood at the left hand: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,

30. The son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,

31. The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,
32. The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

33. And their brothers the Levites were appointed to all kinds of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

34. And Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the Most Holy place, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

35. And these are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,

36. Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,

37. Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,

38. Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

39. And these are their dwelling places throughout their encampments in their borders, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kehathites: for theirs was the lot.

40. And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and its surrounding pasture lands.
41. And to Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, they gave the fields of the city, and its pastures.

42. And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah: Hebron, the city of refuge, and Libnah with its pasture lands, and Jattir, and Eshtemoah, with their pasture lands,

43. And Hilen with its pasture lands, Debir with its pasture lands,

44. And Ashan with its pasture lands, and Beth-Shemesh with its pasture lands,

45. And from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its pasture lands, and Alemeth, with its pasture lands, and Anathoth with its pasture lands. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

46. And to the sons of Kehath, who were left of the family of that tribe, cities were given from the half tribe, from the half tribe of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities.

47. And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families from the tribe of Issachar, and from the tribe of Asher, and from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

48. To the sons of Merari were given by lot, throughout their families, from the tribe of Reuben, and from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.
49. And the people of Israel gave to the Levites these cities with their pasture lands.

50. And they gave by lot from the tribe of Judah, and from the tribe of Shimeon, and from the tribe of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by their names.

51. And some of the families of the sons of Kehath had cities of their borders from the tribe of Ephraim.

52. And they gave to them, of the cities of refuge, Shechem in Mount Ephraim with its pasture lands; they gave also Gezer with its pasture lands.

53. And Jokmeam with its pasture lands, and Beth-Horon with its pasture lands.

54. And Ayalon with its pasture lands, and Gath-Rimmon with its pasture lands.

55. And from the half tribe of Manasseh: Aner with its pasture lands, and Bileam for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kehath.

56. To the sons of Gershom were given from the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands, and Ashtaroth with its pasture lands.

57. And from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its pasture lands, Daberath with its pasture lands,
58. And Ramoth with its pasture lands, and Anem with its pasture lands:

59. And from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its pasture lands, and Abdon with its pasture lands,

60. And Hukok with its pasture lands, and Rehob with its pasture lands:

61. And from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its pasture lands, and Hammon with its pasture lands, and Kiriatayim with her pasture lands.

62. To the rest of the descendants of Merari were given from the tribe of Zebulun: Rimmon with its pasture lands, Tabor with its pasture lands:

63. And on the other side of the Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, from the tribe of Reuben, were given to them: Bezer in the wilderness with its pasture lands, and Jahzah with its pasture lands,

64. Kedemoth also with its pasture lands, and Mephaath with its pasture lands.

65. And from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its pasture lands, and Mahanaim with its pasture lands,

66. And Heshbon with its pasture lands, and Jazer with its pasture lands.
1. Now the sons of Issachar were: Tola, and Pua, Jashub, and Shimron, four.

2. And the sons of Tola: Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Samuel, heads of their father's house, of Tola's; they were brave men of might in their generations; whose number was in the days of David twenty two thousand and six hundred.

3. And the sons of Uzzi: Izrahiah; and the sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: all of them chief men.

4. And with them, by their generations, according to their fathers' houses, were bands of soldiers for war, thirty six thousand men; for they had many wives and sons.

5. And their brothers among all the families of Issachar were brave men of might, considered in all by their genealogies eighty seven thousand.

6. The sons of Benjamin: Belah, and Becher, and Jedeaie, three.

7. And the sons of Belah: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valor; and were considered by their genealogies twenty two thousand and thirty four.
8. And the sons of Becher: Zemirah, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these are the sons of Becher.

9. And the number of them, according to their genealogy by their generations, as heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valor, was twenty thousand and two hundred.

10. The sons also of Jediael: Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan: Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Ahishahar.

11. All these, the sons of Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valor, were seventeen thousand and two hundred soldiers, fit to go out to war and battle.

12. Shuppim also, and Huppim, the sons of Ir, and Hushim, the sons of Aher.

13. The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

14. The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom she bore; his Aramean concubine bore Machir the father of Gilead:
15. And Machir took a wife for Huppim and Shuppim; and the name of their sister was Maachah; and the name of the second was Zelophehad; and Zelophehad had daughters.

16. And Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.

17. And the sons of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

18. And his sister Hammoleketh bore Ishhod, and Abiezer, and Mahlah.

19. And the sons of Shemida were: Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20. And the sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son,

21. And Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Eled, whom the men of Gath who were born in that land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle.

22. And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.
23. And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bore a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house.

24. And his daughter was Sherah, who built lower and upper Beth-Horon, and Uzzensherah.

25. And Rephah was his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son,

26. Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,

27. Nun his son, Joshua his son.

28. And their possessions and habitations were: Beth-El and its towns, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with its towns; and Shechem and its towns, as far as Gaza and its towns.

29. And by the borders of Manasseh, Beth-Shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these lived the descendants of Joseph the son of Israel.

30. The sons of Asher: Jimnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

31. And the sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel, who is the father of Birzayit.
32. And Heber fathered Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shu`aa their sister.

33. And the sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet.

34. And the sons of Shamer: Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

35. And the sons of his brother Helem: Zophah, and Jimna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

36. The sons of Zophah: Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,

37. Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.

38. And the sons of Jether: Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.

39. And the sons of Ulla: Arah, and Hanni`el, and Rizia.

40. All these were the sons of Asher, heads of their father's house, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. And the number considered by the genealogy of those who were apt for war and for battle was twenty six thousand men.
1. And Benjamin fathered Belah his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third,

2. Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

3. And the sons of Belah were: Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

4. And Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,

5. And Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram.

6. And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of the fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Geba, and they were exiled to Manahath:

7. And Naaman, and Ahijah, and Gera, he exiled them, and fathered Uzza, and Ahihud.

8. And Shaharaim fathered children in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives.

9. And he fathered by Hodesh his wife: Jobab, and Zibia, and Meysha, and Malcham,
10. And Jeuz, and Sachia, and Mirma. These were his sons, heads of the fathers' houses.

11. And by Hushim he fathered Abitub, and Elpaal.

12. The sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod, with its towns:

13. Beriah also, and Shema, who were heads of the fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Ayalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:

14. And Ahio, Shashak, and Jerimoth,

15. And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,

16. And Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah;

17. And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber,

18. Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal;

19. And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,

20. And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel,
21. And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimei;

22. And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel,

23. And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

24. And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah,

25. And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak;

26. And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah,

27. And Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham.

28. These were heads of the fathers' houses, by their generations, chief men. These lived in Jerusalem.

29. And at Gibeon lived the father of Gibeon; whose wife's name was Maachah;

30. And his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab,

31. And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher.
32. And Mikloth fathered Shimeah. And these also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, opposite them.

33. And Ner fathered Kish, and Kish fathered Saul, and Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

34. And the son of Jonathan was Merib-Baal; and Merib-Baal fathered Micah.

35. And the sons of Micah were: Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz.

36. And Ahaz fathered Jehoadah; and Jehoadah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri fathered Moza,

37. And Moza fathered Binea: Rapha was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son:

38. And Azel had six sons, whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel.

39. And the sons of Eshek his brother were: Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

40. And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and grandsons, a hundred and fifty. All these were sons of Benjamin.
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1. So all of Israel were registered by genealogies; and, behold, they were written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah, who were carried away to Babylon for their transgression.

2. Now the first inhabitants who lived in their possessions in their cities were the people of Israel, the priests, Levites, and the temple servants.

3. And in Jerusalem lived men of Judah, and men of Benjamin, and men of Ephraim, and Manasseh;

4. Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Obed, the son of Bani, of the children of Perez the son of Judah.

5. And of the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons.

6. And of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their brothers, six hundred and ninety.

7. And of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah,

8. And Ibnijah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;
9. And their brothers, according to their generations: nine hundred and fifty six. All these men were heads of the fathers' houses.

10. And of the priests: Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,

11. And Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God;

12. And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashchur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

13. And their brothers, heads of the house of their fathers: a thousand seven hundred and sixty; very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

14. And of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

15. And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;

16. And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.
17. And the gatekeepers were: Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brothers: Shallum was the chief;

18. Who till now had been stationed in the King's Gate on the east side; they were gatekeepers in the camps of the Levites.

19. And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brothers, of the house of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, being over the host of the Lord, were keepers of the entrance.

20. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, and the Lord was with him.

21. And Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22. All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers of the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were registered by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer established in their office of trust.

23. So they and their sons had the supervision of the gates of the house of the Lord, the house of the tabernacle, as guards.

24. The gatekeepers were on the four sides: east, west, north, and south.
25. And their brothers, who were in their villages, were obliged to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them.

26. For these Levites, the four chief gatekeepers, were in charge over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God.

27. And they lodged around the house of God, because they were in charge of its opening every morning.

28. And some of them were in charge of the utensils of service, and had to count them when bringing them in and when taking them out.

29. Some of them also were appointed to supervise the utensils and the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

30. And some of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.

31. And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, was in charge of the things which were made in the pans.

32. And others of their brothers, of the sons of the Kehathites, were in charge of the bread of display, to prepare it every sabbath.
33. And these were the singers, heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites, living in the temple chambers free from other duties: for they were employed in that work day and night.

34. These were heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites, chief men by their generations; these lived in Jerusalem.

35. And in Gibeon lived the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maachah:

36. And his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37. And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38. And Mikloth fathered Shimeam. And they also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, opposite their brothers.

39. And Ner fathered Kish; and Kish fathered Saul; and Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

40. And the son of Jonathan was Merib-Baal: and Merib-Baal fathered Micah.

41. And the sons of Micah were: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea.
42. And Ahaz fathered Jarah; and Jarah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri fathered Moza;

43. And Moza fathered Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44. And Azel had six sons, whose names were these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons of Azel.
1. And the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from the Philistines, and fell down slain in Mount Gilboa.

2. And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul.

3. And the battle went hard against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded by the archers.

4. Then Saul said to his armor bearer: Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. And his armor bearer would not; for he was very afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5. And when his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

6. So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

7. And when all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and lived in them.
8. And it came to pass, the next morning, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in Mount Gilboa.

9. And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armor, and sent around to the land of the Philistines, to carry tidings to their idols, and to the people.

10. And they put his armor in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

11. And when all Jabesh-Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul,

12. They arose, all the brave men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13. So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, against the word of the Lord, which he did not keep, and also for asking counsel of a medium, seeking guidance.

14. And he did not seek guidance from the Lord: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.
1. Then all Israel gathered themselves to David to Hebron, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

2. Also yesterday, and the day before yesterday, also when Saul was king, it was you who lead Israel out and brought them in: and the Lord your God said to you, You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be ruler over my people Israel.

3. And all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord by Samuel.

4. And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus; where the Jebusites were the inhabitants of the land.

5. And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, You shall not come here. Nevertheless David took the fortress of Zion, which is the city of David.

6. And David said, Whoever is the first to strike the Jebusites shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and became the chief.
7. And David lived in the fortress; therefore they called it the city of David.

8. And he built the city around, from the Millo around: and Joab repaired the rest of the city.

9. So David became greater and greater: for the Lord of Hosts was with him.

10. And these are the chiefs of David's mighty men, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, and with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord concerning Israel.

11. And this is an account of David's mighty men: Jashobeam, the son of Hachmoni, the chief of the captains; he lifted up his spear over three hundred slain by him at one time.

12. And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men.

13. He was with David at Pas-Dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle. There was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines.

14. And they set themselves in the midst of that plot of ground, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the Lord saved them by a great deliverance.
15. And three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the
cave of Adullam; and the camp of the Philistines was in the valley of Rephaim.

16. And David was then in the fortress, and the garrison of the Philistines was
then at Bethlehem.

17. And David longed, and said, Oh, that one would give me drink from the
water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!

18. And the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water
from the well of Bethlehem, which was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to
David: but David would not drink it, but poured it out to the Lord,

19. And said, Far be it from be before my God, that I should do this. Shall I
drink the blood of these men who have put their lives at risk? For at the risk of
their lives they brought it. And he would not drink it. These things did these
three mighty men.

20. And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: and he lifted up
his spear over three hundred slain, and had a name among the three.

21. Of the three of the second rank he was the most renowned, and he was their
captain: but he did not attain the first three.
22. Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a brave man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts; he slew two lion like men of Moab; and he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.

23. And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

24. These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he had a name among the three mighty men.

25. Behold, he was renowned among the thirty, but he did not attain the first three: and David set him over his guard.

26. And the brave men of the armies were: Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

27. Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

28. Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite,

29. Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,

30. Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,
31. Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, who belonged to the men of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32. Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,

33. Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

34. The sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite,

35. Ahiam the son of Sachar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur,

36. Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37. Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai,

38. Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggeri,

39. Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Berothite, the armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

40. Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41. Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,
42. Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43. Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

44. Uzziah the Ashtarothite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,

45. Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46. Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47. Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mesobaite.
1. And these came to David to Ziklag, while he still kept himself shut because of Saul the son of Kish, and they were among the mighty men, who helped him in war.

2. They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and shooting arrows from a bow; they were from Saul's brothers of Benjamin.

3. The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Hashmaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Anathothite.

4. And Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty;

5. And Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite,

6. Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

7. Elkanah, and Ishiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites,

8. And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.
9. And from the Gadites there went over to David at the fortress in the wilderness men of might, men of war, fit for the battle, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains;

10. Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

11. Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

12. Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

13. Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

14. Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.

15. These were of the men of Gad, captains of the army: the lesser over a hundred, and the greater over a thousand.

16. These are the men who went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflown all his banks; and they put to flight all those in the valleys, both to the east, and to the west.

17. And there came some men from Benjamin and Judah to the fortress, to David.
18. And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, If you have come peacefully to me to help me, my heart shall be knit to you: but if you have come to betray me to my enemies, seeing that there is no wrong in my hands, then let the God of our fathers see it and rebuke you.

19. Then the spirit came upon Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, We are yours, David, and on your side, O son of Jesse, peace, peace be to you, and peace be to your helpers; for your God helps you. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

20. And some from Manasseh deserted to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle; but they did not help them, for the lords of the Philistines took counsel and sent him away, saying, He will desert to his master Saul, to the risk of our heads.

21. As he went to Ziklag, there deserted to him from Manasseh: Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands who were from Manasseh.

22. And they helped David against the band of raiders: for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the army.

23. For at that time, day by day, men came over to David to help him, until it was a great army, like the host of God.
24. And these are the numbers of the bands of the armed troops, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul over to him, according to the word of the Lord:

25. The men of Judah who bore shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed for war.

26. Of the men of Shimeon, mighty men of valor for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.

27. Of the men of Levi, four thousand and six hundred.

28. And Jehoiada was the leader of the sons of Aaron, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred;

29. And Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and from his father's house twenty two captains.

30. And of the men of Benjamin, the relatives of Saul, three thousand: for until now the greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul.

31. And of the men of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous throughout the houses of their fathers.
32. And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were expressly named to come and make David king.

33. And of the men of Issachar, who were men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brothers were at their commandment.

34. Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, who could keep rank; they were not of two hearts.

35. And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty seven thousand.

36. And of the Danites expert in war twenty eight thousand and six hundred.

37. And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.

38. And on the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all kinds of weapons of war for the battle, a hundred and twenty thousand.

39. All these men of war, ranged in battle order, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of a single heart to make David king.
40. And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brothers had prepared for them.

41. And they who were near them, as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and provisions of meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel.
1. And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader.

2. And David said to all the congregation of Israel, If it seems good to you, and if it is the will of the Lord our God, let us send abroad to our brothers, who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and pasture lands, that they may gather themselves to us:

3. And let us bring back the ark of our God to us: for we did not inquire at it in the days of Saul.

4. And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing seemed right in the eyes of all the people.

5. So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt as far as the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-Jearim.

6. And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-Jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring from there the ark of God the Lord, who dwells between the Cherubim, by whose name it is called.

7. And they carried the ark of God in a new cart from the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.
8. And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with lyres, and with tambourines, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9. And when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled.

10. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza, and he struck him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

11. And David was upset, because the Lord had broken forth upon Uzza; and that place is called Perez-Uzza to this day.

12. And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?

13. And David did not bring the ark home to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

14. And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months. And the Lord blessed the house of Obed-Edom, and everything that he had.
1. And Huram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house.

2. And David perceived that the Lord had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

3. And David took more wives in Jerusalem: and David fathered more sons and daughters.

4. Now these are the names of his children whom he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5. And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elphalet,

6. And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

7. And Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

8. And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them.
9. And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

10. And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? And will you deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said to him, Go up; for I will deliver them into your hand.

11. So they came up to Baal-Perazim; and David defeated them there. Then David said, God has broken through my enemies by my hand like a bursting flood of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Baal-Perazim.

12. And they left their gods there, and David gave a command, and they were burned with fire.

13. And the Philistines yet again made a raid in the valley.

14. And David inquired again of God; and God said to him, Do not go up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them opposite the mulberry trees.

15. And it shall be, when you shall hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that you should then go out to battle, for God has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines.

16. David therefore did as God commanded him; and they defeated the army of the Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer.
17. And the fame of David went out to all lands; and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all nations.
1. And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

2. Then David said, No one ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites; for them has the Lord chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister to him forever.

3. And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Lord to its place, which he had prepared for it.

4. And David assembled the men of Aaron, and the Levites;

5. Of the sons of Kehath: Uriel the chief, and his brothers one hundred and twenty;

6. Of the sons of Merari: Asaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred and twenty;

7. Of the sons of Gershom: Joel the chief, and his brothers one hundred and thirty;

8. Of the sons of Elizaphan: Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred;

9. Of the sons of Hebron: Eliel the chief, and his brothers eighty;
10. Of the sons of Uzziel: Amminadab the chief, and his brothers one hundred and twelve.

11. And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12. And said to them, You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, both you and your brothers, that you may bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel to the place that I have prepared for it.

13. For because you did not do so at the first, the Lord our God made a breach upon us, because we did not seek him according to the prescribed way.

14. So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel.

15. And the Levites carried the ark of God upon their shoulders with its poles, as Moses commanded according to the word of the Lord.

16. And David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brothers to be the singers with instruments of music, lyres and harps and cymbals, playing loudly to raise sounds of joy.
17. So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;

18. And with them their brothers of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Beniaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.

19. So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound cymbals of bronze;

20. And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Beniaiah, with lyres on Alamoth;

21. And Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, were to lead with lyres according to the Sheminith.

22. And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, directed the music because he understood it.

23. And Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the ark.
24. And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew the trumpets before the ark of God; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah were gatekeepers for the ark.

25. And David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the house of Obed-Edom with joy.

26. And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams.

27. And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites who carried the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers; David also had upon him an ephod of linen.

28. Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the shofar, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with lyres and harps.

29. And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing; and she despised him in her heart.
1. And they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

2. And when David finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord.

3. And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one, a loaf of bread, and a good piece of meat, and a cake of raisins.

4. And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, and to invoke, and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel;

5. Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-Edom; and Jeiel with lutes and with lyres; but Asaph was to sound the cymbals;

6. Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7. Then on that day David first delivered to the hand of Asaph and his brothers this psalm of thanksgiving to the Lord;
8. Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among
the people.

9. Sing to him, sing psalms to him, talk of all his wondrous works.

10. Glory in his holy name; let the heart rejoice of those who seek the Lord.

11. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually.

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

13. O you seed of Israel his servant, you children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

14. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

15. Be mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a
thousand generations;

16. Of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath to Isaac;

17. And has confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an
everlasting covenant,
18. Saying, to you will I give the land of Canaan, the portion of your inheritance;

19. When you were but a few men in number, of little account, and sojourners there.

20. And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people;

21. He allowed no man to do them wrong; but he rebuked kings for their sakes,

22. Saying, Do not touch my anointed, and do not do any harm to my prophets;

23. Sing to the Lord, all the earth; tell of his salvation from day to day.

24. Declare his glory among the nations; his marvelous works among all nations.

25. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he also is to be feared above all gods.

26. For all the gods of the people are idols; but the Lord made the heavens.

27. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and gladness are in his place.

28. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the people, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
29. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; bring an offering, and come before him; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

30. Tremble before him, all the earth; the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

31. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

32. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the fields rejoice, and all that is in them.

33. Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because he comes to judge the earth.

34. O give thanks to the Lord; for he is good; for his loving kindness endures forever.

35. And say, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.

36. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel forever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the Lord.
37. And he left Asaph and his brothers there, before the ark of the covenant, to minister before the ark continually, as each day required.

38. And Obed-Edom with their brothers, sixty eight; and Obed-Edom, the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah were to be gatekeepers;

39. And Zadok the priest, and his brothers the priests, before the tabernacle of the Lord in the high place that was at Gibeon,

40. To offer burnt offerings to the Lord upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the Torah of the Lord, which he commanded Israel;

41. And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest who were chosen, and expressly named, to give thanks to the Lord, because his loving kindness endures forever;

42. And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for making a loud sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were gatekeepers.

43. And all the people departed every man to his house; and David returned to bless his house.
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1. And it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Behold, I live in a house of cedar wood, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord remains under curtains.

2. Then Nathan said to David, Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you.

3. And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4. Go and tell David my servant, Thus said the Lord, You shall not build me a house to dwell in;

5. For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

6. Wherever I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, Why have you not built me a house of cedar wood?

7. Now therefore thus shall you say to my servant David, Thus said the Lord of Hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be ruler over my people Israel;
8. And I have been with you wherever you have walked, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name like the name of the great men who are in the earth.

9. Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning,

10. And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Furthermore I tell you that the Lord will build you a house.

11. And it shall come to pass, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will raise up your seed after you, who shall be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

12. He shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

13. I will be his father, and he shall be my son; and I will not take my loving kindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you;

14. And I will settle him in my house and in my kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established for evermore.
15. According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to David.

16. And David the king came and sat before the Lord, and said, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?

17. And as though this was too little in your eyes, O God, you have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come, and you have regarded me as a man of high degree, O Lord God.

18. What more can David say to you for honoring your servant? For you know your servant.

19. O Lord, for your servant's sake, and according to your own heart, you have done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

20. O Lord, there is none like you, nor is there any God beside you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21. And what nation in the earth is like your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make you a name of greatness and awesomeness, by driving out nations from before your people, whom you have redeemed from Egypt?

22. For you have made your people Israel your own people forever; and you, Lord, became their God.
23. And now, Lord, let the thing that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house be established forever, and do as you have said.

24. Let it be established, that your name may be magnified forever, saying, The Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, is a God to Israel; and let the house of David your servant be established before you.

25. For you, O my God, have told your servant that you will build him a house; therefore your servant has found in his heart to pray before you.

26. And now, Lord, you are God, and you have promised this goodness to your servant;

27. Now therefore let it please you to bless the house of your servant, that it may be before you forever; for what you bless, O Lord, it shall be blessed forever.
1. Now after this it came to pass, that David defeated the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and its towns from the hand of the Philistines.

2. And he defeated Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought tribute.

3. And David defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah as far as Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

4. And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; David also lamed all the chariot horses, but reserved from them enough for a hundred chariots.

5. And when the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Arameans twenty two thousand men.

6. Then David put garrisons in Aram-Damascus; and the Arameans became David's servants, and brought tribute. Thus the Lord preserved David wherever he went.

7. And David took the shields of gold which were carried by the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.
8. And from Tibhath, and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David brought much bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the utensils of bronze.

9. And when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah;

10. He sent Hadoram his son to king David, to inquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and defeated him; for Hadadezer had wars with Tou. And he sent with him all kinds of utensils of gold and silver and bronze.

11. These king David also consecrated to the Lord, with the silver and the gold which he had brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12. And Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand Edomites.

13. And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the Lord preserved David wherever he went.

14. And David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.
15. And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder.

16. And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Shavsha was scribe.

17. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief ministers to the king.
1. Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his place.

2. And David said, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And the servants of David came to the land of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him.

3. And the princes of Ammon said to Hanun, Do you think that David honors your father, that he has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come to you to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?

4. And Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, at their hips, and sent them away.

5. And they departed. And David was told how the men had been treated. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Remain at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return.

6. And when the Ammonites saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the Ammonites sent a thousand talents of silver to hire chariots and horsemen from Aram-Naharaim, and from Aram-Maachah, and from Zobah.

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7. And they hired thirty two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah, and his people, who came and encamped before Medeba. And the Ammonites gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

8. And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the army of the mighty men.

9. And the Ammonites came out, and ranged themselves in battle before the gate of the city; and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field.

10. And when Joab saw that the battle was set against him in front and in the rear, he chose from the picked men of Israel, and ranged them against the Arameans.

11. And the rest of the people he delivered to the hand of Abishai his brother, and they ranged themselves against the Ammonites.

12. And he said, If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will help you.

13. Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves courageously for our people, and for the cities of our God; and let the Lord do that which is good in his sight.

14. And Joab and the people who were with him drew near before the Arameans to the battle; and they fled before him.
15. And when the Ammonites saw that the Arameans fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

16. And when the Arameans saw that they were being defeated by Israel, they sent messengers, and brought the Arameans who were beyond the river; and Shophach the captain of the army of Hadadezer went at their front.

17. And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over the Jordan, and came upon them, and ranged himself in battle against them. And when David had ranged himself in battle against the Arameans, they fought with him.

18. And the Arameans fled before Israel; and David slew of the Arameans seven thousand men who fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the army.

19. And when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were being defeated by Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants; and the Arameans would not help the Ammonites any more.
1. And it came to pass, at the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that Joab led forth the power of the army, and ravaged the country of the Ammonites, and came and besieged Rabbah. And David remained at Jerusalem. And Joab defeated Rabbah, and destroyed it.

2. And David took the crown of their king from his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head; and he brought also much booty from the city.

3. And he brought out the people who were in it, and set them to work with saws, and with iron picks, and with axes. So dealt David with all the cities of the Ammonites. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4. And it came to pass after this, there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Sippai, who was of the sons of the Rapha; and they were subdued.

5. And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam.

6. And yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were twenty four, six on each hand, and six on each foot; and he also was the son of the Rapha.
7. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah David's brother slew him.

8. These were born to the Rapha in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.
1. And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to make a census of Israel.

2. And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, count Israel from Beersheba to Dan; and bring their number to me, that I may know it.

3. And Joab answered, The Lord make his people a hundred times so many more as they are; but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord’s servants? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?

4. And the king's word prevailed against Joab. And Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5. And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to David. And in all Israel there were one million and one hundred thousand men who drew sword; and in Judah there were four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew sword.

6. And he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them; for the king's command was odious to Joab.

7. And God was displeased with this thing; and he struck Israel.
8. And David said to God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I pray you, take away the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly.

9. And the Lord spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying:

10. Go and tell David, saying, Thus said the Lord, I offer you three alternatives; choose one of them, that I may do it to you.

11. And Gad came to David, and said to him, Thus said the Lord, Choose:

12. Either three years of famine; or three months of destruction by your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days of the sword of the Lord, pestilence on the land, and the angel of the Lord destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now decide yourself what word I shall bring back to him who sent me.

13. And David said to Gad, I am in great distress; let me fall rather into the hand of the Lord; for very great are his mercies; but let me not fall into the hand of man.

14. And the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel; and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.
15. And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it; and as he was destroying, the Lord saw and he repented of the evil, and said to the angel who destroyed, It is enough, stay now your hand. And the angel of the Lord stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

16. And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the Lord standing between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

17. And David said to God, Was it not I who commanded the people to be counted? It is I who have sinned and done very wickedly; but as for these sheep, what have they done? Let your hand, I pray you, O Lord my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but let not the plague be upon your people.

18. Then the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19. And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the Lord.

20. And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. And Ornan was threshing wheat.
21. And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out from the threshing floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground.

22. Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to the Lord; you shall grant it to me for the full price; that the plague may be stayed from the people.

23. And Ornan said to David, Take it, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes; behold, I give you also the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering; I give it all.

24. And king David said to Ornan, No; but I will buy it for the full price; for I will not take that which is yours for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

25. And David gave to Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place.

26. And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the Lord; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of the burnt offering.

27. And the Lord commanded the angel; and he put his sword back into its sheath.
28. At that time when David saw that the Lord had answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

29. And the tabernacle of the Lord, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon.

30. And David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the Lord.
1. Then David said, This is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.

2. And David commanded to gather together the foreigners who were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew dressed stones to build the house of God.

3. And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and bronze in abundance beyond weighing.

4. Also cedar wood in abundance; for the Sidonians and Tyrians brought much cedar wood to David.

5. And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be built for the Lord must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all lands. I will therefore now make preparation for it. And David prepared abundant materials before his death.

6. Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build a house for the Lord God of Israel.

7. And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the Lord my God;
8. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, You have shed abundant blood, and have made great wars; you shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

9. Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies around; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.

10. He shall build a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.

11. Now, my son, the Lord be with you; and prosper you, and build the house of the Lord your God, as he has said of you.

12. Only may the Lord give you wisdom and understanding, than when he gives you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the Torah of the Lord your God.

13. Then shall you prosper, if you take heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the Lord commanded Moses for Israel; be strong, and of good courage; do not fear, nor be dismayed.

14. And, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the Lord a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a million talents of silver; and of bronze and iron beyond weighing; for it is in abundance; I have also prepared timber and stone; and you may add to it.
15. And there are workmen with you in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all kinds of skilful men for every kind of work,

16. Of gold, of silver, and of bronze, and of iron; there are numberless. Arise therefore, and do, and the Lord be with you!

17. David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying:

18. Is not the Lord your God with you? And has he not given you rest on every side? For he has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before the Lord, and before his people.

19. Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God; arise therefore, and build the sanctuary of the Lord God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the holy utensils of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the Lord.
1. And when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.

2. And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

3. And the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward; and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty eight thousand.

4. Twenty four thousand of these were to supervise the work of the house of the Lord; and six thousand were officers and judges;

5. And four thousand were gatekeepers; and four thousand praised the Lord with the instruments which I made for praise.

6. And David organized them into divisions according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kehath, and Merari.

7. Of the Gershonites were: Laadan, and Shimei.

8. The sons of Laadan: the chief was Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.
9. The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of the fathers' houses of Laadan.

10. And the sons of Shimei were: Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.

11. And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons; therefore they became a father's house in one reckoning.

12. The sons of Kehath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

13. The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was set apart, that he should sanctify the Most Holy things, he and his sons forever, to burn incense before the Lord, to minister to him, and to bless in his name forever.

14. And concerning Moses the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi.

15. The sons of Moses were: Gershom, and Eliezer.

16. Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel was the chief.

17. And the sons of Eliezer were: Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had no other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were many.
18. Of the sons of Izhar: Shelomith the chief.

19. Of the sons of Hebron: Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20. Of the sons of Uzziel: Micah the first, and Ishiah the second.


22. And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters; and their brothers, the sons of Kish, took them.

23. The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth, three.

24. These were the sons of Levi, according to their fathers' houses, the heads of the fathers' houses, as they were registered by the number of the names of the men who did the work for the service of the house of the Lord, from the age of twenty years and upward.

25. For David said, The Lord God of Israel has given rest to his people, that they may live in Jerusalem forever;

26. And also to the Levites: they shall no more carry the tabernacle, nor any utensils of it for its service.
27. For by the last ordinances of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above;

28. Because their duty was to assist the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the Lord, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and in the work of the service of the house of God;

29. Both for the bread of display, and for the fine flour for meal offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all kinds of measures and sizes;

30. And to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at evening;

31. And to offer all burnt sacrifices to the Lord in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the appointed feasts, by number, according to the order commanded to them, continually before the Lord;

32. And that they should keep the charge of the Tent of the Meeting, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron, their brothers, for the service of the house of the Lord.
1. And these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2. And Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar performed the priest's duties.

3. And David and Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, organized them according to their duties in their service.

4. And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they organized. Among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen heads of fathers' houses, and eight among the sons of Ithamar for the houses of their fathers.

5. Thus were they organized by lot, one sort with another; for the officers of the sanctuary, and the officers of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

6. And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, one of the Levites, recorded them in the presence of the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and before the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Levites; one father's house being chosen for Eleazar, and one chosen for Ithamar.
7. And the first lot fell to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

8. The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9. The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10. The seventh to Hakoz, the eighth to Abijah,

11. The ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shechaniah,

12. The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13. The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

14. The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15. The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Haphizez,

16. The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Ezekiel,

17. The twenty first to Jachin, the twenty second to Gamul,

18. The twenty third to Delaiah, the twenty fourth to Maaziah.
19. These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the Lord, according to the procedure established for them by Aaron, their father, as the Lord God of Israel had commanded him.

20. And the rest of the sons of Levi were: of the sons of Amram: Shubael; of the sons of Shubael: Jehdeiah.

21. Concerning Rehabiah; of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Ishiah.

22. Of the Izharites: Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth: Jahath.

23. And the sons of Hebron: Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24. Of the sons of Uzziel: Micah; of the sons of Micah: Shamir.

25. The brother of Micah was Ishiah; of the sons of Ishiah: Zechariah.

26. The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah: Beno.

27. The sons of Merari by Jaaziah: Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28. Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons.
29. Concerning Kish; the son of Kish was Jerahmeel.

30. The sons also of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' houses.

31. These also cast lots in the same manner as their brothers the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Levites; the head of each father's house in the same manner as his younger brother.
1. And David and the captains of the army set apart for the service some of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with lyres, with lutes, and with cymbals; and the list of the workmen according to their service was:

2. Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king.

3. Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Isaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the Lord.


5. All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer, according to the promise of God to exalt him. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

6. All these were under the hands of their father in the music in the house of the Lord, with cymbals, lyres, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.
7. And the number of them, with their brothers who were trained in the songs of the Lord, all who were skilful, was two hundred and eighty eight.

8. And they cast lots, watch by watch, the small as well as the great, the teacher together with the pupil.

9. And the first lot fell for Asaph to Joseph; the second to Gedaliah, who with his brothers and sons were twelve;

10. The third to Zaccur, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

11. The fourth to Izri, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

12. The fifth to Nethaniah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

13. The sixth to Bukkiah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

14. The seventh to Israelah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

15. The eighth to Isaiah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

16. The ninth to Mattaniah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

17. The tenth to Shimei, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;
18. The eleventh to Azareel, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

19. The twelfth to Hashabiah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

20. The thirteenth to Shubael, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

21. The fourteenth to Mattithiah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

22. The fifteenth to Jerimoth, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

23. The sixteenth to Hananiah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

24. The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

25. The eighteenth to Hanani, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

26. The nineteenth to Mallothi, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

27. The twentieth to Eliathah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

28. The twenty first to Hothir, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

29. The twenty second to Giddalti, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;
30. The twenty third to Mahazioth, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve;

31. The twenty fourth to Romamti-Ezer, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve.
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1. Concerning the divisions of the gatekeepers: of the Korahites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

2. And the sons of Meshelemiah were: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh.

3. Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh.

4. And the sons of Obed-Edom were; Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sachar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for God blessed him.

5. And to Shemaiah his son were sons born, who ruled throughout the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor.

6. The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brothers were strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah.

7. All these of the sons of Obed-Edom; they and their sons and their brothers, able men for strength for the service, were sixty and two of Obed-Edom.
9. And Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, strong men, eighteen.

10. Also Hosah, of the sons of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief, for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;

11. Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen.

12. Among these were the divisions of the gatekeepers, among the chief men, having watches in the same manner as their brothers, to minister in the house of the Lord.

13. And they cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate.

14. And the lot for the east fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out for the north.

15. To Obed-Edom south; and to his sons the house of Asuppim.

16. To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came out for the west, with the Gate of Shallecheth, by the road going up, watch against watch.

17. On the east were six Levites, on the north four each day, on the south four each day, and toward Asuppim two and two.
18. And for the suburb on the west, four at the road, and two at Parbar.

19. These are the divisions of the gatekeepers among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

20. And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the consecrated things.

21. Concerning the sons of Laadan: the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, the heads of fathers' houses, of Laadan the Gershonite, were Jehieli.

22. The sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and Joel his brother, who were over the treasures of the house of the Lord.

23. Of the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites;

24. And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures.

25. And his brothers by Eliezer: Rehabiah his son, and Isaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.

26. And Shelomith and his brothers were over all the treasures of the consecrated things, which David the king, and the heads of the fathers' houses, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of army, had consecrated.
27. From the booty won in battles they consecrated to maintain the house of the Lord.

28. And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had consecrated; and whoever had consecrated any thing, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brothers.

29. Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were appointed for outside duties over Israel, as officers and judges.

30. And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, men of valor, a thousand and seven hundred, had the supervision of Israel on the western side of the Jordan for all the work of the Lord, and for the service of the king.

31. Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David a search was made, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jazer of Gilead.

32. And his brothers, men of valor, were two thousand and seven hundred heads of fathers' houses, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter belonging to God, and for the affairs of the king.
1. And the people of Israel according to their number, the heads of fathers' houses and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers who served the king in all matters concerning the divisions that came and went, month after month throughout the year, each division numbering twenty four thousand.

2. Over the first division for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel; and in his division were twenty four thousand.

3. Of the sons of Perez was the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month.

4. And over the division of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his division was Mikloth also the ruler; in his division likewise were twenty four thousand.

5. The third captain of the army for the third month was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest; and in his division were twenty four thousand.

6. This is the Benaiah, who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty; and in his division was Ammizabad his son.
7. The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; and in his division were twenty four thousand.

8. The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite; and in his division were twenty four thousand.

9. The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; and in his division were twenty four thousand.

10. The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the men of Ephraim; and in his division were twenty four thousand.

11. The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites; and in his division were twenty four thousand.

12. The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamite; and in his division were twenty four thousand.

13. The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites; and in his division were twenty four thousand.

14. The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the men of Ephraim; and in his division were twenty four thousand.
15. The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel; and in his division were twenty four thousand.

16. And over the tribes of Israel; the ruler of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri; of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah;

17. Of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; of the Aaronites, Zadok;

18. Of Judah, Elihu, one of the brothers of David; of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael;

19. Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel;

20. Of the men of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;

21. Of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;

22. Of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23. And David did not count the number of those twenty years old and under; because the Lord had said he would make Israel as many as the stars of the heavens.
24. Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he did not finish, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; nor was the number registered in the account of the chronicles of king David.

25. And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel; and over the storage houses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the fortresses, was Jonathan the son of Uzziah;

26. And over those who did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub;

27. And over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite; over the produce of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite;

28. And over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the low plains was Baal-Hanan the Gederite; and over the cellars of oil was Joash;

29. And over the herds which fed in Sharon was Shirtai the Sharonite; and over the herds which were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai;

30. Over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite; and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite;

31. And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagarite. All these were the stewards of the property which belonged to king David.
32. And Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons;

33. And Ahithophel was the king's counsellor; and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion;

34. And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaia, and Abiathar; and the general of the king's army was Joab.
1. And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies who served the king; and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the property and possessions of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the men at arms, to Jerusalem.

2. Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brothers, and my people; As for me, I had in my heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and I had made preparations for the building;

3. And God said to me, You shall not build a house for my name, because you have been a man of war, and have shed blood.

4. But the Lord God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever; for he has chosen Judah to be the ruler; and out of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel;

5. And of all my sons, for the Lord has given me many sons, he has chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel.
6. And he said to me, Solomon, your son shall build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

7. And I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.

8. Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of the Lord your God; that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever.

9. And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts; if you seek him, you will find him; but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.

10. Take heed now; for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.

11. Then David gave to Solomon his son the plans of the vestibule, and of its houses, and of its treasuries, and of its upper chambers, and of its inner rooms, and of the place of the ark with its covering,
12. And the plans of all that he had in his mind, of the courts of the house of the Lord, and of all the chambers around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the consecrated things;

13. Also for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and for all the utensils of service in the house of the Lord.

14. He gave gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of all kinds of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service;

15. The weight for the lampstands of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every lampstand, and for its lamps; and for the lampstands of silver by weight, both for the lampstand, and also for its lamps, according to the use of every lampstand.

16. And he gave gold by weight for the tables of the bread of display, for every table; and likewise silver for the tables of silver;

17. Also fine gold for the forks, and the bowls, and the cups; and for the golden basins he gave gold by weight for every basin; and likewise silver by weight for every basin of silver;
18. And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the Cherubim, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

19. All this, he said, is put in writing by the hand of the Lord who instructed me, all the works of this plan.

20. And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear, nor be dismayed; for the Lord God, my God, will be with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.

21. And, behold, the divisions of the priests and the Levites, they shall be with you for all the service of the house of God; and there shall be with you for all kinds of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any kind of service; also the princes and all the people will be wholly at your command.
1. And David the king said to all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great; for the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God.

2. And I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the bronze for things of bronze, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones for setting, antimony, stones of different colors, and all kinds of precious stones, and marble in abundance.

3. Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have of my own private treasure, of gold and silver, given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

4. Three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the houses;

5. The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?
6. Then the heads of the fathers' houses and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly,

7. And gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand drams of gold, and ten thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8. And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the Lord, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

9. Then the people rejoiced, for having offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord; and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10. And David blessed the Lord before all the congregation; and David said, Blessed be you, Lord God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

11. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is yours; your is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

12. Both riches and honor come from you, and you reign over all; and in your hand is power and might; and in your hand it is to make great, and to give strength to all.
13. Now therefore, our God, we thank you, and praise your glorious name.

14. Who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer so willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

15. For we are strangers before you, and sojourners, as were all our fathers; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding.

16. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build you a house for your holy name comes from your hand, and is all your own.

17. I know also, my God, that you test the heart, and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now have I seen with joy your people, who are present here, to offer joyfully and willingly to you.

18. O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and direct their heart to you;

19. And give to Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for which I have made provision.
20. And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the Lord your God. And all the congregation blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the Lord, and the king.

21. And they sacrificed sacrifices to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings to the Lord, on the morning after that day, a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel;

22. And they ate and drank before the Lord on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him to the Lord to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

23. Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

24. And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves to Solomon the king.

25. And the Lord magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26. Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.
27. And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty three years he reigned in Jerusalem.

28. And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

29. And the acts of David the king, from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of Samuel the Seer, and in the Book of Nathan the Prophet, and in the Book of Gad the Seer,

30. With accounts of his reign and his might, and the times that passed over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the lands.
1. And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

2. Then Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' houses.

3. And Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the Tent of Meeting of God, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the wilderness.

4. And David had brought the ark of God from Kiriath-Jearim to the place which David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

5. And the bronze altar, that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the Lord; and Solomon and the congregation sought to it.

6. And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the Lord, which was at the Tent of the Meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

7. In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, Ask what I shall give you.
8. And Solomon said to God, You have shown great loving kindness to David, my father, and you have made me reign in his place.

9. Now, O Lord God, let your promise to David my father be established; for you have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this your people, that is so great?

11. And God said to Solomon, Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for riches, wealth, or honor, nor for the life of your enemies, and not even for long life; but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge my people, over whom I have made you king; wisdom and knowledge is granted to you; and I will give you riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had who have been before you, nor shall there any after you have the like.

12. Then Solomon came to the high place that was at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the Tent of Meeting, and reigned over Israel.

13. And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.
15. And the king made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees he made as common as the sycamore trees that are plentiful in the Shephelah.

16. And Solomon had horses brought from Egypt, and Keve, and the king’s traders received from Keve at a price.

17. And they fetched up, and brought from Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and through them they brought horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Aram.

18. And Solomon determined to build a house for the name of the Lord, and a royal palace.
1. And Solomon assigned seventy thousand men to carry burdens, and eighty thousand to quarry in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to supervise them.

2. And Solomon sent to Huram the king of Tyre, saying, As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house to live in, so deal with me.

3. Behold, I build a house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the offering of the continual bread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the appointed feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel.

4. And the house which I build is great; for great is our God above all gods.

5. And who is able to build him a house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? Who am I then, that I should build him a house, except as a place to burn sacrifice before him?

6. Send me now therefore a man trained to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and who has skill to engrave with the skilful men who are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.
7. Send me also cedar trees, cypress trees, and algum trees, from Lebanon; for I know that your servants know how to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants shall be with your servants,

8. To prepare me timber in abundance; for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful and great.

9. And, behold, I will give to your servants, the hewers who cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand bats of wine, and twenty thousand bats of oil.

10. Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the Lord has loved his people, he has made you king over them.

11. And Huram said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, who has given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, who might build a house for the Lord, and a royal palace for himself.

12. And now I have sent a skilful man, endued with understanding, the master artisan Huram,
13. The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, trained to work in gold, and in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to engrave any kind of engraving, and to execute any design that may be assigned to him, with your skilful men, and with the skilful men of my lord David your father.

14. Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants;

15. And we will cut wood from Lebanon, as much as you shall need; and we will bring it to you on rafts by sea to Jaffa, and you shall carry it up to Jerusalem.

16. And Solomon took a census of all the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, according to the census which David his father had taken of them; and they were found to be one hundred fifty three thousand and six hundred.

17. And he assigned seventy thousand of them to carry burdens, and eighty thousand to quarry in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred as supervisors to make the people work.
1. Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem in Mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared to David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

2. And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3. And these are the foundations which Solomon laid for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits, according to the old measure, was sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

4. And the length of the vestibule that was in the front of the house was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was a hundred and twenty; and he overlaid it inside with pure gold.

5. And the greater house he covered with cypress wood, which he overlaid with pure gold, and set on it palm trees and chains.

6. And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty; and the gold was gold of Parvaim.

7. He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and its walls, and its doors, with gold; and engraved Cherubim on the walls.
8. And he made the Most Holy house, its length was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and its breadth twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents.

9. And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10. And in the Most Holy place he made two Cherubim of image work, and overlaid them with gold.

11. And the wings of the Cherubim were twenty cubits long; one wing of the one Cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other Cherub.

12. And one wing of the other Cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other Cherub.

13. The wings of these Cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits; and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward.

14. And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and worked Cherubim on it.
15. Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

16. And he made chains in the inner sanctuary, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made a hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.

17. And he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.
1. And he made an altar of bronze, its length twenty cubits, and twenty cubits its breadth, and ten cubits its height.

2. Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, it was round, and five cubits its height; and a line of thirty cubits encircled it.

3. And under it were figures of an oxen, which surrounded it; ten in a cubit, encircling the sea. Two rows of oxen were cast with it, when it was cast.

4. It stood upon twelve oxen, three facing north, and three facing west, and three facing south, and three facing east; and the sea was set upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

5. And the thickness of it was a handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; and it received and held three thousand baths.

6. He made also ten basins, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

7. And he made ten lampstands of gold according to their form, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.
8. He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made a hundred basins of gold.

9. And he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with bronze.

10. And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, opposite the south.

11. And Huram made the pans, and the shovels, and the basins. And Huram finished the work that he did for king Solomon for the house of God:

12. The two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on top of the pillars;

13. And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on top of the pillars.

14. He made also bases, and basins made he upon the bases;

15. One sea, and twelve oxen under it.
16. The pots also, and the shovels, and the forks, and all their instruments, made Huram, his master artisan, of bright bronze for king Solomon for the house of the Lord.

17. In the plain of Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18. Thus Solomon made all these utensils in great abundance; so that the weight of the bronze could not be valued.

19. And Solomon made all the utensils that were for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables on which the bread of display was set;

20. And the lampstands with their lamps, that they should burn according to the prescribed form before the inner sanctuary, of pure gold.

21. And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made he of gold, of purest gold;

22. And the lamp snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold; and the entrance of the house, the inner doors for the Most Holy place, and the doors of the house of the temple, were of gold.
Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the Lord was finished; and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had consecrated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the heads of the fathers' houses of the people of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the city of David, which is Zion.

And all the people of Israel assembled themselves before the king at the feast which is in the seventh month.

And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.

And they brought up the ark, and the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy utensils that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up.

Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled to him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

And the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to his place, to the inner sanctuary of the house, into the Most Holy place, under the wings of the Cherubim;
8. For the Cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, and the Cherubim covered the ark and its poles above.

9. And they drew out the poles of the ark, so that the ends of the poles were seen from the ark before the inner sanctuary; but they were not seen outside. And there it is till this day.

10. There was nothing in the ark save the two tablets which Moses put in at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came from Egypt.

11. And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place; for all the priests who were present were sanctified, and did not then keep to their duty watches;

12. Also the Levites who were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brothers, clothed in white linen, having cymbals and lyres and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets;

13. It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, sounding a note in unison, in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, lifting their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, praising the Lord, saying, For he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever, that then the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud;
14. And the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.
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II Chronicles Chapter 6

1. Then said Solomon, The Lord has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

2. And I have built a house of habitation for you, and a place for your dwelling forever.

3. And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel; and all the congregation of Israel stood.

4. And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has with his hands fulfilled that which he spoke with his mouth to my father David, saying,

5. Since the day that I brought forth my people from the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there; nor did I choose any man to be a ruler over my people Israel;

6. And I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

7. And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel.

8. And the Lord said to David my father, Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well in that it was in your heart;
9. Nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come forth from your loins, he shall build the house for my name.

10. The Lord therefore has performed his word that he has spoken; for I am risen up in the place of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the name of the Lord God of Israel.

11. And in it have I put the ark, where inside is the covenant of the Lord, that he made with the people of Israel.

12. And he stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and stretched out his hands;

13. For Solomon had made a bronze scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and stretched out his hands toward heaven,

14. And said, O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or in earth; who keeps the covenant, and shows loving kindness to your servants, who walk before you with all their hearts;

15. You who have kept with your servant David my father that which you had promised him; and have spoken with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is this day.
16. Now therefore, O Lord God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, There shall not fail you a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel, if only your children would take heed to their way, to walk in my Torah, as you have walked before me.

17. Now then, O Lord God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David.

18. Will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain you; how much less this house which I have built!

19. Have regard therefore to the prayer of your servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to listen to the cry and the prayer which your servant prays before you;

20. That your eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place about which you have said that you would put your name there; to listen to the prayer which your servant prays toward this place.

21. Listen to the supplications of your servant, and of your people Israel, which they shall make toward this place; hear from your dwelling place, from heaven; and when you hear, forgive.
22. If a man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath comes before your altar in this house;

23. Then hear you from heaven, and do, and judge your servants, by requiting the wicked, by rewarding his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

24. And if your people Israel are defeated by the enemy, because they have sinned against you; and shall return and confess your name, and pray and make supplication before you in this house;

25. Then hear you from the heavens, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which you gave to them and to their fathers.

26. When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; yet if they would pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you afflict them;

27. Then hear you in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you have taught them the good way, in which they should walk; and send rain upon your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.
28. If there should be famine in the land, if there should be pestilence, if there should be blight, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies should besiege them in the cities of their land; whatever plague, whatever sickness should be;

29. Then whatever prayer, whatever supplication, shall be made by any man, or by all your people Israel, when every one shall know his own affliction and his own grief, and shall stretch out his hands in this house;

30. Then hear from heaven your dwelling place, and forgive, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know; for only you know the hearts of the sons of men;

31. That they may fear you, to walk in your ways, that they should live in the land which you gave to our fathers.

32. And also, concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, but has come from a far country for your great name's sake, and your mighty hand, and your stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house;

33. Then hear you from the heavens, from your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, and fear you, as does your people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.
34. If your people go out to war against their enemies by the way that you shall send them, and they pray to you toward this city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name:

35. Then hear you from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36. If they sin against you, for there is no man who does not sin, and you are angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives to a land far or near:

37. Yet if they take thought in the land where they are carried captive, and turn and pray to you in the land of their captivity; saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;

38. If they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, and toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name:

39. Then hear you from the heavens, from your dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive your people who have sinned against you.

40. Now, my God, let, I beseech you, your eyes be open, and let your ears be attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.
41. Now therefore arise, O Lord God, into your resting place, you, and the ark of your strength; let your priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let your pious ones rejoice in goodness.

42. O Lord God, turn not away the face of your anointed; remember the mercies of David your servant.
I. Now when Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house.

2. And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.

3. And when all the people of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord upon the house, they bowed with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his loving kindness endures forever.

4. Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the Lord.

5. And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep; and the king and all the people consecrated the house of God.

6. And the priests stood at their posts; the Levites also with instruments of music of the Lord, which David the king had made to praise the Lord, because his loving kindness endures forever, with the praises of David in their hands; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.
7. And Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord; for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made could not hold the burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the fat.

8. Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entrance to Hamath as far as the river of Egypt.

9. And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly; for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10. And on the twenty third day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the Lord had shown to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11. Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord, and the king's house; and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the Lord, and in his own house, he successfully accomplished.

12. And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.
13. If I shut up heaven so that there should be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

14. If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15. Now my eyes shall be open, and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

16. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there for all time.

17. And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and shall observe my statutes and my judgments;

18. Then will I establish the throne of your kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man to be ruler in Israel.

19. But if you turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;
20. Then will I pluck them up by the roots from my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast from my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

21. And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one who passes by it; so that he shall say, Why has the Lord done thus to this land, and to this house?

22. And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who brought them forth from the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them; therefore has he brought all this evil upon them.
II Chronicles Chapter 8

1. And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, during which Solomon had built the house of the Lord, and his own house,

2. That the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and made the people of Israel live there.

3. And Solomon went to Hamathzobah, and prevailed against it.

4. And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage cities, which he built in Hamath.

5. Also he built upper Beth-Horon, and lower Beth-Horon, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

6. And Baalath, and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7. As for all the people who were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of Israel,
8. And of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the people of Israel did not wipe out, Solomon raised a levy of them until this day.

9. But Solomon did not make slaves of the people of Israel for his work; but they were men of war, and chiefs of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

10. And these were the chiefs of king Solomon's officers, two hundred and fifty, who bore rule over the people.

11. And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh from the city of David to the house that he had built for her; for he said, My wife shall not live in the house of David king of Israel, because the places to which the ark of the Lord has come are holy.

12. Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the Lord on the altar of the Lord, which he had built before the vestibule,

13. As the duty of each date required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the appointed feasts, three times in the year, in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles.
14. And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the divisions of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required; the gatekeepers also by their divisions at every gate; for so had David the man of God commanded.

15. And they departed not from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

16. And all the work of Solomon was accomplished from the day of the foundation of the house of the Lord, and until it was finished. So the house of the Lord was completed.

17. Then went Solomon to Ezion-Geber, and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.

18. And Huram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants who had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.
1. And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to 
test Solomon with difficult questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, 
and camels that bore spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones; and 
when she came to Solomon, she talked with him of all that was in her heart.

2. And Solomon answered all her questions; and there was nothing hidden from 
Solomon which he did not tell her.

3. And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the 
house that he had built,

4. And the food at his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of 
his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his 
ascent by which he went up to the house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in 
her.

5. And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in my own land of 
your acts, and of your wisdom;

6. But I believed not their words, until I came, and my eyes saw it; and behold, 
not half the greatness of your wisdom was told me; for you exceed the fame that 
I heard.
7. Happy are your men, and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you, and hear your wisdom.

8. Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you to set you on his throne, to be king for the Lord your God; because your God loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore he made you king over them, to do judgment and justice.

9. And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones; there were no spices such as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

10. Also the servants of Huram, and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought algum trees and precious stones.

11. And the king made of the algum trees steps for the house of the Lord, and for the king's palace, and harps and lyres for the singers; and such were never seen before in the land of Judah.

12. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all that she desired, whatever she asked, besides what she had brought to the king. And she turned and went back to her own land, she and her servants.

13. Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty six talents of gold;
14. Beside that which traders and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15. And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one target.

16. And three hundred shields made he of beaten gold; three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17. And the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

18. And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and arm rests on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the arm rests;

19. And twelve lions stood on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

20. And all the drinking utensils of king Solomon were of gold, and all the utensils of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver; silver was counted as nothing in the days of Solomon.
21. For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram; once every three years came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

22. And king Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23. And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

24. And they brought every man his present, utensils of silver, and utensils of gold, and garments, myrrh, and spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.

25. And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he stationed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

26. And he reigned over all the kings from the river to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

27. And the king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees he made as common as the sycamore trees that are plentiful in the Shephelah.

28. And they brought to Solomon horses from Egypt, and from all lands.
29. Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, from first to last, are they not written in the Book of Nathan the Prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Jedo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

30. And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

31. And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.
1. And Rehoboam went to Shechem; for to Shechem all Israel had come to
make him king.

2. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was in Egypt,
where he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard of it, that
Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

3. And they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke
to Rehoboam, saying,

4. Your father made our yoke grievous; now therefore ease you somewhat the
grievous servitude of your father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and
we will serve you.

5. And he said to them, Come back to me in three days. And the people departed.

6. And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men who had stood before
Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel do you give me to
return an answer to this people?

7. And they spoke to him, saying, If you would be kind to this people, if you
would please them, and speak good words to them, they will be your servants
forever.
8. But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men who had been brought up with him, who stood before him.

9. And he said to them, What advice do you give that we may return an answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that your father put upon us?

10. And the young men who were brought up with him spoke to him, saying, Thus shall you answer the people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it somewhat lighter for us. Thus shall you say to them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11. For, whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12. And Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come back to me on the third day.

13. And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,

14. And he answered them according to the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
15. And the king listened not to the people; for this was brought about by God, that the Lord might perform his word, which he spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16. And when all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? And we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to your tents, O Israel! And now, David, see to your own house! And all Israel went to their tents.

17. But as for the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18. Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram who was over the tribute; and the people of Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. And king Rehoboam made haste to mount his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19. And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.
1. And when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

2. But the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

3. Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4. Thus said the Lord, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers; return every man to his house; for this thing is done by me. And they obeyed the words of the Lord, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

5. And Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.

6. He built Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7. And Beth-Zur, and Soco, and Adullam,

8. And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,

9. And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,
10. And Zorah, and Ayalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin, fortified cities.

11. And he strengthened the fortresses, and put captains in them, and stored provisions, oil and wine.

12. And in every city he put shields and spears, and made them very strong. And Judah and Benjamin were on his side.

13. And the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel resorted to him from all places where they lived.

14. For the Levites left their pasture lands and their possessions, and came to Judah and Jerusalem; for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from performing the priest's duties to the Lord;

15. And he ordained his own priests for the high places, and for the hairy goats, and for the calves which he had made.

16. And those, from all the tribes of Israel, who had set their hearts to seek the Lord God of Israel, came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice to the Lord God of their fathers.

17. And they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years; for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.
18. And Rehoboam took as wife Mahalath, the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David and Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;

19. And she bore him children: Jeush, and Shemariah, and Zaham.

20. And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; who bore him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

21. And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines; for he took eighteen wives, and sixty concubines; and fathered twenty eight sons, and sixty daughters.

22. And Rehoboam made Abijah, the son of Maachah, the chief ruler among his brothers; for he intended to make him king.

23. And he dealt wisely, and dispersed all his children throughout all the districts of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified city; and he gave them provisions in abundance. And he sought many wives.
II Chronicles Chapter 12

1. And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the Torah of the Lord, and all Israel with him.

2. And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the Lord,

3. With twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen. And the people were without number who came with him from Egypt: the Lubites, the Sukkiites, and the Cushites.

4. And he took the fortified cities which belonged to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

5. Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, who were gathered together in Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, Thus said the Lord, You have forsaken me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shishak.

6. And the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The Lord is righteous.
7. And when the Lord saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

8. Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

9. And Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all; he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

10. Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of bronze, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, who kept the entrance of the king's house.

11. And when the king entered into the house of the Lord, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

12. And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the Lord turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether; and also in Judah things went well.

13. And king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned; for Rehoboam was forty one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord had chosen from all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.
14. And he did evil, because he did not set his heart to seek the Lord.

15. Now the acts of Rehoboam, from first to last, are they not written in the Book of Shemaiah the Prophet, and of Iddo the Seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

16. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David; and Abijah his son reigned in his place.
1. In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.

2. He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Micah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3. And Abijah went to battle with an army of brave men of war, four hundred thousand chosen men. And Jeroboam went to battle against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, mighty men of arms.

4. And Abijah stood up upon Mount Zemaraim, which is in Mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, you Jeroboam, and all Israel;

5. Ought you not to know that the Lord God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David forever, to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

6. Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and has rebelled against his lord.

7. And there are gathered to him vain men, worthless men, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender hearted, and could not withstand them.
8. And now you think to withstand the kingdom of the Lord in the hand of the sons of David, because you are a great multitude, and there are with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9. Have you not cast out the priests of the Lord, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made priests for yourselves like the nations of other lands? So that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams, becomes a priest of what are no gods.

10. But as for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, who minister to the Lord, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites do their work;

11. And they burn burnt sacrifices and sweet incense to the Lord every morning and every evening; and they set the bread of display upon the pure table; and the lampstand of gold with its lamps, to burn every evening; for we keep the charge of the Lord our God; but you have forsaken him.

12. And, behold, God himself is with us at our head, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O men of Israel, do not fight against the Lord God of your fathers; for you shall not succeed.

13. But Jeroboam had sent an ambush to come on them from behind so they were in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them.
14. And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind; and they cried to the Lord, and the priests sounded the trumpets.

15. Then the men of Judah gave a shout; and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16. And the men of Israel fled before Judah; and God delivered them into their hand.

17. And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter; so there fell down slain five hundred thousand chosen men of Israel.

18. Thus the people of Israel were brought under at that time, and the people of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the Lord God of their fathers.

19. And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-El with its towns, and Jeshanah with its towns, and Ephraim with its towns.

20. And Jeroboam never recovered strength again in the days of Abijah; and the Lord struck him, and he died.

21. But Abijah grew mighty, and married fourteen wives, and fathered twenty two sons, and sixteen daughters.
22. And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

23. And Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet ten years.
1. And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God;

2. For he took away the altars of the foreign gods, and the high places, and broke down the images, and cut down the Asherim;

3. And he commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers, and to keep the Torah and the commandment.

4. Also he took away from all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun images; and the kingdom was quiet under him.

5. And he built fortified cities in Judah; for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the Lord had given him rest.

6. And he said to Judah, Let us build these cities, and make walls around them, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the Lord our God, we have sought him, and he has given us rest on every side. And they built and prospered.

7. And Asa had an army of men who carried targets and spears, three hundred thousand men from Judah; and two hundred and eighty thousand men from Benjamin, who carried shields and drew bows. All these were mighty men of valor.
8. And there came against them Zerah the Cushite with an army of a million men, and three hundred chariots; and came to Mareshah.

9. Then Asa went out against him, and they ranged the battle in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

10. And Asa cried to the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing for you to help, whether the many, or those who have no power. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we go against this multitude! O Lord, you are our God; do not let man prevail against you.

11. And the Lord struck the Cushites before Asa, and before Judah; and the Cushites fled.

12. And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar; and the Cushites were overthrown, and they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the Lord, and before his camp; and they carried away much booty.

13. And they defeated all the cities around Gerar; for the fear of the Lord came upon them; and they plundered all the cities; for there was much booty in them.

14. They struck also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.
I Chronicles Chapter 15

1. And the spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded;

2. And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The Lord is with you, while you are with him; and if you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

3. Now for a long time Israel has been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without Torah.

4. But when they in their trouble turned to the Lord God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them.

5. And in those times there was no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in, but great troubles were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

6. And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city, for God troubled them with all kinds of adversity.

7. Be you strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded.
8. And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and from the cities which he had taken from Mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the Lord, that was before the vestibule of the Lord.

9. And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the foreigners with them from Ephraim and Manasseh, and from Shimeon; for they deserted to him from Israel in great numbers, when they saw that the Lord his God was with him.

10. And they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11. And they offered to the Lord the same time, of the booty which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

12. And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

13. That whoever would not seek the Lord God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14. And they swore to the Lord with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with shofarot.
15. And all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found by them; and the Lord gave them rest around.

16. Even Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an abominable idol for an Ashera; and Asa cut down her idol, and crushed it, and burned it at the brook Kidron.

17. But the high places were not taken away from Israel; nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

18. And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had consecrated, and that he himself had consecrated, silver, and gold, and utensils.

19. And there was no more war till the thirty fifth year of the reign of Asa.
1. In the thirty sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might let no one go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

2. Then Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasures of the house of the Lord and of the king's house, and sent them to Ben-Hadad king of Aram, who lived in Damascus, saying,

3. There is a treaty between me and you, as there was between my father and your father; behold, I have sent you silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

4. And Ben-Hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali.

5. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he stopped building Ramah, and allowed his work to cease.

6. Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha was building; and he built with it Geba and Mizpah.
7. And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, Because you have relied on the king of Aram, and not relied on the Lord your God, the army of the king of Aram has escaped from your hand.

8. Were not the Cushites and the Lubites a huge army, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because you relied on the Lord, he delivered them into your hand.

9. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of those whose heart is perfect towards him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from this time onward you shall have wars.

10. And Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this matter. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.

11. And, behold, the acts of Asa, from first to last, lo, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

12. And Asa in the thirty ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians.

13. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the forty first year of his reign.
14. And they buried him in his own tomb, which he had prepared for himself in the city of David, and laid him on a bier which was filled with sweet odors and different kinds of spices prepared by the perfumers' art; and they made a very great burning for him.
1. And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel.

2. And he placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

3. And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and did not seek the Baalim;

4. But sought the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not according to the doings of Israel.

5. And the Lord established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance.

6. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord; moreover he took away the high places and the Asherim from Judah.

7. And in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, and Nethaneel, and Micah, to teach in the cities of Judah.
8. And with them he sent the Levites Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobiah, and Tob-Adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.

9. And they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Torah of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

10. And the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

11. Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for tribute; and the Arabs brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred male goats.

12. And Jehoshaphat grew very great; and he built in Judah fortresses, and storage cities.

13. And he had much business in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Jerusalem.

14. And these are the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers:

Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valor, three hundred thousand.

15. And next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and eighty thousand.
16. And next to him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to the Lord; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

17. And of Benjamin; Eliadah a mighty man of valor, and with him armed men with bow and shield, two hundred thousand.

18. And next him was Jehozabad, and with him a hundred and eighty thousand, ready prepared for the war.

19. These waited on the king, beside those whom the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.
1. And Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and he allied himself by marriage with Ahab.

2. And after some years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth-Gilead.

3. And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramoth-Gilead? And he answered him, I am as you are, and my people as your people; and we will be with you in the war.

4. And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Inquire, I beseech you, the word of the Lord today.

5. And the king of Israel gathered together the prophets, four hundred men, and said to them, Shall we go to Ramoth-Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand.

6. But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here another prophet of the Lord, that we might inquire of him?
7. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I hate him; for he never prophesied good to me, but always evil; he is Micah the son of Imlah. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

8. And the king of Israel called for one of his officers, and said, Bring quickly Micah the son of Imlah.

9. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat each one on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat on the threshing floor at the entrance of the Gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

10. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself, and said, Thus said the Lord, With these you shall push Aram until they are destroyed.

11. And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-Gilead, and triumph; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

12. And the messenger who went to call Micah spoke to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one accord; let your word therefore, I beg you, be like one of theirs, and speak good.

13. And Micah said, As the Lord lives, what my God says, that will I speak.
14. And when he came to the king, the king said to him, Micah, shall we go to Ramoth-Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go up, and triumph, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

15. And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure you to you say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the Lord?

16. Then he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd; and the Lord said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.

17. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good to me, but evil?

18. And he said, Hear therefore the word of the Lord; I saw the Lord sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.

19. And the Lord said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-Gilead? And one spoke according to this manner, and another according to that manner.

20. Then came out a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will entice him. And the Lord said to him, With what?
21. And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the Lord said, You shall entice him, and you shall also prevail; go out, and do so.

22. Now therefore, behold, the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets, and the Lord has spoken evil against you.

23. Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and struck Micah upon the cheek, and said, Which way did the spirit of the Lord go from me to speak to you?

24. And Micah said, Behold, you shall see on that day when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.

25. Then the king of Israel said, Take Micah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

26. And say, Thus said the king, Put this man in the prison house, and feed him with scant bread and with scant water, until I return in peace.

27. And Micah said, If you would return in peace, then the Lord has not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, all you people.

28. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-Gilead.
29. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go into battle; but you wear your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went into battle.

30. And the king of Aram had commanded the captains of the chariots who were with him, saying, Do not fight with small or great, but only with the king of Israel.

31. And when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat they said, That is the king of Israel. And they surrounded him to fight against him; but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the Lord helped him; and God drew them away from him.

32. For it came to pass that, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him.

33. And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor. And he said to his chariot driver, Turn your hand, and carry me out of the battle for I am wounded.

34. And the battle increased that day; and the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot against the Arameans until the evening; and about sunset he died.
1. And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

2. And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Should you help the wicked, and love those who hate the Lord? Therefore wrath has come upon you from the Lord.

3. But some good is found in you, for you have taken away the Asherot from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God.

4. And Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to Mount Ephraim, and brought them back to the Lord God of their fathers.

5. And he appointed judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city,
8. And also in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat appointed Levites, and priests, and heads of the fathers' houses of Israel, to give judgment for the Lord, and for controversies. And they had their seat in Jerusalem.

9. And he charged them, saying, Thus shall you do in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10. And whatever cause shall come to you from your brothers who live in their cities, between blood and blood, concerning Torah and commandment, statutes and judgments, you shall warn them not to trespass against the Lord, bringing wrath upon you and upon your brothers. Do this, and you shall not trespass.

11. And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the Lord; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters; also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good.
1. And it came to pass after this, that the Moabites, and the Ammonites, and with them some of the Mehunim, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2. Then there came some who told Jehoshaphat, saying, There comes a great multitude against you from beyond the sea, from Aram; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-Tamar, which is Ein-Gedi.

3. And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4. And the people of Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help from the Lord; from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

5. And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court,

6. And said, O Lord God of our fathers, are you not our God in heaven? And do you not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? And in your hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand you?

7. Are you not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and gave it to the seed of Abraham your friend for ever?
8. And they lived there, and have built you a sanctuary there for your name, saying,

9. If, when evil comes upon us, such as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in your presence, for your name is in this house, and cry to you in our affliction, then you will hear and help.

10. And now, behold, the Ammonites and the Moabites and the people from Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade, when they came from the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and did not destroy them;

11. Behold how they repay us, to come to cast us out from your possession, which you have given us to inherit.

12. O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that comes against us; and we do not know what to do; but our eyes are upon you.

13. And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14. Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation;
15. And he said, Listen, all of Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat, Thus said the Lord to you, Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

16. Tomorrow go down against them; behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and you shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17. You shall not need to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem; do not fear, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them; for the Lord will be with you.

18. And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.

19. And the Levites, of the sons of the Kehathites, and of the sons of the Korahites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a very loud voice.

20. And they rose early in the morning, and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe his prophets, and you shall you succeed.
21. And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers to the Lord to praise the beauty of holiness, as they went before the army, saying, Praise the Lord, for his loving kindness endures forever.

22. And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set an ambush against the Ammonites, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were routed.

23. For the Ammonites and the Moabites stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, to slay and destroy them completely; and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

24. And when Judah came toward the watchtower in the wilderness, they looked to the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies lying on the ground, and none had escaped.

25. And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the booty from them, they found among them, with the dead bodies, abundance of riches and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the booty, it was so much.

26. And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the Lord; therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, to this day.
27. Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat at their head, to return to Jerusalem with joy; for the Lord had made them rejoice over their enemies.

28. And they came to Jerusalem with lutes and lyres and trumpets to the house of the Lord.

29. And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they heard that the Lord fought against the enemies of Israel.

30. And the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave him rest all around.

31. And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah; he was thirty five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32. And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and did not depart from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the Lord.

33. But the high places were not taken away; for as yet the people had not set their hearts upon the God of their fathers.

34. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of Jehu the son of Hanani, which are recorded in the Book of the Kings of Israel.
35. And after this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly;

36. And he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion-Geber.

37. Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the Lord will destroy what you have made. And the ships were wrecked and were not able to go to Tarshish.
1. And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

2. And he had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

3. And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but the kingdom he gave to Jehoram; because he was the firstborn.

4. And when Jehoram had taken over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he slew all his brothers with the sword, and also some of the princes of Israel.

5. Jehoram was thirty two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done; for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord.
7. But the Lord did not wish to destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and his promise to give a light to him and to his sons forever.

8. In his days the Edomites revolted from the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king.

9. Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him; and he rose up by night, and defeated the Edomites who had surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots.

10. And the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. The same time also Libnah revolted from under his hand; because he had forsaken the Lord God of his fathers.

11. He also made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to be unfaithful, and made Judah go astray.

12. And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus said the Lord God of David your father, Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13. But have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem be unfaithful, like the unfaithfulness of the house of Ahab, and also have slain your brothers of your father's house, who were better than yourself;
14. Behold, with a great plague the Lord will strike your people, and your children, and your wives, and all your goods;

15. And you shall have a severe sickness with a disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out because of the disease, day by day.

16. And the Lord stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabs, who were near the Cushites;

17. And they came up to Judah, and broke into it, and carried away all the wealth that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that no son was left him, except Jehoahaz, his youngest son.

18. And after all this the Lord struck him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

19. And it came to pass, that in the course of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out because of his sickness; and he died in great agony. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

20. Thirty two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without anyone's regret. And they buried him in the city of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.
1. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place; for the band of men who came with the Arabs to the camp had slain all the older sons. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

2. Forty two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

3. He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counsellor in doing wickedly.

4. And he did evil in the sight of the Lord like the house of Ahab; for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction.

5. He also followed their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth-Gilead; and the Arameans defeated Joram.

6. And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which he had received at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Aram. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.
7. And the destruction of Ahaziah came from God by coming to Joram; for when he came, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the Lord had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8. And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, he found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, who ministered to Ahaziah, and he slew them.

9. And he searched for Ahaziah; and they caught him, for he was hiding in Samaria, and brought him to Jehu; and when they had slain him, they buried him; Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the Lord with all his heart. And the house of Ahaziah had no one able to rule the kingdom.

10. But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal seed of the house of Judah.

11. But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from the king's sons who were being slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed chamber. And Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, because she was the sister of Ahaziah, hid him from Athaliah, so that she did not slay him.

12. And he was with them hiding in the house of God six years; and Athaliah reigned over the land.
1. And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into a pact with him.

2. And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the heads of the fathers' houses of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3. And all the congregation made a pact with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the Lord has said of the sons of David.

4. This is the thing that you shall do: Of you, priests and Levites, who come in on the sabbath, a third shall guard the gates;

5. And a third shall be at the king's house; and a third at the Gate of the Foundation; and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the Lord.

6. But let none come into the house of the Lord, except the priests, and those of the Levites who minister; they may go in, for they are holy; but all the people shall keep the charge of the Lord.
7. And the Levites shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever else comes into the house shall be put to death; but you be with the king when he comes in, and when he goes out.

8. And the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and every man took his men who were to come in on the sabbath, with those who were to go out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the divisions.

9. And Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God.

10. And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, around the king.

11. Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and proclaimed him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, Long live the king!

12. And when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the Lord;
13. And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entrance, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded trumpets, also the singers with instruments of music leading the celebration. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason!

14. And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, Bring her out between the ranks; and whoever follows her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Do not slay her in the house of the Lord.

15. And they laid hands on her; and when she was brought to the entrance of the Horse Gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

16. And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the Lord's people.

17. Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and broke it down, and broke his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal in front of the altars.

18. And Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the Lord under the hand of the Levitical priests, whom David had organized to be in charge of the house of the Lord, to offer the burnt offerings of the Lord, as it is written in the Torah of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David.
19. And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of the Lord, so that no one who was unclean in any way should enter.

20. And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the Lord; and they came through the Upper Gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21. And all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, after they had slain Athaliah with the sword.
1. Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2. And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3. And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he fathered sons and daughters.

4. And it came to pass after this, that Joash decided to repair the house of the Lord.

5. And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out to the cities of Judah, and collect from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you hasten the matter. But the Levites did not hasten.

6. And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said to him, Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem the tax levied by Moses, the servant of the Lord, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of the Testimony?

7. For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and had bestowed on the Baalim all the consecrated things of the house of the Lord.
8. And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it outside the gate of the house of the Lord.

9. And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem, to bring to the Lord the tax that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness.

10. And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had finished.

11. And it came to pass, that whenever the chest was brought to the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered a great sum of money.

12. And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the Lord, and also those who worked iron and bronze to mend the house of the Lord.

13. And the workmen labored, and the work prospered in their hand, and they restored the house of God to its proper condition, and strengthened it.
14. And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, and utensils were made of it for the house of the Lord, utensils for service and for offering, and spoons, and utensils of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the Lord continually during all the days of Jehoiada.

15. And Jehoiada grew old, and was full of days when he died; a hundred and thirty years old was he when he died.

16. And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.

17. And after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king listened to them.

18. And they left the house of the Lord God of their fathers, and served Asherim and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for their trespass.

19. And he sent prophets to them, to bring them back to the Lord; and they testified against them; but they would not give heed.

20. And the spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, Thus said God, Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, he has also forsaken you.
21. And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the Lord.

22. Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had shown him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, May the Lord see and avenge!

23. And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the army of Aram came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all their booty to the king of Damascus.

24. For the army of the Arameans came with a small company of men, and the Lord delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers. And they executed judgment against Joash.

25. And when they had departed from him, leaving him seriously wounded, his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died; and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

26. And those who conspired against him were: Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess.

27. Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burden laid against him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the story of the Book of the Kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his place.
1. Amaziah was twenty five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

2. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a blameless heart.

3. And it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants who had killed the king his father.

4. But he did not slay their children, but did as it is written in the Torah, in the Book of Moses, where the Lord commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, nor shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

5. And Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin; and he counted them from twenty years old and above, and found that they were three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, who could handle spear and shield.

6. He hired also a hundred thousand mighty men of valor from Israel for a hundred talents of silver.
7. And a man of God came to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with you; for the Lord is not with Israel, with all these men of Ephraim.

8. But if you go, act, and are strong for the battle, God shall make you fall before the enemy; for God has power to help, and to cast down.

9. And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do about the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The Lord is able to give you much more than this.

10. Then Amaziah discharged the army that had come to him from Ephraim, to go home again. And their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

11. And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and struck ten thousand of the men of Seir.

12. And another ten thousand who were left alive were carried away captive by the men of Judah, who brought them to the top of the rock, and threw them down from the top of the rock, and they were all dashed to pieces.

13. And the soldiers of the army whom Amaziah sent back, so that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria as far as Beth-Horon, and killed three thousand in them, and took much booty.
14. And it came to pass, after Amaziah came from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the men of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and worshipped them, and burned incense to them.

15. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent to him a prophet, who said to him, Why have you sought after the gods of the people, who could not save their own people from your hand?

16. And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said to him, Have we made you a royal counsellor? Stop! Why should you be put to death? And the prophet stopped, and said, I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel.

17. Then Amaziah king of Judah took counsel, and sent word to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

18. And Joash king of Israel sent word to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, A thistle that was in Lebanon sent to a cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son for a wife; and a wild beast of Lebanon passed by, and trampled down the thistle.

19. You say, Behold, you have defeated the Edomites; and your heart lifts you up to boast. Stay now at home; why should you meddle with evil, so that you should fall, you, and Judah with you?
20. But Amaziah would not hear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they had sought the gods of Edom.

21. And Joash the king of Israel went up; and they looked one another in the face, both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

22. And Judah was defeated by Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

23. And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-Shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits.

24. And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the utensils that were found in the house of God with Obed-Edom, and the treasures of the king's house, together with the hostages, and returned to Samaria.

25. And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.
27. And after the time that Amaziah turned away from following the Lord they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish; but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.

28. And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.
1. Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his father Amaziah.

2. He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

3. Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

4. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5. And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper.

6. And he went forth and fought against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities around Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

7. And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabs, who lived in Gurbaal, and the Mehunim.
8. And the Ammonites rendered tribute to Uzziah; and his name spread abroad as far as the entrance to Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

9. And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, and at the Valley Gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.

10. Also he built towers in the desert, and dug many wells; for he had much cattle, both in the Shephelah, and in the plain; farmers also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel; for he loved the soil.

11. And Uzziah had an army of fighting men, who went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains.

12. The whole number of the heads of the fathers' houses of the mighty men of valor was two thousand and six hundred.

13. And under their hand was an army, three hundred and seven thousand five hundred, who made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

14. And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the army shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and stones for slinging.
15. And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by skilful men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.

16. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction; for he transgressed against the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

17. And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of the Lord, who were brave men;

18. And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said to him, It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed; and it shall bring you no honor from the Lord God!

19. And Uzziah was angry, and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and when he became angry with the priests, the leprosy broke out in his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the Lord, by the incense altar.

20. And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they thrust him out quickly from there; and he himself also hastened to go out, because the Lord had struck him.
21. And Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in the house of separation, being diseased; for he was cut off from the house of the Lord; and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

22. And the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote.

23. And Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper; and Jotham his son reigned in his place.
1. Jotham was twenty five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

2. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Uzziah did; but he did not enter into the temple of the Lord. And the people still acted corruptly.

3. He built the High Gate of the house of the Lord, and on the wall of Ophel he built much.

4. And he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers.

5. And he fought with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the Ammonites gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. And the Ammonites paid to him the same in the second and third years.

6. And Jotham became mighty, because he directed his ways before the Lord his God.
7. And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

8. He was twenty five old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

9. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.
1. Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; but he did not do that which was right in the sight of the Lord, like David his father;

2. For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for the Baalim.

3. And he burned incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord had cast out before the people of Israel.

4. And he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5. And the Lord his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Aram; and they defeated him, and carried away captive a great multitude of them, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who defeated him with a great slaughter.

6. And Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, who were all brave men; because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers.
7. And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah who was next to the king.

8. And the people of Israel carried away captive of their brothers two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much booty from them, and brought the booty to Samaria.

9. But a prophet of the Lord was there, whose name was Oded; and he went out before the army that came to Samaria, and said to them, Behold, because the Lord God of your fathers was angry with Judah, he has delivered them into your hand, and you have slain them in a rage that reaches up to heaven.

10. And now you intend to keep the people of Judah and Jerusalem as male and female slaves to you. Do you not have sins of your own against the Lord your God?

11. And now hear me, and send back the captives, whom you have taken captive of your brothers; for the fierce wrath of the Lord is upon you.

12. Then some of the heads of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Hezekiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who came from the war,
13. And they said to them, You shall not bring in the captives here; for whereas we have offended against the Lord already, you intend to add more to our sins and to our trespass; for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.

14. And the armed men left the captives and the booty before the princes and all the congregation.

15. And the men who were mentioned by name rose up, and took the captives, and clothed with the booty all who were naked among them, and dressed them, and gave them shoes, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the weak ones on asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brothers. Then they returned to Samaria.

16. At that time king Ahaz sent word to the kings of Assyria to help him.

17. For again the Edomites had come and struck Judah, and carried away captives.

18. And the Philistines had invaded the cities of the Shephelah, and the Negev of Judah, and had taken Beth-Shemesh, and Ayalon, and Gederoth, and Soco with its villages, and Timnah with its villages, Gimzo also and its villages; and they lived there.

19. For the Lord brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he caused disorder in Judah, and transgressed greatly against the Lord.

20. And Tilgath-Pilneser king of Assyria came to him, and distressed him, but did not strengthened him.
21. For Ahaz took away a portion from the house of the Lord, and from the house of the king, and from the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria; but he did not help him.

22. And in the time of his distress he trespassed still more against the Lord; this is that king Ahaz.

23. For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, which had defeated him; and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Aram helped them, I will sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

24. And Ahaz gathered together the utensils of the house of God, and cut in pieces the utensils of the house of God, and shut the doors of the house of the Lord, and he made himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

25. And in every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger the Lord God of his fathers.

26. And the rest of his acts and of all his ways, from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

27. And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem; but they did not bring him to the tombs of the kings of Israel; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.
1. Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty five years old, and he reigned twenty nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

2. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done.

3. He, in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them.

4. And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

5. And said to them, Hear me, you Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry out the filth from the holy place.

6. For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord, and turned their backs.

7. Also they shut the doors of the vestibule, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.
8. And the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he has made them an object of horror, of astonishment, and of hissing, as you can see with your eyes.

9. And, behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10. Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11. My sons, do not be now negligent; for the Lord has chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that you should minister to him, and burn incense.

12. And the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kehathites; and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah;

13. And of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri, and Jeiel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah, and Mattaniah;

14. And of the sons of Heman, Jehiel, and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

15. And they gathered their brothers, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the Lord, to cleanse the house of the Lord.
16. And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord, to cleanse it, and they brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord. And the Levites took it, to carry it out to the brook Kidron.

17. And they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the Lord; so they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.

18. And they went inside to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the Lord, and the altar of the burnt offering, with all its utensils, and the table of the bread of display, with all its utensils.

19. And all the utensils, which king Ahaz in his reign cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of the Lord.

20. And Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the Lord.

21. And they brought seven bulls, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven male goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of the Lord.
22. And they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar; likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar; they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

23. And they brought forth the male goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them;

24. And the priests killed them, and they made a sin offering with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel; for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.

25. And he set the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with lutes, and with lyres, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king’s seer, and Nathan the prophet; for so was the commandment of the Lord by his prophets.

26. And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

27. And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments of David king of Israel.

28. And all the congregation prostrated themselves, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.
29. And when they finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed down, and worshipped.

30. And Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise to the Lord with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31. And Hezekiah answered and said, Now you have consecrated yourselves to the Lord; come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the Lord. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and all who were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings.

32. And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was seventy bulls, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs; all these were for a burnt offering to the Lord.

33. And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

34. But the priests were too few and could not flay all the burnt offerings; so, until other priests had sanctified themselves, their brothers the Levites helped them until the work was finished; for the Levites were more upright in heart than the priests in sanctifying themselves.

35. And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. And the service of the house of the Lord was restored.
36. And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, because of what God had done for the people; for the thing was done suddenly.
1. And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to the Lord God of Israel.

2. For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month.

3. For they could not keep it in its time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, nor had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

4. And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation.

5. And they established a decree to proclaim throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to the Lord God of Israel at Jerusalem; for they had not done it for a long time as it was prescribed.

6. And the couriers went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, People of Israel, turn back to the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.
7. And do not be like your fathers, and like your brothers, who trespassed against the Lord God of their fathers, who therefore made them a desolation, as you see.

8. Do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified forever; and serve the Lord your God, so that his fierce wrath may turn away from you.

9. For if you return to the Lord, your brothers and your children shall find compassion with those who led them away captive, so that they shall return to this land; for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.

10. And the couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh as far as Zebulun; but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11. Only a few men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

12. The hand of God was also upon Judah to give them one heart to do what the king and the princes commanded by the word of the Lord.

13. And many people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month, a very great congregation.
14. And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense they took away, and threw them into the brook Kidron.

15. And they slaughtered the paschal lamb on the fourteenth day of the second month; and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought the burnt offerings into the house of the Lord.

16. And they stood in their place according to the form prescribed for them, according to the Torah of Moses the man of God; the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received from the hand of the Levites.

17. For there were many in the congregation who were not sanctified; therefore the Levites slaughtered the paschal lamb for every one who was not clean, to sanctify them to the Lord.

18. For a multitude of the people, many of them from Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, so that they ate the paschal lamb otherwise than what it was prescribed. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good Lord pardon every one

19. Who prepares his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, even though he is not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

20. And the Lord listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.
21. And the people of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day, singing with loud instruments to the Lord.

22. And Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who showed good skill in the service of the Lord; and they ate the food of the feast for seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the Lord God of their fathers.

23. And the whole assembly took counsel to keep another seven days; and they kept another seven days with gladness.

24. For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the congregation a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

25. And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came from Israel, and the foreigners who came from the land of Israel, and who lived in Judah, rejoiced.

26. And there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.

27. Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people; and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, to heaven.
1. And when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke the images in pieces, and cut down the Asherim, and broke down the high places and the altars throughout all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had completely destroyed them all. Then all the people of Israel returned, every man to his possession, to their own cities.

2. And Hezekiah appointed the duty watches of the priests and the Levites, division by division, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the Lord.

3. He appointed also the king's portion of his wealth for the burnt offerings, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the appointed feasts, as it is written in the Torah of the Lord.

4. And he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves firmly to the Torah of the Lord.

5. And as soon as the commandment was spread abroad, the people of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of grain, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and the tithe of all things they brought in abundantly.
6. And concerning the people of Israel and Judah, who lived in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated to the Lord their God, and laid them by heaps.

7. In the third month they began to pile up the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month.

8. And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the Lord, and his people Israel.

9. Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10. And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty; for the Lord has blessed his people; and we have this great store left.

11. Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the Lord; and they prepared them,

12. And they brought in the offerings and the tithes and the consecrated things faithfully; over which Conaniah the Levite was in charge, and Shimei his brother was second.
13. And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Elieel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were supervisors under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

14. And Kore the son of Jimnah the Levite, keeper of the east gate, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the offerings of the Lord, and the Most Holy things.

15. And next to him were Eden, and Minjamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shechaniah, in the cities of the priests, faithfully assisting him to give their portions to their brothers by divisions, to old and young alike;

16. Besides their duty to register the males, from three years old and upward, all who entered the house of the Lord for the service of each day, to work in their offices according to their divisions;

17. The registration of the priests was according to their fathers' houses, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their divisions;

18. They also had the duty of registering them by genealogy with all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation; for in their office of trust they sanctified themselves in holiness;

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19. Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, who were in the fields of the pasture lands of their cities, in every several city, there were men who were expressly named to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all who were registered by genealogies among the Levites.

20. And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and he did that which was good and right and true before the Lord his God.

21. And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the Torah, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.
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1. After these things, and these deeds of integrity, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fortified cities, and thought to win them for himself.

2. And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he intended to fight against Jerusalem,

3. He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to plug the waters of the springs which were outside the city; and they helped him.

4. And many people gathered together, and plugged all the springs, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?

5. Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall outside, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance.

6. And he appointed captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spoke encouragingly to them, saying,
7. Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid nor dismayed because of the king of Assyria, nor because of all the multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him;

8. With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people took confidence from the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9. After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem, for he himself laid siege against Lachish and all his strength was with him, to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all of Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying,

10. Thus said Sennacherib king of Assyria, On what do you trust, that you remain in the siege in Jerusalem?

11. Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give yourselves over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The Lord our God shall save us from the hand of the king of Assyria?

12. Has not this same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, You shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?
13. Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands able in any way to save their lands from my hand?

14. Who was there among all the gods of those nations, which my fathers completely destroyed, that could save his people from my hand, that your God should be able to save you from my hand?

15. And now do not let Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, nor should you believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to save his people from my hand, and from the hand of my fathers; How much less shall your God save you from my hand?

16. And his servants spoke yet more against the Lord God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

17. And he also wrote letters casting contempt on the Lord God of Israel, and speaking against him, saying: Just as the gods of the nations of other lands have not saved their people from my hand, so shall the God of Hezekiah not save his people from my hand.

18. And they shouted with a loud voice in the language of Judah to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them, and to trouble them, so that they might take the city.
19. And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as if it were against the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of the hands of man.

20. And because of this Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

21. And the Lord sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty warriors, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. And he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he came into the house of his god, his own offspring slew him there with the sword.

22. Thus the Lord saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side.

23. And many brought gifts to the Lord to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah; so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from that time onward.

24. In those days Hezekiah fell mortally sick, and prayed to the Lord; and he spoke to him, and he gave him a sign.

25. But Hezekiah did not render back according to the benefit done to him; for his heart was proud; therefore wrath came upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.
26. Nevertheless Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

27. And Hezekiah had great riches and honor; and he made for himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all kinds of precious utensils;

28. And storehouses for the produce of grain, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of beasts, and folds for sheep.

29. And he provided cities for himself, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him much wealth.

30. This same Hezekiah also plugged the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31. And in the matter of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who had been sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was done in the land, God left him to himself to test him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

32. And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.
33. And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ascent of the tombs of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his place.
1. Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty five years in Jerusalem;

2. But he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to the abominable practices of the nations, whom the Lord had cast out before the people of Israel.

3. For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he erected up altars for the Baalim, and made Asherot, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4. And he built altars in the house of the Lord, about which the Lord had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be forever.

5. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord.

6. And he passed his children through the fire in the Valley of the son of Hinnom; also he practiced soothsaying, and augury, and witchcraft, and dealt with mediums, and with wizards; he did much evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger.
7. And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever;  

8. Nor will I again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole Torah and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.  

9. And Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem go astray, and do worse than the nations, whom the Lord had destroyed before the people of Israel.  

10. And the Lord spoke to Manasseh, and to his people; but they would not listen.  

11. And the Lord brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.  

12. And when he was in affliction, he pleaded with the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,  

13. And prayed to him; and God received his entreaty, and heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.
14. And after this he built a wall outside the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate, and surrounded Ophel, and raised it up to a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fortified cities of Judah.

15. And he took away the foreign gods, and the idol from the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built in the Mount of the House of the Lord, and in Jerusalem, and cast them outside the city.

16. And he repaired the altar of the Lord, and sacrificed on it peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel.

17. Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, although only to the Lord their God.

18. And the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the Lord God of Israel, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

19. And his prayer, and how God received his entreaty, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places where he built high places, and set up Asherim and carved idols, before he was humbled; behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.

20. And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house; and Amon his son reigned in his place.
21. Amon was twenty two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as did Manasseh his father; for Amon sacrificed to all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;

23. And he did not humble himself before the Lord, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

24. And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.

25. But the people of the land slew all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.
Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty one years.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left.

And in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the carved images, and the molten images.

And they broke down the altars of the Baalim in his presence; and he cut down the images that were on top of them; and the Asherim, and the carved images, and the molten images, he broke in pieces, and he made dust of them, and strewed it over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.

And he burned the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Shimeon, as far as Naphtali, with their ruins around it.

And when he had broken down the altars and the Asherim, and had crushed the engraved images into dust, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.
8. And in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the Lord his God.

9. And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought to the house of God, which the Levites who kept the doors had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.

10. And they delivered it to the hand of the workmen who supervised the house of the Lord, and they gave it to the workmen who labored in the house of the Lord, to repair and amend the house;

11. They gave it to the artificers and builders, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12. And the men did the work faithfully; and their supervisors were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kehathites, to set it forward; and others of the Levites, all who were skilful with instruments of music.

13. Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and were supervisors of all who did the work in any kind of service; and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and gatekeepers.
14. And when they brought out the money that was brought to the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found a Book of the Torah of the Lord given by Moses.

15. And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the Book of the Torah in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16. And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back, saying, All that was committed to your servants, they are doing it.

17. And they have poured out the money that was found in the house of the Lord, and have delivered it into the hand of the supervisors, and into the hand of the workmen.

18. Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

19. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the Torah, that he tore his clothes.

20. And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying,
21. Go, inquire of the Lord for me, and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord, to do according to all that is written in this book.

22. And Hilkiah, and those whom the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Toqhat, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; and she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter; and they spoke to her to that effect.

23. And she answered them, Thus said the Lord God of Israel, Tell the man who sent you to me,

24. Thus said the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah;

25. Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

26. And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, so shall you say to him, Thus said the Lord God of Israel concerning the words which you have heard;
27. Because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before God, when you heard his words against this place, and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before me, and have torn your clothes, and have wept before me; I have heard you also, said the Lord.

28. Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon its inhabitants. So they brought back word to the king.

29. And the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30. And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, old and young; and he read in their ears all the words of the Book of the Covenant that was found in the house of the Lord.

31. And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

32. And he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.
33. And Josiah removed all the abominations from all the territories that belonged to the people of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel serve the Lord their God. And all his days they did not depart from following the Lord, the God of their fathers.
1. And Josiah kept a Passover to the Lord in Jerusalem; and they killed the paschal lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month.

2. And he set the priests in their watches, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the Lord,

3. And he said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to the Lord, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders; serve now the Lord your God, and his people Israel,

4. And prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, according to your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.

5. And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brothers the people, and according to the division of the families of the Levites.

6. And kill the paschal lamb, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brothers, that they may do according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.
7. And Josiah gave to the people lambs and kids from the flock, all for the Passover offerings, for all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bulls; these were from the king’s possessions.

8. And his princes gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites; Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand and six hundred small cattle, and three hundred oxen.

9. Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave to the Levites for Passover offerings five thousand small cattle, and five hundred oxen.

10. And the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their divisions, according to the king’s commandment.

11. And they killed the paschal lamb, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites flayed them.

12. And they set aside the burnt offerings, that they might distribute them according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer to the Lord as it is written in the Book of Moses. And so they did with the oxen.

13. And they roasted the paschal lamb with fire according to the ordinance; but the other holy offerings they boiled in pots, and in cauldrons, and in pans, and carried them speedily to all the people.
14. And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests; because the priests the sons of Aaron were busy offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

15. And the singers of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king’s seer; and the gatekeepers were posted at every gate; they did not need to depart from their service, for their brothers the Levites prepared for them.

16. And all the service of the Lord was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

17. And the people of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days.

18. And there was no Passover like that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; nor did any of the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19. In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this Passover kept.

20. After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him.
21. But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with you, king of Judah? I do not come against you this day, but against the house with which I am at war; for God commanded me to make haste; forbear from meddling with God, who is with me, so that he should not destroy you.

22. Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but sought an opportunity to fight with him, and he did not listen to the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

23. And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Take me away; for I am badly wounded.

24. And his servants took him from that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25. And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah; and all the singing men and the singing women speak of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel; and, behold, they are written in the lamentations.

26. And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to that which was written in the Torah of the Lord,
I Chronicles Chapter 36

1. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king instead of his father in Jerusalem.

2. Jehoahaz was twenty three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for three months in Jerusalem.

3. And the king of Egypt deposed him in Jerusalem, and laid upon the land a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

4. And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5. Jehoiakim was twenty five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God.

6. Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.

7. And Nebuchadnezzar carried of the utensils of the house of the Lord to Babylon, and put them in his temple in Babylon.
8. And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

9. Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem; and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord.

10. And at the return of the year, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the precious utensils of the house of the Lord, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11. Zedekiah was twenty one years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God, and did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the Lord.

13. And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God; but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning to the Lord God of Israel.

14. Also, all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much according to all the abominations of the nations; and profaned the house of the Lord which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.
15. And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, from morning till night; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place;

16. But they mocked the messengers of God, and scorned his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

17. And he brought upon them the king of the Chaldeans, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young men or virgins, old men, or feeble; he gave them all into his hand.

18. And all the utensils of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

19. And they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious utensils.

20. And those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and to his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia;
21. To fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths; for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.

22. And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, so that the word of the Lord spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, and he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying:

23. Thus said Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth has the Lord God of heaven given me; and he has charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, the Lord his God be with him, and let him go up!
1. Happy is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scorners.

2. But whose delight is in the Torah of the Lord; and in his Torah he meditates day and night.

3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

4. The wicked are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, nor the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the wicked shall perish.
Psalms Chapter 2

1. Why do the nations rage, and the peoples mutter a vain thing?

2. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,

3. Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4. He who sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5. Then he shall speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury.

6. But I have set my king on my holy mountain of Zion.

7. I will tell of the decree; the Lord has said to me, You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

8. Ask of me, and I shall give you the nations for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

9. You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10. Now therefore be wise, O you kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.
11. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12. Worship in purity, lest he be angry, and you perish from the way, for in a little while his wrath will blaze. Happy are all who put their trust in him.
1. A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

2. Lord, how many are my enemies! There are many who rise up against me.

3. Many are there who say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.

4. But, O Lord, you are a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of my head.

5. I cried to the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out from his holy mountain. Selah.

6. I laid down and slept; I awoke; for the Lord sustained me.

7. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves around against me.

8. Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For you have struck all my enemies on the cheek bone; you have broken the teeth of the wicked.

9. Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing is upon your people. Selah.
1. To the chief Musician for stringed instruments, A Psalm of David.

2. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

3. O you sons of men, how long will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love vanity, and seek after falsehood? Selah.

4. But know that the Lord has set apart the pious man for himself; the Lord will hear when I call to him.

5. Tremble, and do not sin; talk with your own heart on your bed, and be still. Selah.

6. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

7. There are many who say, Who will show us good? Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

8. You have put more gladness in my heart than they have whose grain and wine are increased.

9. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone make me, Lord, dwell in safety.
1. To the chief Musician for the flutes, A Psalm of David.

2. Give ears to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

3. Listen to the voice of my cry, my King, and my God; for to you I will pray.

4. You shall hear my voice in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer to you, and will look up.

5. For you are not a God who has pleasure in wickedness; nor shall evil dwell with you.

6. The foolish shall not stand in your sight; you hate all evildoers.

7. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; the Lord will loathe the bloody and deceitful man.

8. But as for me, I will come into your house in the multitude of your love; and in your fear I will worship toward your holy temple.

9. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before my face.
10. For there is no truth in their mouth; in their heart there is wickedness; their throat is an open sepulcher; they flatter with their tongue.

11. Condemn them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against you.

12. But let all those who put their trust in you rejoice; let them always shout for joy, because you defend them; let those who love your name be joyful in you.

13. For you, Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor you will cover him as with a shield.
1. To the chief Musician for stringed instruments, according to the Sheminith, a psalm of David.

2. O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger, nor chasten me in your hot displeasure.

3. Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak; O Lord, heal me; for my bones shudder.

4. My soul is also much troubled. And you, O Lord, how long?

5. Return, O Lord, deliver my soul. Oh save me for the sake of your loving kindness!

6. For in death there is no remembrance of you. In Sheol who shall give you thanks?

7. I am weary with my moaning; all night I make my bed damp; I drench my couch with my tears.

8. My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my enemies.

9. Depart from me, all you evildoers; for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.
10. The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

11. Let all my enemies be ashamed and much troubled; let them return and be ashamed in a moment.
Psalm 7

1. A poem of David, which he sang to the Lord, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

2. O Lord my God, in you I put my trust; save me from all those who persecute and deliver me;

3. Lest like a lion they tear my soul, rending it in pieces, while there is none to save.

4. O Lord my God, if I have done this; if there is iniquity in my hands;

5. If I have paid back evil to him who was at peace with me; indeed, I have rescued him who without cause is my enemy;

6. Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; let him tread down my life on the earth, and lay my honor in the dust. Selah.

7. Arise, O Lord, in your anger, lift up yourself against the rage of my enemies, and awake for me; you have commanded judgment.

8. Let the congregation of the peoples be gathered around you; and for their sakes return you on high.

9. The Lord shall judge the people. Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity that is in me.
10. Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just; for the righteous God tests the hearts and insides.

11. My defense is of God, which saves the upright in heart.

12. God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day.

13. If a man does not turn, he will whet his sword; he has bent his bow, and made it ready.

14. He has also prepared for him the instruments of death; he makes arrows for the pursuers.

15. Behold, he labors with iniquity, and has conceived mischief, and brings forth falsehood.

16. He made a pit, digging it out, and has fallen into the ditch which he made.

17. His mischief shall return on his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down on his own pate.

18. I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness; and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.
1. To the chief Musician, according to the Gittit, A Psalm of David.

2. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth, who has set your glory above the heavens.

3. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings you have founded strength because of your enemies, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

4. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have established;

5. What is man, that you are mindful of him? And the son of man, that you visit him?

6. For you have made him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and honor.

7. You made him to have dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet;

8. All sheep and oxen, and the beasts of the field;

9. The bird of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
10. O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
1. To the chief Musician, on the death of the son, A Psalm of David.

2. I will praise you O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvelous works.

3. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O you Most High.

4. When my enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at your presence.

5. For you have maintained my right and my cause; you sat in the throne judging right.

6. You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked, you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

7. The enemies have come to an end, in perpetual ruins; for you have destroyed the cities; their memorial is perished.

8. But the Lord shall endure for ever; he has prepared his throne for judgment.

9. And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the peoples in uprightness.
10. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

11. And those who know your name will put their trust in you; for you, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

12. Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion; declare his acts among the people.

13. For he avenges blood, he remembers it; he does not forget the cry of the humble.

14. Be gracious to me, O Lord; consider my trouble which I suffer from those who hate me, you who lift me up from the gates of death;

15. That I may tell all your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion; I will rejoice in your salvation.

16. The nations have sunk down in the pit that they made; their own foot is trapped in the net which they hid.

17. The Lord is known by the judgment which he executes; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaiion. Selah.

18. The wicked shall be turned back to Sheol, and all the nations that forget God.

19. For the needy shall not always be forgotten; the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.
20. Arise, O Lord; do not let man prevail; let the nations be judged in your sight.

21. Put them in fear, O Lord; that the nations may know themselves to be only men. Selah.
1. Why do you stand so far away, O Lord? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

2. The wicked in his arrogance persecutes the poor; let them be taken in the schemes which they have devised.

3. For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, and the man greedy for gain curses and renounces the Lord.

4. The wicked, through the arrogance of his countenance, thinks, He will not seek out; all his thoughts are, There is no God.

5. His ways are always strong; your judgments are far above, out of his sight; as for all his enemies, he hisses at them.

6. He has said in his heart, I shall not be moved; for I shall never be in adversity.

7. His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud; under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

8. He sits in the lurking places of the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent; his eyes stealthily watch for the helpless.
9. He lies in wait secretly, like a lion in his den; he lies in wait to catch the poor; he catches the poor, when he draws him into his net.

10. The helpless collapse; they bow down, and fall into his power.

11. He says in his heart, God has forgotten; he hides his face; he will never see it.

12. Arise, O Lord! O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the humble.

13. Why does the wicked man renounce God? He has said in his heart, You will not avenge.

14. You have seen it; for you behold mischief and spite, to requite it with your hand; the helpless man commits himself to you; you are the helper of the orphan.

15. Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; seek out his wickedness till you find none left.

16. The Lord is King for ever and ever; the nations have perished from his land.

17. Lord, you have heard the desire of the humble; you will strengthen their heart, you will cause your ear to hear;

18. To judge the orphan and the oppressed, so that none shall any longer terrify innocent men from the earth.
1. To the chief Musician of David. In the Lord I put my trust; how can you say to my soul, Flee like a bird to your mountain?

2. For, behold, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow on the string, that they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.

3. If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4. The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven; his eyes behold, his eyelids test the children of men.

5. The Lord tests the righteous; but his soul hates the wicked and he who loves violence.

6. Upon the wicked he shall rain coals, fire and brimstone, and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

7. For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteousness; the upright shall behold his face.
1. To the chief Musician, according to the Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

2. Help Lord, for the pious man ceases; for the faithful vanish from among the children of men.

3. They speak vanity every one with his neighbor; with flattering lips and with a double heart they speak.

4. The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks arrogant things;

5. Who have said, With our tongue we will prevail; our lips are our own; who is lord over us?

6. For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, said the Lord; I will set him in safety at whom they hiss.

7. The words of the Lord are pure words; like silver refined in a furnace upon the ground, purified seven times.

8. You shall keep them, O Lord, you shall preserve them from this generation forever.

9. The wicked walk on every side, when vileness is exalted among the son of men.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

2. How long will you forget me, O Lord? For ever? How long will you hide your face from me?

3. How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

4. Look and answer me, O Lord my God; lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

5. Lest my enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

6. But I have trusted in your loving kindness; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.
1. To the chief Musician of David. The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable deeds, there is none that does good.

2. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any who understand, and seek God.

3. They have all gone astray, they have all become corrupted; there is none that does good, no, not one.

4. Do all the evildoers have no knowledge? Who eat up my people like they eat bread, and call not on the Lord.

5. They were in great fear; for God is in the generation of the righteous.

6. You shame the counsel of the poor, because the Lord is his refuge.

7. Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord shall bring back the exile of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.
1. A Psalm of David. Lord, who shall abide in your tent? Who shall dwell in your holy mountain?

2. He who walks uprightly, and does what is right, and speaks the truth in his heart.

3. He who does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor.

4. In whose eyes a vile person is despised; but he honors those who fear the Lord. He who swears to his own hurt, and does not change.

5. He who does not put out his money at interest, nor takes a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.
A poem of David. Preserve me, O God; for in you I put my trust.

I have said to the Lord, You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you;

As for the holy ones who are in the earth, they are the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

And for those who choose another god, their sorrows shall be multiplied; their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names upon my lips.

The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; you maintain my lot.

The lines are fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who has given me counsel; my insides also instruct me in the night seasons.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
10. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor will you suffer your pious one to see the pit.

11. You will show me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand there are pleasures for evermore.
1. A prayer of David. Hear the right, O Lord, attend to my cry, give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

2. Let my sentence come forth from your presence; let your eyes behold the right.

3. You have tested my heart; you have visited me in the night; you have tested me, and found nothing; let my mouth not transgress.

4. Concerning the works of men, by the word of your lips I have kept away from the paths of the violent.

5. My steps have held fast to your paths, my feet have not slipped.

6. I have called upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, and hear my speech.

7. Show your marvelous loving kindness, O you who save from their enemies, by your right hand, those who seek refuge.

8. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of your wings.

9. From the wicked who oppress me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.
10. They are enclosed in their own fat; with their mouth they speak arrogantly.

11. They dog our steps; they surround us; they have set their eyes to tread us down to the earth;

12. He is like a lion that is greedy for its prey, and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13. Arise, O Lord, confront him, cast him down; save my soul from the wicked, by your sword;

14. From men, by your hand, O Lord, from men whose portion in life is of the world, and whose belly you fill with your treasure; who have many children, and who leave their abundance to their babes.

15. As for me, I will behold your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with beholding your likeness.
Psalms

Psalms Chapter 18

1. To the chief Musician of David, the servant of the Lord, who spoke to the Lord the words of this song in the day that the Lord saved him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul;

ב. רואמי ארשמה יהת חקיק:  

2. And he said, I will love you, O Lord, my strength.

ג. יתה סלעי המちょうתי הקמטים אליל צורי אספה-וו קבגי真皮 ישר ימשגב:  

3. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my savior; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

ד. מלמל אקרא יתה ימו-אמי אושש:  

4. I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.

ה. אספנני חבר-מיתת יבליל יבליל יברטונה:  

5. The sorrows of death surround me, and the floods of ungodly men make me afraid.

ו. לבליל ישאל סבבנה קרבון מוקש קות:  

6. The cords of Sheol surround me; the snares of death took me by surprise.

ז. בארי-לי אקרא יתה ואיל-אלים אלשיר ימשע מחייכו ישעתי קדל ישרתי לגביני תבנא:  

7. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God; from his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

ח. והנש משה וארש משה וארשיה כי רציה והניששו כי חווה לא:  

8. Then the earth shook and trembled; and the foundations of the mountains moved and were shaken, because he was angry.
9. Smoke went out from his nostrils, and a devouring fire from his mouth; coals were kindled by it.

10. And he bowed the heavens, and came down; and darkness was under his feet.

11. And he rode on a Cherub, and flew; he flew on the wings of the wind.

12. He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion around him was dark with waters and thick clouds of the skies.

13. Out of the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

14. The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

15. And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and confounded them.

16. Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

17. He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

18. He saved me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me; for they were too strong for me.
19. They surprised me in the day of my calamity; but the Lord was my stay.

20. He brought me forth also into a large place; he saved me, because he delighted in me.

21. The Lord rewards me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he recompenses me.

22. For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23. For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

24. I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from my iniquity.

25. Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

26. With the merciful you will show yourself merciful; with an upright man you will show yourself upright;

27. With the pure you will show yourself pure; and with the perverse you will show yourself subtle.

28. For you will save the afflicted people; but will bring down haughty looks.
29. For you will light my candle; the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

30. For by you I can run through a troop; and by my God I can leap over a wall.

31. As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven; he is a shield to all those who trust in him.

32. For who is God but the Lord? Who is a rock but our God?

33. It is God who girds me with strength, and makes my way perfect.

34. He makes my feet to be like hinds' feet, and sets me upon my heights.

35. He teaches my hands to war, so that a bow of bronze is bent by my arms.

36. You have also given me the shield of your salvation; and your right hand has supported me, and your gentleness has made me great.

37. You have enlarged my steps under me, so that my feet did not slip.

38. I have pursued my enemies, and overtaken them; and did not turn back till they were consumed.

39. I have crashed them so that they were not able to rise; they have fallen under my feet.
40. For you have girded me with strength to the battle; you have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

41. You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me; that I might destroy those who hate me.

42. They cried, but there was none to save them; they cried to the Lord, but he did not answer them.

43. And I beat them small as the dust before the wind; I cast them as the dirt in the streets.

44. You have saved me from the strivings of the people; and you have made me the head of nations; a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

45. As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me; the strangers shall submit themselves to me.

46. The strangers shall fade away, and come trembling out of their closed places.

47. The Lord lives; and blessed is my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

48. It is God who avenges me, and subdues the peoples under me.
49. He saves me from my enemies; you lift me up above those who rise up against me; you save me from the violent man.

50. Therefore I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to your name.

51. Great deliverance he gives to his king; and shows loving kindness to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

2. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

3. Day to day utters speech, and night to night expresses knowledge.

4. There is no speech nor are there any words; their voice is not heard.

5. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

6. Which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man when he runs a race.

7. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit to the ends of it; and there is nothing hidden from his heat.

8. The Torah of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

9. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
10. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

11. More to be desired are they than gold, even very fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

12. Moreover by them is your servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

13. Who can discern his errors? Clean me from hidden faults.

14. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

15. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock, and my redeemer.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

2. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob defend you!

3. May he send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion!

4. May he remember all your offerings, and accept with favor your burnt sacrifice! Selah.

5. May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfil all your plans!

6. May we rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfil all your petitions!

7. Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

8. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

9. They are brought down and fall; but we shall rise, and stand upright.

10. Save, Lord; the king will answer us on the day when we call.
Psalms Chapter 21

1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

2. The king has joy in your strength, O Lord; and in your salvation how greatly he rejoices!

3. You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.

4. For you meet him with the blessings of goodness; you set a crown of pure gold on his head.

5. He asked life of you, and you gave it to him, length of days for ever and ever.

6. His glory is great in your salvation; honor and majesty have you laid on him.

7. For you have made him most blessed for ever; you have made him glad with your countenance.

8. For the king trusts in the Lord, and through the loving kindness of the Most High he shall not be moved.

9. Your hand shall find out all your enemies; your right hand shall find out those who hate you.
10. You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger; the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

11. Their fruit shall you destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

12. For they intended evil against you; they planned an evil scheme, but they will not succeed.

13. For you shall make them turn their back; you shall aim your bowstrings against their faces.

14. Be exalted, Lord, in your own strength! We will sing and praise your power.
1. To the chief Musician, according to Ayeleth HaShahar, a Psalm of David.

2. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my loud complaint?

3. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not hear; and in the night, and I have no rest.

4. But you are holy, O you who are enthroned on the praises of Israel.

5. Our fathers trusted in you; they trusted, and you saved them.

6. They cried to you, and were saved; they trusted in you, and were not disappointed.

7. But I am a worm, and not a man; scorned by men, and despised by the people.

8. All those who see me mock me; they move the lip, they shake their head, saying,

9. He commited himself to the Lord; let him rescue him; let him save him, seeing he delights in him.
10. But you are he who took me out of the womb; you made me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

11. I was cast upon you from the womb; you are my God from my mother's belly.

12. Do not be far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

13. Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

14. They open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.

15. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

16. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and you lay me down in the dust of death.

17. For dogs surround me; the assembly of the wicked encircle me; they seize my hands and my feet like a lion.

18. I can count all my bones; they look and stare at me.

19. They divide my garments among them, and cast lots for my clothing.
20. But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my strength, hasten to my help.

21. Save my soul from the sword; my only one from the power of the dog.

22. Save me from the lion's mouth; for you have answered me from the horns of the wild oxen.

23. I will declare your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

24. You who fear the Lord, praise him; all you the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all you the seed of Israel.

25. For he has not despised nor loathed the affliction of the afflicted; nor has he hidden his face from him; but when he cried to him, he heard.

26. My praise shall be of you in the great congregation; I will pay my vows before those who fear him.

27. The humble shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your heart live for ever!

28. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

29. For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he is ruler over the nations.
30. All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust, and he who cannot keep alive his own soul, shall bow before him.

31. Their seed shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation.

32. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness to a people that shall be born, that he has done this.
1. A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters.

3. He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

6. Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
1. A Psalm of David. The earth is the Lord's, and all that fills it; the world, and those who dwell in it.

2. For he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers.

3. Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

4. He who has clean hands, and a pure heart; who has not taken my name in vain, nor sworn deceitfully.

5. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O Jacob. Selah.

7. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

8. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O gates! Lift them up, O everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.
10. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.
A Psalm of David. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in you; let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me.

Also, let none who waits on you be ashamed; let those who transgress without cause be ashamed.

Make me know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and your loving kindness; for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to your loving kindness remember me for your goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He guides the humble in judgment; and he teaches the humble his way.
10. All the paths of the Lord are loving kindness and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity; for it is great.

12. Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him shall he teach in the way that he should choose.

13. His soul shall abide in prosperity; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14. The counsel of the Lord is with those who fear him; and he will reveal to them his covenant.

15. My eyes are always toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16. Turn to me, and be gracious to me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

17. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; O bring me out of my distresses!

18. Look upon my affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

19. Consider my enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with a cruel hatred.
20. O keep my soul, and save me; let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in you.

21. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on you.

22. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.
1. A Psalm of David. Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in my integrity; I have trusted in the Lord; therefore I shall not slip.

2. Examine me, O Lord, and test me; test my insides and my heart.

3. For your loving kindness is before my eyes; and I have walked in your truth.

4. I have not sat with vain persons, nor do I enter the company of dissemblers.

5. I have hated the congregation of evildoers; and do not sit with the wicked.

6. I wash my hands in innocency; so will I go around your altar, O Lord!

7. That I may sound the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all your wondrous works.

8. Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

9. Do not gather my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men;

10. In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.
11. But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be merciful to me.

12. My foot stands on an even place; in the congregations I will bless the Lord.
Psalms Chapter 27

A Psalm of David. The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, my enemies and my adversaries, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, even then I will be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; under the cover of his tent shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies around me; therefore I will offer in his tent sacrifices of joy; I will sing, I will make music to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice; be gracious to me, and answer me.

Of you my heart said, Seek my face; Your face, O Lord, will I seek!
9. Hide not your face from me; put not your servant away in anger; you have been my help; do not abandon me, nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10. For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me up.

11. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

12. Do not give me up to the will of my enemies; for false witnesses have risen up against me, and they breathe out violence.

13. Were it not that I believe I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart; and wait on the Lord.
Psalms Chapter 28

1. A Psalm of David. To you I will cry, O Lord my rock. Do not be silent to me, lest, if you are silent to me, I become like those who go down into the pit.

2. Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry to you, when I lift up my hands toward your holy sanctuary.

3. Do not take me away with the wicked, and with the evildoers, who speak peace to their neighbors, but there is evil in their hearts.

4. Give them according to their works, and according to the wickedness of their deeds; give them according to the work of their hands; render to them their due reward.

5. Because they do not regard the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6. Blessed be the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplications.

7. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song I will praise him.

8. The Lord is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

9. Save your people, and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.
Psalms Chapter 29

1. A Psalm of David. Ascribe to the Lord, O you mighty, give to the Lord glory and strength.

2. Give to the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon many waters.

4. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

6. He makes them skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7. The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.

8. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

9. The voice of the Lord makes the hinds to calve, and strips the forests bare; and in his temple every one speaks of his glory.
10. The Lord sits enthroned at the flood; and the Lord sits enthroned as King forever.

11. The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.
Psalms Chapter 30

וא. נגנון ישיר בבכית עולם.

1. A Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house; of David.

2. I will extol you, O Lord; for you have lifted me up, and have not made my enemies rejoice over me.

3. O Lord my God, I cried to you, and you have healed me.

4. O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

5. Sing to the Lord, O you his pious ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

6. For his anger lasts but a moment; in his favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

7. And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

8. Lord, by your favor you have made stand as a strong mountain; you hid your face, and I was frightened.

9. I cried to you, O Lord; and to the Lord I made supplication.
10. What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise you? Shall it declare your truth?

11. Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me; Lord, be my helper.

12. You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

13. To the end that my glory may sing praise to you, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

2. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; never let me be ashamed; save me in your righteousness.

3. Incline your ear to me; save me speedily; be you my strong rock, a fortress of defense to save me.

4. For you are my rock and my fortress; therefore for your name's sake lead me, and guide me.

5. Pull me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me; for you are my stronghold.

6. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

7. I hate those who regard lying vanities; but I trust in the Lord.

8. I will be glad and rejoice in your loving kindness; for you have considered my affliction; you have known the troubles of my soul;

9. And you have not delivered into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.
10. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is consumed with grief, my soul and my body.

11. For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

12. I am the scorn of all my enemies, and exceedingly of my neighbors, and a dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

13. I am forgotten out of mind like one who is dead; I am like a broken vessel.

14. For I have heard the slander of many; fear was on every side; while they took counsel together against me, they schemed to take away my life.

15. But I trusted in you, O Lord; I said, You are my God.

16. My times are in your hand; save me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

17. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your loving kindness.

18. Let me not be ashamed, O Lord; for I have called on you; let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in Sheol.

19. Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak insolent words, arrogantly and contemptuously against the righteous.
20. Oh how great is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear you; which you have done for those who trust in you, in the sight of the sons of men!

21. You hide them in the covert of your presence from the plots of men; you keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

22. Blessed be the Lord; for he has marvelously shown me his loving kindness in a besieged city.

23. For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before your eyes; nevertheless you heard the voice of my supplications when I cried to you.

24. O love the Lord, all you his pious ones; for the Lord preserves the faithful, and plentifully repays him who acts arrogantly.

25. Be of good courage, and let your heart be strong, all you who hope in the Lord.
1. A Psalm of David, A Maskil. Happy is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2. Happy is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3. When I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

4. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord; and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6. For this shall every one who is pious pray to you in a time when you may be found; then surely the floods of great waters shall not come near him.

7. You are my hiding place; you shall preserve me from trouble; you shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8. I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
9. Do not be like the horse, or like the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they do not come near you.

10. Many are the sorrows of the wicked; but loving kindness shall surround him who trusts in the Lord.

11. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.
1. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; for praise befits the upright.

2. Praise the Lord with a lyre; make music to him with the harp of ten strings.

3. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully with loud shouts.

4. For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in faithfulness.

5. He loves righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; he lays up the depths in storehouses.

8. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9. For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.
10. The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; he frustrates the schemes of the people.

11. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.

13. The Lord looks down from heaven; he beholds all the sons of men.

14. From the place of his habitation he looks upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15. He fashions their hearts alike; he considers all their deeds.

16. A king is not saved by a great army; a mighty man is not saved by great strength.

17. A horse is a vain thing for safety; nor shall he save any by his great strength.

18. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, upon those who hope in his loving kindness;

19. To save their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
20. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

21. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22. Let your loving kindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.
1. A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

2. I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

3. My soul shall glory in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it, and be glad.

4. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

5. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and saved me from all my fears.

6. They looked to him, and were radiant; and their faces shall not be ashamed.

7. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

8. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and saves them.

9. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy is the man who trusts in him.

10. O fear the Lord, you his pious ones; for those who fear him have no want.
11. The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

12. Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

13. Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good?

14. Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile.

15. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

16. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

17. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off their remembrance from the earth.

18. The righteous cry, and the Lord hears, and saves them out of all their troubles.

19. The Lord is near to the broken hearted, and saves those of a contrite spirit.

20. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord saves him out of them all.
21. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

22. Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

23. The Lord redeems the soul of his servants; and none of those who trust in him shall be condemned.
1. A Psalm of David. Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me.

2. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for my help.

3. Draw out also the spear and javelin against those who persecute me; say to my soul, I am your salvation.

4. Let those who seek after my soul be confounded and put to shame, let those who scheme evil against me be turned back and brought to confusion.

5. Let them be as chaff before the wind; and let the angel of the Lord chase them.

6. Let their way be dark and slippery; and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.

7. For without cause they hid for me their net; without cause they dug a pit for my soul.

8. Let destruction come upon him unawares; and let his net that he hid catch himself; into ruin let him fall.

9. And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; it shall rejoice in his salvation.
10. All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like to you, who rescues the poor from him who is too strong for him; the poor and needy from him who robs him.

11. False witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I know not.

12. They repay me evil for good; a bereavement to my soul.

13. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I afflicted my soul with fasting; and as for my prayer may it return to my own bosom.

14. I behaved as though he had been my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother.

15. But when I stumbled they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together; Wretches whom I knew not tear me in pieces without ceasing.

16. Like profane men, scornful mockers, they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17. Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue my soul from their destructions, my only one from the lions.

18. I will give you thanks in the great congregation; I will praise you among a great many people.

19. Let not those who are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me; nor let those who hate me without cause wink their eye.
20. For they do not speak peace; but they plot deceitful schemes against those who are quiet in the land.

21. They opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha! Our eye has seen it!

22. This you have seen, O Lord; do not be silent; O Lord, do not be far from me.

23. Bestir yourself, and awake to my judgment, to my cause, my God and my Lord.

24. Judge me, O Lord my God, according to your righteousness; and do not let them rejoice over me.

25. Do not let them say in their hearts, Aha, we have our heart's desire! Do not let them say, We have swallowed him up!

26. Let those who rejoice at my calamity be ashamed and brought to confusion; let those who magnify themselves against me be clothed with shame and dishonor.

27. Let those who favor my righteous cause shout for joy, and be glad; let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, who delights in the prosperity of his servant.

28. And my tongue shall speak of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David the servant of the Lord.

2. Transgression speaks to the wicked in his heart, there is no fear of God before his eyes.

3. For he flatters himself in his own eyes, that his iniquity cannot be found and hated.

4. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely, and to do good.

5. He plots mischief while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not loathe evil.

6. Your loving kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens; and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

7. Your righteousness is like the great mountains; your judgments are a great deep; O Lord, you preserve man and beast.

8. How excellent is your loving kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
9. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of your house; and you shall make them drink of the river of your pleasures.

10. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light shall we see light.

11. O continue your loving kindness to those who know you; and your righteousness to the upright in heart.

12. Let not the foot of arrogance come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.

13. There are the evildoers fallen; they are cast down, and are not able to rise.
A Psalm of David. Do not fret because of the wicked, nor be envious against the evildoers.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall you dwell in the land, and enjoy security.

Delight yourself also in the Lord; and he shall give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

And he shall bring forth your righteousness like the light, and your judgment like the noonday.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret yourself over him who prosper in his way, over the man who carries out evil schemes.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret yourself; it comes only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off; but those who wait upon the Lord shall inherit the earth.
10. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be; though you look well at his place, he will not be there.

11. But the humble shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12. The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth.

13. The Lord shall laugh at him; for he sees that his day is coming.

14. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to bring down the poor and needy, and to slay those who are of upright ways.

15. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16. A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked men.

17. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken; but the Lord upholds the righteous.

18. The Lord knows the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be forever.

19. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
20. But the wicked shall perish; the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the meadows; they shall be consumed; they shall pass away like smoke.

21. The wicked borrows, and does not pay back; but the righteous man gives with good loving kindness.

22. For those blessed by him shall inherit the earth; and those cursed by him shall be cut off.

23. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delights in his way.

24. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

25. I have been young, and I am now old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26. He lends generously at all times; and his seed is blessed.

27. Depart from evil, and do good; and you shall abide for ever.

28. For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake his pious ones; they are preserved for ever; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell in it for ever.
30. The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of justice.

31. The Torah of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall falter.

32. The wicked man watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him.

33. The Lord will not abandon him to his own hand, nor let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.

34. Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

35. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green tree.

36. Yet he passed away, and, behold, he was not; I sought him, but he could not be found.

37. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace.

38. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

39. And the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; he is their strength in the time of trouble.
40. And the Lord shall help them, and rescue them; he shall rescue them from the wicked, and save them, because they take refuge in him.
1. A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

2. O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger; nor chasten me in your wrath.

3. For your arrows stick fast in me, and your hand presses me hard.

4. There is no soundness in my flesh because of your anger; nor is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

5. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

6. My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness.

7. I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

8. For my loins are filled with burning; and there is no soundness in my flesh.

9. I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

10. Lord, all my desire is before you; and my sighing is not hidden from you.
11. My heart throbs, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes, it also is gone from me.

12. My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague; and my kinsmen stand far away.

13. Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; and those who seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and plot deceits all the day long.

14. But I am like a deaf man who does not hear; I am like a dumb man who does not open his mouth.

15. Thus I was like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth there are no rebukes.

16. For in you, O Lord, I hope; you will answer, O Lord my God.

17. For I said, Lest they should rejoice over me; when my foot slips, they magnify themselves against me.

18. For I am ready to fall, and my pain is continually before me.

19. For I will declare my iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

20. But my living enemies are strong; and those who hate me wrongfully are many.
21. Those who render me evil for good are my adversaries because I follow after good.

22. Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, do not be far from me!

23. Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation!
To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

I said, I will take heed to my ways, so that I should not sin with my tongue; I will muzzle my mouth, while the wicked man is before me.

I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, had no comfort, and my pain was stirred up.

My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue,

Lord, let me know my end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, you have made my days like handbreadths; and my age is nothing before you; truly every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.

Surely every man walks in a vain show; surely they are disquieted in vain; he heaps up riches, and does not know who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.

Save me from all my transgressions; do not make me the scorn of the villain.
10. I am dumb, I do not open my mouth; because it is you who did it.

11. Remove your stroke away from me; I am consumed by the blow of your hand.

12. When you, with rebukes, chastise man for iniquity, you make his beauty consume away like a moth; surely every man is vanity. Selah.

13. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not keep silence at my tears; for I am a stranger with you, and a sojourner, like all my fathers were.

14. Look away from me, that I may recover brightness, before I depart and be no more.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

2. I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined to me, and heard my cry.

3. And he drew me up from the gruesome pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and made my footsteps secure.

4. And he has put a new song in my mouth, praise to our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

5. Happy is the man who makes the Lord his trust, and does not turn to the proud, nor to those who go astray after lies.

6. Many, O Lord my God, are your wonderful works which you have done, and your thoughts which are toward us; none can compare with you; if I would declare and tell of them, they would be more than can be numbered.

7. You do not desire sacrifice and offering; you have dug open my ears; you have not required burnt offering and sin offering.

8. Then I said, behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written about me,

9. I delight to do your will, O my God; your Torah is in my heart.
10. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not refrain my lips, O Lord, you know.

11. I did not hide your righteousness in my heart; I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your loving kindness and your truth from the great congregation.

12. Do not withhold, O Lord, your compassion from me; let your loving kindness and your truth continually preserve me.

13. For innumerable evils have surrounded me; my iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see; they are more than the hairs of my head; therefore my heart fails me.

14. Be pleased, O Lord, to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

15. Let those who seek after my soul to destroy it be altogether ashamed and confounded; let those who wish me evil be turned back and put to shame.

16. Let those who say to me Aha, aha, be appalled, because of their shame. Aha, aha.

17. Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.
18. But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord takes thought for me; you are my help and my savior; delay not, O my God.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

2. Happy is he who considers the poor; the Lord will save in the day of evil.

3. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; he is called happy on earth; and you will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

4. The Lord will strengthen him on his sick bed; whenever he is prostrate you will heal all his illnesses.

5. I said, Lord, be merciful to me; heal my soul; for I have sinned against you.

6. My enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

7. And if one comes to see me, he speaks vanity; his heart gathers iniquity to itself; when he goes out, he tells it.

8. All who hate me whisper together against me; against me they plot my harm.

9. They say, An evil disease cleaves fast to him, and from where he lies he shall rise up no more.
10. Even my own close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

11. But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may pay them back.

12. By this I know that you favor me, because my enemy does not triumph over me.

13. And as for me, you uphold me in my integrity, and you set me before your face for ever.

14. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.
1. To the chief Musician, A Maskil, for the sons of Korah.

2. As the hart longs for water streams, so does my soul long for you, O God.

3. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?

4. My tears have been my bread day and night, while they continually say to me, Where is your God?

5. When I remember these things, I pour out my soul; how I went with the multitude, leading them in procession to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, a crowd keeping the festival.

6. Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him for the help of his countenance.

7. O my God, my soul is cast down within me, because I remember you from the land of the Jordan, and the Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

8. Deep calls to deep at the noise of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.
9. By day the Lord will command his loving kindness, and in the night his song shall be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

10. I will say to God my rock, Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

11. Like a deadly wound in my bones, my enemies taunt me; while they say daily to me, Where is your God?

12. Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.
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1. Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; O save me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2. For you are the God of my strength; why do you cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3. O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, and to your dwelling places.

4. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my great joy; and I will praise you with the lyre, O God my God.

5. Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.
1. To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Maskil.

2. We have heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the times of old;

3. How you drove out the nations with your hand, but planted them; how you afflicted the people, and cast them out.

4. For they did not get the land in possession by their own sword, nor did their own arm save them; but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you did favorably accept them.

5. You are my King, O God; command deliverance for Jacob.

6. Through you we will push down our enemies; through your name we will trample down those who rise up against us.

7. For I will not trust in my bow, nor shall my sword save me.

8. But you have saved us from our enemies, and have put to shame those who hate us.

9. In God we have gloried all the day long, and we praise your name for ever. Selah.
10. But you have cast off, and put us to shame; and you do not go forth with our armies.

11. You make us turn back from the enemy; and those who hate us take plunder for themselves.

12. You have given us like sheep to be eaten; and have scattered us among the nations.

13. You sell your people for nothing, and you do not ask for a high price.

14. You make us a taunt to our neighbors, a scorn and a derision to those who are around us.

15. You make us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the people.

16. My confusion is before me all day, and the shame of my face has covered me,

17. Because of the voice of him who taunts and blasphemes; because of the enemy and avenger.

18. All this has come upon us; yet we have not forgotten you, nor have we been false to your covenant.
19. Our heart is not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way;

כ. כְּכֹהֵנוּ בָּמַיּוֹם בֵּינֵי יָהֳעָם עַלְּגִלְגִּילְגִּים בַּעֲמָלָה.

20. Though you have crushed us in the place of jackals, and covered us with the shadow of death.

כָּאָא אָשְׁכַחֲנוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנֵבְרִשׁ שְׁפֵינוּ לֵאָל ־רֹא.

21. If we had forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

כָּבָּד הֵלְאָה־אֱלֹהֵי תַּכּרְרֵךְ אֵת־כָּהֲה לִּיָּהֳוָא לְצַעְמָלָה לֵב.

22. Would not God search this out? For he knows the secrets of the heart.

כָּנָה כְּי־אָשְׁלִיחֲךָ תֵרֵגֵנוּ כִּי־נִמְשָׁם בְּנִשְׁבָּהְנוּ כִּרְתָּא סְבוּחָה.

23. But for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

כָּנָה שׁוּרָּה לַמָּה חִנָּם לַחַזֵּי לַכְּדָשָּׁא אָל־תִּנְגְּזֵה לַבְעַזָּה.


כָּנָה לַמָּה שׁוּרָּה חָנִיָּה חַשֵּׁשָּׁה שְׁנֵבָּה שְׁנֵבָּה לְאָלְגָּנְנָה.

25. Why do you hide your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression?

כָּנָה כָּי־שׁוּרָּה לַעַשְׁרִי תַּפְּסָר לִחְשֵׁב לְאָלְגָּנְנָה.

26. For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly cleaves to the earth.

כָּנָה קֹיֶמֶת שְׁאָרְתָּה לַנַּגְּזָה לִפְדֵנָה לֶמָּשְׁנָה.

27. Arise for our help, and redeem us for the sake of your loving kindness.
1. To the chief Musician, according to Shoshannim, A Maskil for the sons of Korah; A song of loves.

2. My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a fast writer.

3. You are the fairest of the sons of men; loving kindness is poured into your lips; therefore God has blessed you for ever.

4. Gird your sword upon your thigh, O most mighty, with your glory and your majesty.

5. And in your majesty ride prosperously on in the cause of truth and for the sake of righteousness; and let your right hand teach you awesome things.

6. Your arrows are sharp; the peoples fall under you; they sink into the heart of the enemies of the king.

7. Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of equity.

8. You love righteousness, and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.
9. All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, and aloes, and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad.

10. Daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

11. Listen, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear; forget your own people, and your father's house;

12. And the king shall desire your beauty; bow to him because he is your lord.

13. And O daughter of Tyre, the rich among the people shall entreat your favor with a gift.

14. The daughter of the king is all glorious within; her clothing is of embroidered gold.

15. She shall be brought to the king in embroidered garments; the virgins, her companions, who follow her, shall be brought to you.

16. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought; they shall enter into the king's palace.

17. Instead of your fathers shall be your children, whom you shall make princes in all the earth.
18. I will make your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the peoples shall praise you for ever and ever.
1. To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song according to Alamoth.

   ב. אלהים להגנה בהיותו הזה וצורה ביצורים נצורים מצאות

2. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

   כא. על-כן לא- شيئ מהים אשר יושם חיים בריצים זרב בצים

3. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

   כד. ים ימין י_sparse על-יאליהם אשר יֹחֵש שניים יسكان עזילון

   Though its waters roar and are troubled, though the mountains shake with their swelling. Selah.

There is a river, whose streams make glad the city of God, the holiest dwelling place of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her before morning.

Nations rage, kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

8. The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

9. Come, behold the works of the Lord, the desolations that he has made in the earth.
10. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the chariot in the fire.

11. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

12. The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

2. O clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with the voice of triumph.

3. For the Lord Most High is awesome; he is a great King over all the earth.

4. He subdues peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

5. He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah.

6. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a shofar.

7. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

8. For God is the King of all the earth; sing a Maskil psalm.

9. God reigns over the nations; God sits on the throne of his holiness.

10. The nobles of the peoples are gathered together, the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.
A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised in the city of our God. The mountain of his holiness,

Beautiful sight, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the northern side of the city of the great King.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

For, behold, the kings were assembled, they came on together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were frightened; they fled away.

Fear took hold of them there, and pain, like a woman in labor.

You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of Hosts, in the city of our God; God will establish it for ever. Selah.
10. We have thought of your loving kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.

11. According to your name, O God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness.

12. Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your judgments.

13. Walk about Zion, and go around her; count her towers.

14. Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that you may tell it to the following generation,

15. That this is God, our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide till death.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

2. Hear this all you peoples; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world;

3. Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

4. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

5. I will incline my ear to a parable; I will open my riddle to the lyre.

6. Why should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me?

7. Those who trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

8. None of them can by any means ransom his brother, nor give to God a price for him;

9. For the ransom of their soul is costly, and it ceases for ever;

10. That he might still live for ever, and not see the pit.
11. For when he sees that wise men die, that the fool and the stupid alike perish, and leave their wealth to others,

12. Their inward thought is that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

13. Nevertheless man does not abide in honor; he is like the beasts that perish.

14. This is their way in their folly; yet their posterity will approve their sayings. Selah.

15. Like sheep they are appointed to Sheol; death shall be their shepherd; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their form shall waste away in Sheol, leaving behind their dwelling.

16. But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol; for he shall receive me. Selah.

17. Do not be afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

18. For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not go down after him.

19. Though while he lives he blesses his soul; and though men will praise you when you do well for yourself.
20. He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

21. A man who does not understand honor is like the beasts that perish.
1. A Psalm of Asaph. The mighty God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

3. Our God comes, and does not keep silence; a fire devours before him, and there is a mighty tempest around him.

4. He calls to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5. Gather my pious ones together to me; those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God is judge himself. Selah.

7. Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am God, your God.

8. I will not reprove you for your sacrifices, and your burnt offerings are continually before me.

9. I will accept no bull from your house, nor male goats from your folds.
10. For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand mountains.

11. I know all the birds of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12. If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is mine, and all that fills it.

13. Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14. Offer to God thanksgiving; and pay your vows to the Most High;

15. And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will save you, and you shall glorify me.

16. But to the wicked man God says, What are you to express my statutes, or to mouth my covenant?

17. For you hate instruction, and cast my words behind you.

18. If you see a thief, you consort with him, and you keep company with adulterers.

19. You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.
20. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander the son of your own mother.

21. You have done these things, and I have kept silence; you thought that I was one like yourself; but I will rebuke you and set the matter before your eyes.

22. Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to save.

23. Whoever offers praise glorifies me; and to him who orders his way aright I will show the salvation of God.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David,

ב. בכון אלהי בניו בניו כלומר- useMemoון אלי- להם

2. When Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

ג. ענני אלליהם וחזקהirsch בחר רוחיה המשיח פשה:

3. Be gracious to me, O God, according to your loving kindness; according to the multitude of your mercies blot out my transgressions.

ד. [חרבה] מספרי מושבי ימתאותי שחרבי:

4. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

ה. כי-फשהו זני ואפי ימותאות פנימי:

5. For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is always before me.

ו. כי-לבוה קשתתי וברך בשמים עניה למשים- תבקש הבברך תامة בשמשה:

6. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight; so that you are justified in your sentence, and clear in your judgment.

ז. הה-ב下面是小 לעולאה והשתה ימתאותי אמר:

7. Behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

ח. וה-אמתי-כתה ותשתה וכתמה תוספת-厂家:

8. Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts; therefore teach me wisdom in the inmost heart.

ט. תוספה כי-אתון ואתון ושמה תוספת- ימים:

9. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
10. Let me hear joy and gladness; that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.

11. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

12. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a constant spirit inside me.

13. Do not cast me away from your presence; and do not take your holy spirit from me.

14. Restore to me the joy of your salvation; and uphold me with a willing spirit.

15. Then I will teach transgressors your ways; and sinners shall return to you.

16. Save me from bloodguiltiness, O God, you God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

17. O Lord, open you my lips; and my mouth shall declare your praise.

18. For you do not desire sacrifice; or else would I give it; you do not delight in burnt offering.

19. The contrite spirit is a sacrifice to God; O God, you will not despise a contrite and broken heart.
20. Do good in your good will to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem.

21. Then shall you be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then shall they offer bulls upon your altar.
1. To the chief Musician, A Maskil of David.

2. When Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, David has come to the house of Ahimelech.


4. Your tongue devises mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

5. You love evil more than good; and lying rather than speaking righteousness. Selah.

6. You love all devouring words, O you deceitful tongue.

7. God shall likewise destroy you for ever, he shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, and root you out of the land of the living. Selah.

8. And the righteous shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him;

9. Behold, this is the man who did not make God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.
10. But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the love of God for ever and ever.

11. I will give you thanks for ever, because you have done it; and I will wait on your name, for it is good, before your pious ones.
Psalms Chapter 53

1. To the chief Musician according to Mahalath, A Maskil of David.

2. The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; there is none that does good.

3. God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any who understand, who seek God.

4. They have all fallen away; they have all become filthy; there is no one who does good, not even one.

5. Have the evildoers no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread? Do they not call upon God?

6. There were they in great fear, where no fear was; for God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you; you have put them to shame, because God has rejected them.

7. Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the exile of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.
1. To the chief Musician for stringed instruments, A Maskil of David,

2. When the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Does not David hide himself with us?

3. Save me, O God, by your name, and judge me by your strength.

4. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

5. For strangers have risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul; they have not set God before them. Selah.

6. Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is with those who uphold my soul.

7. He rewards evil to my enemies. O, cut them off in your truth!

8. I will sacrifice a free will offering to you; I will praise your name, O Lord; for it is good.

9. For he has saved me from every trouble; and my eye has gazed upon my enemies.
1. To the chief Musician for stringed instruments, A Maskil of David.

2. Give ear to my prayer, O God; and do not hide yourself from my supplication.

3. Attend to me, and answer me; I sob in my complaint, and moan,

4. Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked; for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

5. My heart inside me is in anguish; and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6. Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, and horror has overwhelmed me.

7. And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then I would fly away, and be at rest.

8. Behold, then I would wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

9. I would hasten to find a refuge from the windy storm and the tempest.
10. Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues; for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11. Day and night they go about it upon its walls; and mischief and trouble are in its midst.

12. Wickedness is in its midst; oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets.

13. For it was not an enemy who taunted me; then I could have borne it; nor was it one who hated me who magnified himself against me; then I could have hidden from him,

14. But it was you, a man my equal, my companion, my close friend.

15. We took sweet counsel together, and walked to the house of God in company.

16. Let death spread its oblivion upon them, and let them go down alive into Sheol; for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

17. As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

18. Evening, and morning, and at noon, I pray, and cry aloud; and he hears my voice.
19. He has saved my soul in peace from the battle that was against me; for there were many who strove against me.

20. God, who is enthroned from old, shall hear, and afflict them. Selah. Because they do not change, and do not fear God.

21. He has put forth his hands against those who are at peace with him; he has broken his covenant.

22. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.

23. Cast your burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain you; he shall never let the righteous be moved.

24. But you, O God, shall bring them down into the pit of destruction; bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in you.
Psalms Chapter 56

1. To the chief Musician, according to Jonat-helem-rechokim, A poem of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

2. Be gracious to me, O God, for men long to swallow me up; all day long the warrior oppresses me.

3. My enemies daily long to swallow me up; for they are many who fight against me, O you Most High.

4. When I am afraid, I will trust in you,

5. In God, whose word I praise, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?

6. Every day they wrest my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil.

7. They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, as they wait for my soul.

8. Shall they escape by iniquity? In your anger cast down the peoples, O God.

9. You have kept count of my wanderings; put my tears into your bottle. Are they not in your book?
10. When I cry to you, then shall my enemies turn back; this I know, because God is for me.

11. In God, whose word I praise; in the Lord, whose word I praise,

12. In God have I put my trust; I will not be afraid. What man can do to me?

13. Your vows are upon me, O God; I will render thank offerings to you.

14. For you have saved my soul from death, indeed my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living.
Psalms Chapter 57

1. To the chief Musician, Altaschith, A poem of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

2. Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me, for my soul trusts in you; and in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until calamities have passed over.

3. I will cry to God Most High; to God who performs all things for me.

4. He shall send from heaven, and save me; he scorns him who would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his loving kindness and his truth.

5. My soul is among lions; and I lie down among those who are set on fire, the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

6. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be above all the earth.

7. They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down; they dug a pit before me, and into its midst they have fallen themselves. Selah.

8. My heart is constant, O God, my heart is constant; I will sing and give praise.

9. Wake up, O my soul! Awake, O lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn!
10. I will praise you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to you among the nations.

11. For your loving kindness is great to the heavens, and your truth to the clouds.

12. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be above all the earth.
1. To the chief Musician, Altaschith, A poem of David.

2. Do you indeed decree what is right? Do you judge uprightly, O you sons of men?

3. But in your hearts you work wickedness; your hands deal out violence on the earth.

4. The wicked go astray from the womb; they err from birth speaking lies.

5. Their poison is like the poison of a serpent; they are like the deaf adder that stops its ear;

6. Which will not listen to the voice of charmers, or of the cunning enchanter.

7. Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth; break out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord.

8. Let them melt away like waters which run continually; when he aims his arrows, let them be as if cut in pieces.

9. Like the slimy track of a snail which disappears; like the untimely births of a woman that do not see the sun.
10. Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall sweep them away as with a whirlwind, both the green and the burning.

11. The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

12. So that a man shall say, Truly there is a reward for the righteous; truly there is a God who judges on earth.
1. To the chief Musician, Altaschith, A poem of David; when Saul sent,

2. and they watched the house to kill him. Save me from my enemies, O my God; defend me from those who rise up against me.

3. Save me from the evildoers, and save me from bloody men.

4. For, behold, they lie in wait for my soul; fierce men are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord.

5. They run and prepare themselves for no fault of mine; awake to help me, and behold.

6. You therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to punish all the nations; do not be merciful to any wicked traitors. Selah.

7. They return at evening; they howl like dogs, and go prowling around the city.

8. Behold, they belch out with their mouth; swords are in their lips; for Who hears?, say they.

9. But you, O Lord, shall laugh at them; you shall have all the nations in derision.
10. O my strength, upon you I will wait! For God is my fortress.

11. God who loves me shall come to meet me; God shall let me gaze upon my enemies.

12. Do not slay them, lest my people forget; scatter them by your power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

13. For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them be taken in their arrogance; and for cursing and lying which they speak.

14. Consume them in wrath, consume them, till they are no more; and let them know that God rules in Jacob to the ends of the earth. Selah.

15. And at evening let them return; and let them howl like a dog, and go prowling around the city.

16. Let them wander up and down for food, and growl if they do not get their fill.

17. But I will sing of your power; indeed, I will sing aloud of your loving kindness in the morning; for you have been my fortress and my refuge in the day of my trouble.

18. To you, O my strength, I will sing; for God is my fortress, and the God who loves me.
1. To the chief Musician, according to Shushan-Eduth, A poem of David, to teach;

2. When he strove with Aram-Naharaim and with Aram-Zobah, when Joab returned, and struck twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

3. O God, you have cast us off, you have scattered us, you have been angry; O turn yourself to us again.

4. You have made the earth tremble; you have broken it; heal its breaches; for it totters.

5. You have shown your people hard things; you have made us drink the wine of staggering.

6. You have given a banner to those who fear you, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

7. That your beloved ones may be saved; save with your right hand, and answer me.

8. God has spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and measure out the Valley of Succoth.
9. Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my scepter;

10. Moab is my washbasin; over Edom I will cast my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph.

11. Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom?

12. Have you not rejected us, O God, so that you do not go forth with our armies?

13. Give us help against the enemy; for vain is the help of man.

14. Through God we shall do bravely; for he it is who shall trample down our enemies.
Psalms Chapter 61

1. To the chief Musician, for stringed instruments, A Psalm of David.

2. Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer.

3. From the end of the earth I will cry to you, when my heart is faint; lead me to the rock that is too high for me.

4. For you have been a shelter for me, and a strong tower against the enemy.

5. I will abide in your tent for ever; I will trust in the shelter of your wings. Selah.

6. For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

7. Prolong the king's life; may his years be as many generations.

8. May he be enthroned before God for ever; O appoint love and truth, that they may preserve him.

9. So I will sing praise to your name for ever, as I daily perform my vows.
1. To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

2. My soul waits in silence only for God; from him comes my salvation.

3. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I shall not be greatly moved.

4. How long will you seek to overwhelm a man? You will be, all of you, demolished like a leaning wall, or a tottering fence.

5. They even plot to cast him down from his majesty; they delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

6. My soul waits only for God in silence; for my hope is from him.

7. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my refuge; I shall not be moved.

8. In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength and my refuge is in God.

9. Trust in him at all times; you people, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.
10. Surely men of low estate are but a breath, and men of high estate are a lie; to be laid in the scales, they are altogether lighter than a breath.

11. Do not trust in oppression, and become not vain in robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.

12. God has spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongs to God.

13. And to you, O Lord, belongs loving kindness; for you render to every man according to his work.
Psalms Chapter 63

1. A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

2. O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is,

3. To see your power and your glory, as I have seen you in the sanctuary.

4. Because your loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you.

5. Thus I will bless you while I live; I will lift up my hands in your name.

6. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips;

7. When upon my bed I remember you, and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

8. Because you have been my help, therefore in the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

9. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
10. But those who seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

11. They shall be given over to the sword; they shall be a prey for foxes.

12. But the king shall rejoice in God; every one who swears by him shall glory; but the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

2. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer; preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

3. Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the tumult of the evildoers;

4. Who whet their tongue like a sword, and aim bitter words like arrows.

5. To shoot from ambush at the blameless; suddenly they shoot at him, without fear.

6. They encourage one another in an evil matter; they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, Who shall see them?

7. They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search; both the inward thought of man, and the heart, is deep.

8. But God shoots his arrows at them; suddenly they shall be wounded.

9. So they make their own tongue a stumbling to themselves; all who see them shall shake their head.
10. And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

11. The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David.

2. Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall the vow be performed.

3. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

4. Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, you shall purge them away.

5. Happy is the man whom you choose, and bring near, that he may dwell in your courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, of your holy temple.

6. By awesome things in righteousness will you answer us, O God of our salvation; you are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of the farthest sea;

7. Who by his strength has established the mountains; being girded with power;

8. Who stills the noise of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.

9. And those who dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid of your signs; you make the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
10. You visit the earth, and water it; you greatly enrich it with the river of God, which is full of water; you provide their grain, for you have prepared it.

11. You water its furrows abundantly; you settle its ridges; you make it soft with showers; you bless its growth.

12. You crown the year with your goodness; and your paths drop fatness.

13. The pastures of the wilderness drip; and the hills rejoice on every side.

14. The meadows are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain; they shout for joy, they also sing.
Psalms Chapter 66

1. To the chief Musician, A Song, a Psalm. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

2. Sing to the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.

3. Say to God, How awesome are your works! Through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cringe before you.

4. All the earth shall worship you, and shall sing to you; they shall sing to your name. Selah.

5. Come and see the works of God; he is awesome in his doing toward the children of men.

6. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot; there did we rejoice in him.

7. He rules by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

8. O bless our God, you peoples, and let the voice of his praise be heard;

9. Who has kept our soul among the living, and does not let our feet be moved.
10. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us, as silver is refined.

11. You have brought us into the net; you laid affliction upon our loins.

12. You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; but you brought us out into abundance.

13. I will go into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

14. Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth has spoken, when I was in trouble.

15. I will offer to you burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the smoke of rams; I will offer bulls with goats. Selah.

16. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what he has done for my soul.

17. I cried to him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18. If I had looked on iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have heard;

19. But truly God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

20. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor removed his loving kindness from me.
1. To the chief Musician for stringed instruments, A Psalm Song.

2. God be gracious to us, and bless us; and let your face shine upon us. Selah.

3. That your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

4. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

5. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern the nations on earth. Selah.

6. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

7. The earth has yielded her produce; and God, our own God, shall bless us.

8. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm Song of David.

2. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

3. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

4. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; let them joyfully exult.

5. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; extol him who rides on the clouds; his name is the Lord, rejoice before him.

6. A father to the orphans, and a judge to the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

7. God gives the lonely ones a home to dwell in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

8. O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness; Selah;

9. The earth shook, the heavens dropped at the presence of God; even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
10. You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, to strengthen your inheritance, when it languished.

11. Your flock found a dwelling in it; you, O God, have prepared of your goodness for the poor.

12. The Lord gives the word; great is the company of those who bear the tidings.

13. Kings of armies flee, they flee; and she who dwells in the house divides the booty.

14. Though you lie among the sheep folds you shall shine like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her pinions with yellow gold.

15. When the Almighty scattered kings in it, snow fell in Zalmon.

16. O mighty mountain! O Mountain of Bashan! O many peaked mountain! O Mountain of Bashan!

17. Why do you look with envy, O many peaked mountain, at the mountain which God desired for his abode? Truly the Lord will dwell there forever.

18. The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.
19. You have ascended on high, you have led captivity captive; you have received gifts from men; from the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

20. Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, the God of our salvation. Selah.

21. He who is our God is the God of salvation; and to God the Lord belong the issues of death.

22. But God will strike the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of him who still goes on in his trespasses.

23. The Lord said, I will bring them back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

24. That your foot may be dipped in the blood of your enemies, and the tongue of your dogs may have their portion from the enemy.

25. They have seen your processions, O God; the processions of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

26. The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the young women beating tambourines.

27. Bless God in the congregations, the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.
28. There is Benjamin, the youngest, leading them, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

29. Your God has commanded your strength; strengthen, O God, that which you have done for us.

30. Because of your temple at Jerusalem kings bring presents to you.

31. Rebuke the beast of the reed grass, the herd of bulls, with the calves of the peoples, who seek to ingratiate themselves with pieces of silver; scatter the peoples who delight in war.

32. Princes shall come from Egypt; Cush shall soon stretch out her hands to God.

33. Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises to the Lord; Selah;

34. To him who rides upon the heavens of heavens, which are of old; behold, he sends out his voice, a mighty voice.

35. Ascribe strength to God; his majesty is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

36. O God, you are awesome from your holy places; the God of Israel is he who gives strength and power to his people. Blessed be God.
1. To the chief Musician, according to Shoshannim, A Psalm of David.

2. Save me, O God; for the waters have come up to my soul.

3. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

4. I am weary of my crying; my throat is parched; my eyes fail while I wait for my God.

Those who hate me without cause are more than the hairs of my head; those who would destroy me, who are my enemies wrongfully, are mighty. What I did not steal, must I restore?

O God, you know my folly; and my sins are not hidden from you.

Let not those who wait on you, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake; let not those who seek you be ashamed for my sake, O God of Israel.

8. Because for your sake I have suffered insult; shame has covered my face.

9. I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children.
10. For zeal for your house has consumed me; and the taunts of those who taunted you have fallen upon me.

11. When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that became a reproach to me.

12. I made sackcloth my clothing; and I became a proverb to them.

13. Those who sit in the gate speak against me; and I am the song of the drunkards.

14. But as for me, let my prayer be to you, O Lord, in an acceptable time; O God, in the greatness of your loving kindness answer me, in the truth of your salvation.

15. Rescue me from the mire, and do not let me sink; let me be saved from those who hate me, and from the deep waters.

16. Do not let the flood of water sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit shut its mouth over me.

17. Answer me, O Lord; for your loving kindness is good; turn to me according to the multitude of your mercies.

18. And do not hide your face from your servant; for I am in trouble; answer me quickly.
19. Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; ransom me because of my enemies.

20. You know my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor; my adversaries are all before you.

21. Insults have broken my heart; and I am in despair; and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

22. And they gave me poison in my food; and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

23. Let their table become a snare before them; and when they are at peace, let it be a trap.

24. Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins shake continually.

25. Pour out your indignation upon them, and let your wrathful anger take hold of them.

26. Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

27. For they persecute him whom you have struck; and they tell of the grief of those whom you have wounded.

28. Add iniquity to their iniquity; and let them not be admitted into your righteousness.
29. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

30. But I am afflicted and in pain; let your salvation, O God, set me on high.

31. I will praise the name of God with a song, and I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

32. And it shall please the Lord better than an ox or a bull that has horns and hoofs.

33. The humble shall see this, and be glad; and let your hearts revive, you who seek God.

34. For the Lord hears the poor, and does not despise his prisoners.

35. Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moves in it.

36. For God will save Zion, and will rebuild the cities of Judah; that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

37. And the seed of his servants shall inherit it; and those who love his name shall dwell in it.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

2. Make haste, O God, to save me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

3. Let those who seek after my soul be ashamed and confounded; let those who desire my harm be turned backward, and put to confusion.

4. Let those who say Aha, aha, be turned back, because of their shame;

5. Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; and let those who love your salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

6. But I am poor and needy; make haste to me, O God; you are my help and my savior; O Lord, delay not.
1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to confusion.

2. Save me in your righteousness, and cause me to escape; incline your ear to me, and save me.

3. Be my strong habitation, to which I may continually resort, which you have appointed to save me; for you are my rock and my fortress.

4. Save me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5. For you are my hope, O Lord God; you are my trust from my youth.

6. By you have I been sustained from the womb; you are he who took me from my mother's bowels; my praise is continually of you.

7. I am a wonder to many; but you are my strong refuge.

8. Let my mouth be filled with your praise and with your honor all the day.

9. Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength fails.
10. For my enemies speak against me; and those who watch for my soul consult together,

11. Saying, God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him; for there is none to save him.

12. O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me.

13. Let those who are adversaries to my soul be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek my hurt be covered with reproach and dishonor.

14. But I will hope continually, and will yet praise you more and more.

15. My mouth shall declare your righteousness and your salvation all day; for their numbers is past my knowledge.

16. I will come to celebrate the mighty acts of the Lord God; I will mention your righteousness, yours alone.

17. O God, you have taught me from my youth; and I still declare your wondrous deeds.

18. And also now when I am old and grey haired, O God, do not forsake me; till I proclaim your might to this generation, and your power to every one who is to come.
19. Your righteousness also, O God, reaches the high heavens; you have done great things; O God, who is like you!

20. You, who have shown me many and grievous troubles, restore me back to life, and bring me back from the depths of the earth.

21. Increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22. I also will praise you with the harp, speaking of your truth, O my God; to you I will sing with the lyre, O you Holy One of Israel.

23. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to you; and my soul, which you have redeemed.

24. My tongue also shall declare your righteousness all the day long; for those who seek my harm are confounded, they are brought to shame.
1. A Psalm for Solomon. Give the king your judgments, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son.

2. That he may judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with judgment.

3. Let the mountains bring peace to the people, and the hills, by righteousness.

4. May he judge the poor of the people, may he save the children of the needy, and may he break in pieces the oppressor.

5. May they fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6. May he come down like rain that falls on the mown grass; like showers that water the earth.

7. Let the righteous flourish in his days; and let there be abundance of peace till the moon is no more.

8. May he have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

9. Let those who dwell in the wilderness bow down before him; and let his enemies lick the dust.
10. May the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents; may the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

11. And may all kings fall down before him; may all nations serve him.

12. For he shall save the needy when he calls; the poor also, and him who has no helper.

13. He will spare the poor and needy, and will save the souls of the needy.

14. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence; and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15. Long may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; may prayer be made for him continually; and may he daily be blessed.

16. May there be abundance of grain in the land, may it wave on the tops of the mountains; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may the men of the city flourish like grass of the earth.

17. May his name endure for ever; may his name be continued as long as the sun; may men be blessed in him; may all nations call him happy.

18. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
19. And blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

20. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.
1. A Psalm of Asaph. Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are of a clean heart.

2. But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well near slipped.

3. For I was envious of the arrogant, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4. For there are no pangs in their death; their body is firm.

5. They are not in trouble like other men; nor are they plagued like other men.

6. Therefore arrogance is their necklace; violence covers them like a garment.

7. Their eyes stand out with fatness; they have more than heart could wish.

8. They scoff, and speak wickedly; concerning oppression they speak loftily.

9. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.

10. Therefore his people return here; and abundant waters are drained out by them.
11. And they say, How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?

12. Behold, these are the wicked, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

13. Truly I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

14. For all the day long have I been stricken, and chastened every morning.

15. If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of your children.

16. When I pondered how I might understand this, it was too wearisome for me;

17. Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end.

18. Surely you set them in slippery places; you cast them down into ruin.

19. How are they brought into desolation in a moment, utterly consumed with terrors!

20. As a dream when one awakes; so, O Lord, when you awake, you shall despise their image.
21. When my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my insides.

22. I was foolish and ignorant; I was like a beast before you.

23. Nevertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

24. You shall guide me with your counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory.

25. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is none on earth that I desire beside you.

26. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27. For, behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you have destroyed all those who go astray from you.

28. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may declare all your works.
1. A Maskil of Asaph. O God, why have you cast us off for ever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

2. Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old; the tribe of your inheritance, which you have redeemed; this Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

3. Lift up your feet to the perpetual desolations; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary.

4. Your enemies roar in the midst of your congregations; they set up their own signs for signs.

5. They are known as swingers of axes in the thick forest.

6. But now they break down its carved work altogether with axes and hammers.

7. They have burned with fire your sanctuary, they have defiled the dwelling place of your name.

8. They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together; they have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land.

9. We do not see our signs; there is no prophet any longer; nor is there among us any who knows how long.
10. O God, how long shall the adversary taunt? Shall the enemy blaspheme your name for ever?

11. Why do you withdraw your hand, your right hand? Take it out of your bosom!

12. For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13. You parted the sea by your strength; you broke the heads of the crocodiles in the waters.

14. You crushed the heads of Leviathan, and gave him for food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15. You cleaved open springs and brooks; you dried up ever flowing streams.

16. The day is yours, the night also is yours; you have prepared the light and the sun.

17. You have set all the borders of the earth; you have made summer and winter.

18. Remember how the enemy blasphemed the Lord, and how base people reviled your name.

19. O do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the congregation of your poor for ever.
20. Look upon the covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21. O let not the oppressed return ashamed; let the poor and needy praise your name.

22. Arise, O God, plead your own cause; remember how the villain insults you daily.

23. Do not forget the voice of your enemies; the tumult of those who rise up against you increases continually.
1. To the chief Musician, Altaschith, A Psalm Song of Asaph.

2. To you, O God, we give thanks, to you we give thanks; men declare your wondrous works.

3. Surely at the set time which I appoint I will judge with equity.

4. When the earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved, I bear up its pillars. Selah.

5. I said to the boastful, Do not boast; and to the wicked, Do not lift up your horn;

6. Lift not up your horn on high; speak not with an insolent neck.

7. For judgment comes not from the east, nor from the west, nor from the mountains of the desert.

8. But God is the judge; he puts down one, and sets up another.

9. For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, with foaming wine; it is well mixed; and he pours from it; but the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain it to the dregs.
10. But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

11. And all the horns of the wicked will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.
Psalms Chapter 76

1. To the chief Musician for stringed instruments, A Psalm Song of Asaph.

2. In Judah is God known; his name is great in Israel.

3. And in Salem is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place is in Zion.

4. There he broke the flashing arrows, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

5. You are more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.

6. The stouthearted are bereft of reason, they have slept their sleep; and none of the men of might have found their hands.

7. At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, he is put to sleep, together with chariot and horse.

8. You, awesome are you! And who can stand in your sight when once your anger is aroused?

9. You caused judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,
10. When God arose to judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. Selah.

11. Surely the wrath of man shall praise you; you will gird yourself with the remainder of wrath.

12. Make a vow, and pay to the Lord your God; let all who are around him bring presents to him who is to be feared.

13. He shall cut off the spirit of princes; he is awesome to the kings of the earth.
Psalms Chapter 77

1. To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of Asaph.

2. I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

3. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; my hand is stretched out in the night, and does not rest; my soul refuses to be comforted.

4. I remember God, and I moan; I meditate and my spirit faints. Selah.

5. You hold my eyelids from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

6. I consider the days of old, the years of ancient times.

7. I remember my melody in the night; I talk with my heart; and my spirit searches.

8. Will the Lord cast off for ever? And will he be favorable no more?

9. Has his loving kindness ceased for ever? Does his promise fail for evermore?

10. Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.
11. And I said, It is my sickness that the right hand of the Most High has changed.

12. I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember your wonders of old.

13. And I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your deeds.

14. Your way, O God, is holy. Who is so great a God as our God?

15. You are the God that does wonders; you have declared your strength among the people.

16. With your arm you have redeemed your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

17. The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you; they were afraid; the depths also trembled.

18. The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound; your arrows flashed on every side.

19. The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind; the lightnings lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook.
20. Your way was through the sea, and your path through the great waters; and your footsteps were not known.

21. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.
1. A Maskil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my Torah; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter riddles concerning ancient times.

3. Of that which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the latter generation the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he has done.

5. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a Torah in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children;

6. That the generation to come might know them, the children who should be born; who should arise and tell them to their children.

7. That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

8. And that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation whose heart was not constant, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.
9. The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

10. They did not keep the covenant of God, and refused to walk according to his Torah.

11. And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shown them.

12. He did marvelous things in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13. He parted the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters stand like a heap.

14. And in the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15. He split rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as from the deep.

16. He made streams come from the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17. And they sinned yet more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.

18. And they tempted God in their heart by asking food for their craving.
19. And they spoke against God; they said, Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

20. Behold, he struck the rock, so that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? Can he provide meat for his people?

21. Therefore the Lord heard this, and was angry; so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

22. Because they did not believe in God, and did not trust in his salvation.

23. Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

24. And rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the grain of heaven.

25. Man ate the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.

26. He caused an east wind to blow in the sky; and by his power he brought on the south wind.

27. And he rained meat upon them like dust, and feathered birds like the sand of the sea;

28. And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, around their habitations.
29. So they ate, and were well filled; for he gave them their own desire;

30. They were not yet sated with their lust. But while their food was still in their mouths,

31. The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and struck down the young men of Israel.

32. For all this they still sinned, and did not believe in his wondrous works.

33. Therefore he ended their days with emptiness, and their years with trouble.

34. When he slew them, then they sought him; and they returned and earnestly sought God.

35. And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer.

36. Nevertheless they flattered him with their mouth, and they lied to him with their tongues.

37. For their heart was not constant with him, nor were they faithful in his covenant.

38. But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them; often he turned away his anger, and did not stir up all his wrath.
39. For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passes away, and does not come again.

40. How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness, and grieved him in the desert!

41. And they turned back and tempted God, and pained the Holy One of Israel.

42. They did not remember his hand, nor the day when he saved them from the enemy.

43. How he had done his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan;

44. And had turned their rivers into blood; so that they could not drink of their streams.

45. He sent swarms of gnats among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

46. He gave also their crops to the caterpillar, and the fruit of their labor to the locust.

47. He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost.

48. He gave over their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
49. He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

50. He made a path for his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

51. And struck all the firstborn in Egypt; the first of their strength in the tents of Ham;

52. But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53. And he led them on safely, so that they did not fear; but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54. And he brought them to his holy border, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

55. He cast out nations before them, and apportioned to them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.

56. Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God, and did not keep his testimonies;

57. But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers; they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58. For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their carved idols.

59. When God heard this, he was angry, and greatly loathed Israel;

60. So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent where he made his dwelling among men;

61. And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62. He gave his people over also to the sword; and was angry with his inheritance.

63. The fire consumed their young men; and their virgins had no marriage songs.

64. Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

65. Then the Lord awoke as from sleep, and like a mighty man who shouts because of wine.

66. And he struck his enemies backward; he put upon them an everlasting reproach.

67. And he rejected the tent of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;
68. But chose the tribe of Judah, the Mount Zion which he loved.

69. And he built his sanctuary like the high heavens, like the earth which he has established for ever.

70. And he chose David his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds;

71. From following the ewes that had young he brought him to be the shepherd of Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72. So he tended them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them with skilful hand.
1. A Psalm of Asaph. O God, nations have come into your inheritance; your holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2. The dead bodies of your servants have they given to be food to the birds of the sky, the flesh of your pious ones to the beasts of the earth.

3. Their blood have they shed like water around Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.

4. We have become a taunt to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to those who are around us.

5. How long, Lord? Will you be angry for ever? Shall your jealousy burn like fire?

6. Pour out your wrath on the nations that have not known you, and on the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.

7. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

8. O do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your tender mercies speedily come to meet us; for we are brought very low.
9. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; and save us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

10. Why should the nations say, Where is their God? Let the revenging of the blood of your servants which is shed be made manifest among the nations, and before our eyes.

11. Let the groans of the prisoner come before you; according to the greatness of your power preserve those who are appointed to die;

12. And render to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their insult, with which they have insulted you, O Lord.

13. So we your people and sheep of your pasture will give you thanks for ever; we will tell your praise to all generations.
Psalms Chapter 80

1. To the chief Musician, according to Shoshannim, a Testimony, A Psalm of Asaph.

2. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who are enthroned upon the Cherubim, shine forth,

3. Before Ephraim, and Benjamin, and Manasseh. Stir up your strength, and come and save us.

4. Restore, O God, and let your face shine; and we shall be saved.

5. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry against the prayer of your people?

6. You feed them with the bread of tears; and you make them drink tears in great measure.

7. You make us a strife to our neighbors; and our enemies laugh among themselves.

8. Restore us, O God of hosts, and let your face shine; and we shall be saved.

9. You have brought a vine from Egypt; you have cast out the nations, and planted it.
10. You cleared a space for it, and you caused it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

11. The mountains were covered with its shade, and the mighty cedars with its boughs.

12. It sent out its boughs to the sea, and its branches to the river.

13. Why have you then broken down its hedges, so that all those who pass by the way pluck its fruit?

14. The boar from the wood destroys it, and the wild beast of the field devours it.

15. Return, we beseech you, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and have regard for this vine;

16. And the vineyard which your right hand has planted, and the branch that you made strong for yourself.

17. It is burned with fire, it is cut down; they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

18. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, upon the son of a man whom you made strong for yourself.

19. Then we will never turn back from you; revive us, and we will call upon your name.
20. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine; and we shall be saved.
Psalms Chapter 81

1. To the chief Musician, according to Gittit, A Psalm of Asaph.

2. Sing aloud to God our strength; make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob.

3. Raise a song, and beat the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

4. Blow a shofar at the new moon, at the full moon on our feast day.

5. For this is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

6. This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt. I heard the language of one whom I had not known,

7. Saying, I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands are freed from the basket.

8. You called in trouble, and I saved you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

9. Hear, O my people, and I will warn you, O Israel, if you will listen to me:

10. There shall be no strange god among you; nor shall you worship any foreign god.
11. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

12. But my people would not listen to my voice; and Israel would have none of me.

13. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, and they walked in their own counsels.

14. Oh that my people would listen to me, and that Israel would walk in my ways!

15. I should soon subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their adversaries.

16. Let the haters of the Lord cringe before him, and their punishment should last for ever.

17. And he would feed him with the finest of the wheat; and I would satisfy you with honey from the rock.
1. A Psalm of Asaph. God stands in the congregation of God; he judges among the judges.

2. How long will you judge unjustly, and favor the wicked? Selah.

3. Do justice to the poor and the orphan; vindicate the afflicted and needy.

4. Save the poor and needy; rescue them from the hand of the wicked.

5. They do not know, nor will they understand; they walk in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6. I have said, You are divine beings; and all of you are sons of the Most High.

7. Nevertheless, you shall die like men, and fall like any prince.

8. Arise, O God, judge the earth; for to you shall all nations belong.
1. A Song Psalm of Asaph.

2. Do not keep silent, O God; do not hold your peace and be still, O God.

3. For, behold, your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate you have lifted up the head.

4. They have taken crafty counsel against your people, and consulted against your hidden ones.

5. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may no longer be remembered.

6. For they conspire together with one accord; they make an alliance against you:

7. The tents of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarites;

8. Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

9. Assyria also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. Selah.
10. Do to them as you did to the Midianites; as you did to Sisera, as you did to Jabin at the brook of Kishon;

11. Who perished at Ein-Dor; they became like dung on the earth.

12. Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb; and all their princes like Zebah, and Zalmunna;

13. Who said, Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God.

14. O my God, make them like whirling tumbleweed, like chaff before the wind.

15. As the fire burns a wood, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire;

16. So pursue them with your tempest, and terrify them with your storm.

17. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek your name, O Lord.

18. Let them be put to shame and dismayed for ever; and let them be put to shame, and perish,

19. That men may know that you alone, whose name is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.
Psalms Chapter 84

1. To the chief Musician, according to Gittit, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

2. How lovely are your dwelling places, O Lord of Hosts!

3. My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

4. Even the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King, and my God.

5. Happy are those who dwell in your house, ever praising you. Selah.

6. Happy is the man whose strength is in you; in whose heart are the highways,

7. Which, passing through the valley of Baca, make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with blessings.

8. They go from strength to strength, every one of them appears before God in Zion.

9. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
10. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed.

11. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be at the threshold in the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

12. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give loving kindness and glory; no good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

13. O Lord of Hosts, happy is the man who trusts in you.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

2. Lord, you have been favorable to your land; you have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

3. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people, you have pardoned all their sin. Selah.

4. You have withdrawn all your wrath; you have turned from the fierceness of your anger.

5. Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cease your anger toward us.

6. Will you be angry with us for ever? Will you draw out your anger to all generations?

7. Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

8. Show us your loving kindness, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

9. I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace to his people, and to his pious ones; but let them not turn back to folly.
10. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

11. Loving kindness and truth meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

12. Truth shall spring from the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

13. Also, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her produce.

14. Righteousness shall go before him; and walk in the way of his steps.
1. A Prayer of David. Incline your ear, O Lord, answer me; for I am poor and needy.

2. Preserve my soul; for I am pious; O my God, save your servant who trusts in you.

3. Be merciful to me, O Lord; for I cry to you daily.

4. Rejoice the soul of your servant; for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5. For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive; and of bountiful love toward all those who call upon you.

6. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7. On the day of my trouble I will call on you; for you will answer me.

8. Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; nor are there any works like yours.

9. All nations whom you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord; and shall glorify your name.

10. For you are great, and you do wondrous things; you alone are God.
11. Teach me your way, O Lord; I will walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

12. I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify your name for evermore.

13. For great is your loving kindness toward me; and you have saved my soul from the depths of Sheol.

14. O God, the arrogant have risen against me, and the assembly of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set you before them.

15. But you, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and bountiful in loving kindness and truth.

16. O turn to me, and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.

17. Show me a sign for good; that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed; because you, Lord, have helped me, and comforted me.
1. A Psalm Song for the sons of Korah. His foundation is in the holy mountains.

2. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. Selah.

4. I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know me; behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Cush, saying, This man was born there.

5. And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her; and the Highest himself shall establish her.

6. The Lord shall record, when he registers up the peoples, that this man was born there. Selah.

7. And singers and dancers alike shall say; All my springs are in you.
1. A Song Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician, according to Mahalath Leannoth, A Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

2. O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before you;

3. Let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry;

4. For my soul is full of troubles; and my life draws near to Sheol.

5. I am counted with those who go down into the pit; I am like a man who has no strength,

6. Free among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you do not remember any more; and they are cut off from your hand.

7. You have laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

8. Your wrath lies hard on me, and you have afflicted me with all your waves.
Selah.

9. You have put away my acquaintance far from me; you have made me an abomination to them; I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
10. My eye grows dim through affliction; Lord, I have called daily upon you, I have stretched out my hands to you.

11. Will you work wonders to the dead? Shall the shades arise and praise you? Selah.

12. Shall your loving kindness be declared in the grave? Your faithfulness in Avaddon?

13. Shall your wonders be known in the dark? And your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

14. But to you I have cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer attend you.

15. Lord, why do you cast off my soul? Why do you hide your face from me?

16. I am afflicted and close to death from my youth up; while I suffer your terrors I am distracted.

17. Your fierce wrath goes over me; your terrors have cut me off.

18. They surround me daily like water; they close in upon me together.

19. Loving friend and companion have you put far from me, and my acquaintances are in darkness.
1. A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

ב. ברשות: יתוה עולם אשريك לדורך. יד <%= אדamesפ代谢ממה בפש Townsend.

2. I will sing of the constant love of the Lord for ever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

ג. כו-אמרתי: עולם תך יבנה ישמם תוכך יבנה ימטגתך בֹּTor Townsend.

3. For I have said, The world is built by love; your faithfulness shall you establish in the very heavens.

ד. כרתי ברית לבהרי נשמחת ליזור שברי Townsend.

4. I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn to David my servant,

ה. תד-עולמ אסיכ ויוצר וייבניה ליזור-יזור כפאהANTS Townsend.

5. Your seed I will establish for ever, and build up your throne to all generations. Selah.

ו. ייודו שממה פלאת יתוה ע-אמונתך בֹּTor Townsend.

6. And the heavens shall praise your wonders, O Lord; your faithfulness also in the congregation of the holy ones.

ז. כי מי נשומות יוצר ליוהה ליימה ליימה יבנה אליס Townsend.

7. For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord?

ח. אל בוצר יסומר-כלשימ רבח וגרות ע-כל-כל Townsend.

8. God is greatly feared in the assembly of the holy ones, and held in reverence by all those who are around him.

ט. יתוה אלהים יבנה ליימה מ-כפואינן יי-אמונתך סברת Townsend.

9. O Lord God of hosts, who is strong like you, O Lord? Or to your faithfulness around you?
10. You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves arise, you still them.

11. You have trampled down Rahab like carrion; you have scattered your enemies with your strong arm.

12. The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours; you have founded the world and all that is in it.

13. The north and the south you have created them; Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in your name.

14. You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, and high is your right hand.

15. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and truth shall go before you.

16. Happy is the people who know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

17. In your name shall they rejoice all the day; and in your righteousness shall they be exalted.

18. For you are the glory of their strength; and in your favor our horn shall be exalted.

19. For our shield belongs to the Lord; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.
20. Then you spoke in a vision to your pious one, and said, I have laid help upon one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people.

21. I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him,

22. With whom my hand shall be established; my arm also shall strengthen him.

23. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

24. And I will beat down his enemies before his face, and strike down those who hate him.

25. But my faithfulness and my loving kindness shall be with him; and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

26. I will set his hand also on the sea, and his right hand on the rivers.

27. He shall cry to me, You are my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

28. Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

29. I will keep my truth with him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
30. His seed also I will make to endure for ever, and his throne like the days of heaven.

31. If his children forsake my Torah, and do not walk in my judgments;

32. If they break my statutes, and do not keep my commandments;

33. Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with strokes.

34. Nevertheless my loving kindness I will not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

35. My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word which was issued from my lips.

36. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie to David.

37. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne like the sun before me.

38. It shall be established for ever like the moon, and like a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

39. But you have cast off and rejected, you have been angry with your anointed.
40. You have renounced the covenant of your servant; you have profaned his crown to the ground.

41. You have broken down all his hedges; you have brought his fortresses to ruin.

42. All who pass by the way plunder him; he is a taunt to his neighbors.

43. You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries; you have made all his enemies rejoice.

44. You have turned back the edge of his sword, and have not made him stand in the battle.

45. You have made his brightness cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

46. The days of his youth you have shortened; you have covered him with shame. Selah.

47. How long, Lord, will you hide yourself for ever? Shall your wrath burn like fire?

48. Remember how short my time is; for what nothingness you have created all the sons of men!
49. Who is the man who lives, and shall not see death? Shall he save his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah.

50. Lord, where are your former oaths of loving kindness, which you swore to David in your faithfulness?

51. Remember, Lord, the disgrace of your servants; how I carry in my bosom the insults of all the many peoples;

52. With which your enemies have insulted, O Lord; with which they have insulted the footsteps of your anointed.

53. Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.
Psalms Chapter 90

1. A Prayer of Moses the man of God. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

2. Before the mountains were brought forth, before you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

3. You turn man back to dust; and say, Turn back, O children of men!

4. For a thousand years in your sight are but like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night.

5. You sweep them away; they are like sleepers; they are like short lived grass in the morning.

6. In the morning it flourishes, and fades; by evening it is withered and dry.

7. For we are consumed by your anger, and by your wrath are we terrified.

8. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9. For all our days pass away in your wrath; we spend our years like a tale that is told.
10. The days of our years are seventy; or if, because of strength, they are eighty years, yet their pride is but trouble and wretchedness; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11. Who knows the power of your anger? According to your fear, so is your wrath.

12. So teach us to number our days, that we may get a heart of wisdom.


14. O satisfy us in the morning with your loving kindness; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

16. Let your work be visible to your servants, and your glory to their children.

17. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish the work of our hands upon us; O prosper it, the work of our hands.
Psalms Chapter 91

1. He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, who abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

2. Will say to the Lord, My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust,

3. For he shall save you from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4. He shall cover you with his feathers, and under his wings shall you find refuge; his truth shall be your shield and buckler.

5. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night; nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6. Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness; nor of the destruction that wastes at noonday.

7. A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you.

8. Only with your eyes shall you behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9. Because you, O Lord, are my refuge. You have made the Most High your habitation;
10. No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11. For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

12. They shall carry you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13. You shall tread on the lion and on the adder; the young lion and the crocodile shall you trample under foot.

14. Because he has set his love upon me, therefore I will save him; I will set him on high, because he knows my name.

15. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will save him, and honor him.

16. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation.
1. A Psalm Song for the sabbath day.

2. It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High!

3. To declare your loving kindness in the morning, and your faithfulness every night,

4. Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

5. For you, Lord, have made me glad through your work; I will triumph in the works of your hands.

6. O Lord, how great are your works! And your thoughts are very deep!

7. A stupid man does not know; nor can a fool understand this.

8. When the wicked spring like grass, and when all the evildoers flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed forever;

9. But you, O Lord, are Most High for evermore.
10. For, behold, your enemies, O Lord, for, behold, your enemies shall perish; all the evildoers shall be scattered.

11. But you shall exalt my horn like the horn of a wild ox; I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

12. My eye has seen the downfall of my enemies, and my ears have heard the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.

13. The righteous flourish like the palm tree; they grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

14. Those that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

15. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing.

16. To declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.
1. The Lord reigns, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, with which he has girded himself; the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

2. Your throne is established of old; you are from everlasting.

3. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

4. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5. Your testimonies are very sure; holiness becomes your house, O Lord, for length of days.
1. O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongs; O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth.

2. Lift up yourself, you judge of the earth; render to the arrogant their reward.

3. Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4. How long shall they utter and speak hard things? And all the evildoers boast themselves?

5. They crush your people, O Lord, and afflict your heritage.

6. They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the orphan.

7. Yet they say, The Lord shall not see, nor shall the God of Jacob regard it.

8. Understand, you stupid among the people; and you fools, when will you be wise?

9. He who planted the ear, shall he not hear? He who formed the eye, shall he not see?

10. He who chastises the nations, shall he not chastise? He who teaches man knowledge,
11. The Lord, knows the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

12. Happy is the man whom you chasten, O Lord, and whom you teach from your Torah;

13. That you may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit is dug for the wicked.

14. For the Lord will not cast off his people, nor will he forsake his inheritance.

15. But judgment shall return to righteousness; and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16. Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the evildoers?

17. Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul would soon had dwelt in silence.

18. When I said, My foot slips; your loving kindness, O Lord, held me up.

19. When the cares of my heart are many your comforts delight my soul.

20. Shall the seat of iniquity, which frames mischief by law, have fellowship with you?
21. They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22. But the Lord has become my fortress; and my God, the rock of my refuge.

23. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; the Lord our God shall cut them off.
Psalms Chapter 95

1. O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to him with psalms.

3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4. In his hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the mountains are also his.

5. The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

6. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

7. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Even today, if you will only listen to his voice!

8. Do not harden your hearts, like you did at Meribah, and like you did in the day of Massah in the wilderness;

9. When your fathers tempted me, and tested me, even though they had seen my deeds.
10. For forty years I loathed that generation, and said, They are a people who err in their heart, and they do not know my ways.

11. Therefore I swore in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.
1. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; announce his salvation from day to day.

3. Declare his glory among the nations, his wonders among all the peoples.

4. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

5. For all the gods of the nations are idols; but the Lord made the heavens.

6. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the people, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

8. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

10. Say among the nations that the Lord reigns; the world also is established so that it shall not be moved; he shall judge the people with equity.
11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and all that is in it.

12. Let the field be joyful, and everything in it; then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy.

13. Before the Lord; for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth; he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his faithfulness.
The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of islands be glad.

Clouds and darkness are around him; righteousness and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

A fire goes before him, and burns up his enemies around.

His lightnings lighten the world; the earth sees, and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded are all those who serve carved idols, who boast themselves of idols; bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears, and is glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you, Lord, are high above all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
10. You who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the souls of his pious ones; he saves them from the hand of the wicked.

11. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

12. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; and give thanks to his holy name.
1. A Psalm. O sing to the Lord a new song; for he has done marvelous things; his right hand, and his holy arm, have gained him the victory.

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness to the eyes of the nations.

3. He has remembered his love and his truth toward the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5. Sing to the Lord with the lyre; with the lyre, and the voice of a psalm.

6. With trumpets and the sound of a shofar make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

7. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who dwell in it.

8. Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains sing for joy together,

9. Before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth; with righteousness shall
1. The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble; he sits between the Cherubim; let the earth be moved.

2. The Lord is great in Zion; and he is high above all the peoples.

3. Let them praise your great and awesome name; for it is holy.

4. The might of the king who loves judgment! You establish equity, you execute judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

6. Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel was among those who called upon his name; they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7. He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; they kept his testimonies, and the statute that he gave them.

8. You answered them, O Lord our God; you were a forgiving God to them, though you took vengeance for their wrongdoings.

9. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord, our God, is holy.
Psalms Chapter 100

א. קומור לחותמה ויריס ליתמה כל-_CREATED

1. A Psalm of thanksgiving. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

ב. עבדו את-יהוה יושב chàng ואל-קרבה:

2. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

ג.츠ה כי יהוה הוא אלוהים הוא ישנה (ולא) [לולה] אachable עצים וצאם מחיתו:

3. Know that the Lord is God; it is he who made us, and we belong to him; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

ד. הבאיészיריה ישתהו יתראתי ישתהו היוו לא-ברך שמה:

4. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful to him, and bless his name.

ה. לר-סוב יהוה לעלות חסוד ודע-יה רוד אמות:

5. For the Lord is good; his loving kindness is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures to all generations.
1. A Psalm of David. I will sing of loving kindness and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing.

2. I will celebrate with a Maskil psalm the way of integrity. O when will you come to me? I will walk inside my house with integrity of heart.

3. I will set no wicked thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

4. A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will know nothing of evil.

5. I will cut off whoever secretly slanders his neighbor; I will not endure the man who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart.

6. My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way of integrity, he shall serve me.

7. He who works deceit shall not dwell in my house; he who tells lies shall not remain in my sight.

8. Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the Lord.
A Prayer of the afflicted, when he faints, and pours out his complaint before the Lord.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry reach you.

Do not hide your face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call.

For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.

My heart is struck and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

Because of my loud groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

I watch; I am like a lonely bird on the roof top.

My enemies insult me all the day; and they who are mad against me are sworn against me.

For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.
11. Because of your indignation and your wrath; for you have lifted me up, and cast me down.

12. My days are like an evening shadow; and I am withered like grass.

13. But you, O Lord, are enthroned for ever; and your name endures to all generations.

14. You shall arise, and have mercy upon Zion; for it is time to favor her, the set time has come.

15. For your servants hold her stones dear, and have pity on her dust.

16. So the nations shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth your glory.

17. For the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

18. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

19. This shall be written for the generation to come, so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord.

20. For he has looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,
21. To hear the groans of the prisoner; to set free those who are appointed to die;

22. That men may declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem,

23. When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

24. He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

25. I say, O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; you whose years endure throughout all generations.

26. Of old you laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of your hands.

27. They shall perish, but you shall endure; all of them shall become old like a garment; like clothing you shall change them, and they will pass away;

28. But you are the same, and your years shall have no end.

29. The children of your servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before you.
1. A Psalm of David. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

3. Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

4. Who redeems your life from the pit, who encircles you with loving kindness and compassion,

5. Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6. The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the children of Israel.

8. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and bountiful in loving kindness.

9. He will not always chide; nor will he keep his anger forever.

10. He has not dealt with us according to our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
11. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him.

12. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

13. As a father who pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear him.

14. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

15. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field.

16. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone; and its place knows it no more.

17. But the loving kindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

18. To those who keep his covenant, and to those who remember to do his commandments.

19. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom rules over all.

20. Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones, who do his word, listening to the voice of his word!
21. Bless the Lord, all his hosts! O you his ministers, who do his will!

22. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion! Bless the Lord, O my soul!
1. Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with glory and majesty,

2. Who covers himself with light as with a garment; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain;

3. Who lays the beams of his chambers in the waters; who makes the clouds his chariot; who walks upon the wings of the wind;

4. Who makes the winds his messengers; the flames of fire his ministers;

5. Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not move forever.

6. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

7. At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hurried away.

8. They went up the mountains; they flowed down the valleys to the place which you appointed for them.

9. You have set a bound that they may not pass over, so that they might not again cover the earth.
10. He sends the springs into the valleys, they flow between the mountains.

11. They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst.

12. Beside them dwell the birds of the sky, among the branches they sing.

13. He waters the mountains from his high abode; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works.

14. He makes the grass grow for the cattle, and plants for the service of man, that he may bring forth food from the earth;

15. And wine that gladdens the heart of man, and oil to make his face shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart.

16. The trees of the Lord have their fill; the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted,

17. Where the birds make their nests; as for the stork, the cypress trees are her house.

18. The high mountains are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the badgers.

19. He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knows its setting time.
20. You make darkness, and it is night; when all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

21. The young lions roar for their prey, and seek their food from God.

22. The sun rises, they gather themselves together, and lie down in their dens.

23. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening.

24. O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

25. So is this great and wide sea, where there are innumerable creeping things, living things, both small and great.

26. There go the ships; and Leviathan which you have made to play in it.

27. These wait all upon you; that you may give them their food in due season.

28. When you give to them they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good.

29. When you hide your face, they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.
30. When you send forth your breath, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

31. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

32. He looks on the earth, and it trembles; he touches the mountains, and they smoke.

33. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34. My meditation of him shall be sweet; I will rejoice in the Lord.

35. Let the sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!
1. O give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people.

2. Sing to him, sing psalms to him; talk you of all his wondrous works.

3. Glory in his holy name; let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4. Seek the Lord, and his strength; seek his face continually.

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

6. O seed of Abraham, his servant! O children of Jacob, his chosen!

7. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are over all the earth.

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

9. The covenant which he made with Abraham, and his oath to Isaac;

10. And confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and 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; of little account and sojourners there.

13. When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;

14. He did not allow any man to do them wrong; he reproved kings for their sakes;

15. Saying, Do not touch my anointed, and do not do any harm to my prophets.

16. Moreover he called for a famine upon the land; he broke every staff of bread.

17. He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave;

18. Whose foot they hurt with fetters; he was laid in iron;

19. Until the time that his word came to pass; the word of the Lord had tested him.

20. The king sent and released him; the ruler of the people let him go free.
21. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions;

22. To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his elders wisdom.

23. And Israel came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24. And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

25. He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

26. He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27. They performed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

28. He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they did not rebel against his word.

29. He turned their waters into blood, and caused their fish to die.

30. Their land swarmed with frogs, in the chambers of their kings.

31. He spoke, and there came swarms of flies and gnats in all their borders.

32. He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.
33. He struck their vines also and their fig trees; and broke the trees of their country.

34. He spoke, and the swarming locusts came, and the hopping locusts without number.

35. And they ate up all the plants in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36. And he struck all the firstborn in their land, the first issue of all their strength.

37. And he brought them out with silver and gold; and among their tribes there was no one who stumbled.

38. Egypt was glad when they departed; for the fear of them had fallen upon them.

39. He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

40. They asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41. He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; it ran in the dry places like a river.

42. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.
43. And he brought out his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness;

44. And he gave them the lands of the nations; and they seized the labor of the people,

45. That they might observe his statutes, and keep his Laws. Hallelujah! Lord.
1. Hallelujah! O give thanks to the Lord; for he is good; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

2. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can declare all his praise?

3. Happy are those who maintain justice, and he who does righteousness at all times.

4. Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people. O visit me with your salvation!

5. That I may see the good of your chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance.

6. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7. Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not understand your wonders; they did not remember the multitude of your deeds of loving kindness; and they rebelled against you at the sea, the Red Sea.

8. But he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.
9. And he rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up; so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10. And he saved them from the hand of him who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11. And the waters covered their enemies; there was not one of them left.

12. Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.

13. They soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel;

14. But they had wanton cravings in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert.

15. And he gave them what they asked; but sent leanness into their soul.

16. And they envied Moses in the camp, and Aaron the holy one of the Lord.

17. The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18. And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.
19. They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20. Thus they changed their glory for the likeness of an ox that eats grass!

21. They forgot God who had saved them, who had done great things in Egypt;

22. Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome things by the Red Sea.

23. Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses, his chosen one, stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

24. And they despised the pleasant land, they did not believe his word;

25. And they murmured in their tents, and did not listen to the voice of the Lord.

26. And he lifted up his hand against them, to make them fall in the wilderness;

27. And to make their seed fall among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28. And they joined themselves to Baal-Peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29. Thus they provoked him to anger with their wrong doings; and the plague broke out upon them.
30. Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment; and so the plague was stayed.

31. And that was counted to him for righteousness to all generations for evermore.

32. And they angered him at the waters of Meribah, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes,

33. Because they angered his spirit, so that he spoke rashly with his lips.

34. They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the Lord commanded them;

35. But they mingled among the nations, and learned to do what they did;

36. And they served their idols; which became a snare to them.

37. And they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to idols,

38. And shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood.

39. Thus were they defiled with their own works, and played the harlot in their doings.
40. And the wrath of the Lord was kindled against his people, and he loathed his own heritage.

41. And he gave them into the hand of the nations; and those who hated them ruled over them.

42. And their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43. Many times he saved them; but they were rebellious in their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

44. Nevertheless, when he heard their cry, he regarded their affliction;

45. And he remembered for them his covenant, and relented according to the abundance of his loving kindness.

46. And he caused them to be pitied by all those who held them captive.

47. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and to triumph in your praise.

48. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting; and let all the people say, Amen. Hallelujah!
1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

2. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3. And gathered them from the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4. They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way; they found no city to dwell in.

5. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distresses.

7. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his loving kindness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9. For he satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.
10. Those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, bound in affliction and iron;

11. Because they rebelled against the words of God, and rejected the counsel of the Most High;

12. And he brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and there was none to help.

13. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distresses.

14. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bonds asunder.

15. Let them praise the Lord for his loving kindness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

16. For he broke the gates of bronze, and cut the bars of iron asunder.

17. Fools were afflicted because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities.

18. Their soul loathed all manner of food; and they came near to the gates of death.
19. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

20. He sent his word, and healed them, and saved them from their destructions.

21. Let them praise the Lord for his loving kindness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

23. Those who go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24. Those saw the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

25. For he commands, and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up its waves.

26. They mount up to the sky, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

27. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

28. Then they cry to the Lord in their trouble, and he brings them out of their distresses.
29. He calms the storm, so that its waves are still.

30. Then they are glad because they have quiet; and he brings them to their desired haven.

31. Let them praise the Lord for his loving kindness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

32. Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33. He turns rivers into a wilderness, and springs of water into dry ground;

34. A fruitful land into barrenness, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.

35. He turns the wilderness into a pool of water, and dry ground into springs of water.

36. And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city for habitation;

37. And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which get a fruitful yield.

38. And he blesses them, so that they are multiplied greatly; and does not let their cattle decrease.
39. When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40. He pours contempt upon nobles, and causes them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

41. But he raises the poor high out of affliction, and makes his families like a flock.

42. The righteous shall see it, and rejoice; and all iniquity shall stop its mouth.

43. Whoever is wise, and will observe these things, let them consider the loving kindness of the Lord.
1. A Song, a Psalm of David.

ב. בֵּנוֹת לָבַּי אֶלְּהֵּי אָשִּׁיָּה וָאָסָּרָה אַ-כְּבוֹדִי׃

2. O God, my heart is firm; I will sing, I will give praise, also my glory.

ג. צְרַח הָנֵבָל בֶּנְבוֹר עָצְיוֹתָהּ שֵׁתֶר׃

3. Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn!

ד. אָוַדְךָ בְּשַׂמִּים יִהְיֶה וְאָשָּרָה בְּלֵאָמִים:

4. I will praise you, O Lord, among the peoples; and I will sing praises to you among the nations.

ה. כִּי-בַּרְוֹל מַעֲשֵׂךָ-שַׁמִּים מַעֲשֵׂךָ-שַׁמָּסָּךְּ אָמָהּ׃

5. For your loving kindness is great above the heavens; and your truth reaches to the clouds.

ו. רֹמֵם עוֹלָמִים אֶלְּהֵּי וּצְלָל קֶדֶם בָּרוֹעַ׃

6. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; and your glory above all the earth;

נ. קַמְשֵׁנְי יְהֹלְצֵנִי יְשַׁרְיָה יְמוֹנָהָ יָשָׁבְנִי׃

7. That your beloved ones may be saved; save with your right hand and answer me.

ט. אֶלְּהֵּי דְבָר בְּשַׂמִּים אֶלְּהֵי אָשִּׁיָּה רוֹמַמְתָּךְּ סָפָט אָפָדָה׃

8. God has spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth.

פ. לֹֽלְךָ דָּלֵתְךָ לְּפַם-שָׁמָּם מַעֲשֵׂךָ-שַׁמָּסָּךְּ רֵאָשָּי יְהוֹדֵה יְהוָּה מַחָּסָּךְּ׃

9. Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my scepter;
10. Moab is my washbasin; over Edom I cast my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph.

11. Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom?


13. Give us help against the enemy; for vain is the help of man.

14. Through God we shall do bravely; and he shall trample down our enemies.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. Be not silent, O God of my praise;

2. For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me; they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3. They surrounded me with words of hatred; and fought against me without cause.

4. In return for my love they are my accusers; but I give myself to prayer.

5. And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6. Appoint a wicked man over him; and let Satan stand at his right hand.

7. When he shall be judged, let him be condemned; and let his prayer become sin.

8. Let his days be few; and let another seize his possessions.

9. Let his children become orphans, and his wife a widow.

10. Let his children become vagabonds, and beg; let them seek their bread from their desolate places.
11. Let the creditor seize everything that he has; and let strangers plunder his labor.

12. Let there be none to extend kindness to him; nor let there be any to favor his orphaned children.

13. Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

14. Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered by the Lord; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15. Let them be before the Lord continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

16. Because he did not remember to perform kindness, but pursued the poor and needy man, and the broken hearted to their death.

17. For he loved cursing, so let it come to him; as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

18. And he clothed himself with cursing as his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

19. Let it be to him as the garment which he puts on, and as a girdle with which he is girded continually.
20. Let this be the reward of my accusers from the Lord, and of those who speak evil against my soul.

21. But you, O God the Lord, do for me for your name's sake; because your loving kindness is good, save me.

22. For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23. I am gone like the shadow at evening; I am shaken off like a locust.

24. My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh lacks fatness.

25. I have become a taunt to them; when they see me, they shake their heads.

26. Help me, O Lord my God; O save me according to your loving kindness;

27. That they may know that this is your hand; that you, Lord, have done it.

28. Let them curse, but you bless; when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let your servant rejoice.

29. Let my adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a robe.
30. I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; I will praise him among the multitude.

31. For he stands at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those who condemn his soul.
1. A Psalm of David. The Lord says to my master, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.

2. The Lord sends your mighty scepter from Zion. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

3. Your people offer themselves willingly on the day of your battle, in the majesty of holiness, from the womb of the morning, when the dew of your youth was upon you.

4. The Lord has sworn, and will not change his mind, You are a priest for ever, after the manner of Melchizedek.

5. The Lord is at your right hand, he shall crush kings in the day of his wrath.

6. He shall judge among the nations, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall shatter heads over many countries.

7. He shall drink of the brook in the way; therefore he shall lift up the head.
Psalms Chapter 111

Hallelujah! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out all by all who love them.

His work is honorable and glorious; and his righteousness endures for ever.

He has made his wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He has given food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has declared to his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do his commandments; his praise endures for ever.
Hallelujah! Happy is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness will endure for ever.

Light rises in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

A good man lends with a good grace; he conducts his affairs with justice.

Surely he shall never be moved; the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is steady, he shall not be afraid, until he gazes upon his enemies.

He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.
10. The wicked man shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash his teeth, and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to naught.
1. Hallelujah! Praise, O you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

2. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

3. From sunrise to sunset the Lord's name is to be praised.

4. The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

5. Who is like the Lord our God, who dwells on high,

6. Who looks far down to behold the things that are on heaven, and on the earth!

7. He raises up the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

8. That he may set him with nobles, with the nobles of his people.

9. He gives the barren woman a home, and makes her a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!
1. When Israel went from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of foreign language;

2. Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3. The sea saw it, and fled; the Jordan was driven back.

4. The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills like lambs.

5. What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you are driven back?

6. O mountains, that you skip like rams? And you O hills, like lambs?

7. Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8. Who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.
1. Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for your loving kindness, and for your truth's sake.

2. Why should the nations say, Where is now their God?

3. But our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.

4. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5. They have mouths, but they cannot speak; they have eyes, but they can not see;

6. They have ears, but they cannot hear; they have noses, but they can not smell;

7. They have hands, but they cannot feel; they have feet, but they can not walk; and through their throat they cannot speak.

8. May they who make them become like them, and every one who trusts in them!

9. O Israel, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield.

10. O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield.
11. You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield.

12. The Lord has been mindful of us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

13. He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.

14. May the Lord increase you more and more, you and your children.

15. May you be blessed of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

16. The heavens are the heavens of the Lord; but he has given the earth to the children of men.

17. The dead cannot praise the Lord, nor can any who go down into silence.

18. But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Hallelujah!
1. I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

2. Because he has inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call upon him as long as I live.

3. The cords of death surrounded me, and the pains of Sheol seized me. I found trouble and sorrow.

4. Then I called upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech you, save my soul.

5. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

6. The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and he saved me.

7. Return to your rest, O my soul; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

8. For you have saved my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

10. I kept faith, even when I said, I am greatly afflicted;
11. I said in my haste, All men are false.

12. How shall I repay the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

13. I will raise the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

14. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

15. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his pious ones.

16. O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed my bonds.

17. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

18. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people,

19. In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!
1. O Praise the Lord, all you nations; praise him, all you peoples.

2. For his loving kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever. Hallelujah!
Psalms Chapter 118

1. O give thanks to the Lord; for he is good; because his loving kindness endures for ever.

2. Let Israel now say, that his loving kindness endures for ever.

3. Let the house of Aaron now say, that his loving kindness endures for ever.

4. Let now those who fear the Lord say, that his loving kindness endures for ever.

5. In distress I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me, and set me free.

6. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do to me?

7. The Lord takes my part with those who help me; therefore I shall gaze upon those who hate me.

8. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

9. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

10. All nations surround me; but in the name of the Lord I will cut them off.
11. They surround me; indeed, they surround me; but in the name of the Lord I will cut them down.

12. They surround me like bees; they are quenched like a fire of thorns; for in the name of the Lord I will cut them off.

13. You pushed me hard that I might fall; but the Lord helped me.

14. The Lord is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation.

15. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord does bravely.

16. The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does bravely.

17. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

18. The Lord has chastised me severely; but he has not given me over to death.

19. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord;

20. This is the gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.
21. I will give you thanks; for you have answered me, and you have become my salvation.

22. The stone which the builders rejected has become the head stone of the corner.

23. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

24. This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, send us prosperity!

26. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

27. God is the Lord, who has shown us light; bind the sacrifice with cords, to the horns of the altar.

28. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, I will exalt you.

29. O give thanks to the Lord; for he is good; for his loving kindness endures for ever.
1. Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the Torah of the Lord.

2. Happy are those who keep his testimonies, and who seek him with the whole heart.

3. They also do no iniquity; they walk in his ways.

4. You have commanded us to keep your precepts diligently.

5. O that my ways were directed to keep your statutes!

6. Then I shall not be ashamed, when I observe all your commandments.

7. I shall give thanks with uprightness of heart, when I learn your righteous judgments.

8. I will keep your statutes; O do not forsake me utterly.

9. How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

10. With my whole heart I have sought you; O do not let wander from your commandments!
11. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

12. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

13. With my lips I have declared all the judgments of your mouth.

14. I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15. I will meditate in your precepts, and observe your ways.

16. I will delight myself in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

17. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live, and keep your word.

18. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your Torah.

19. I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commandments from me.

20. My soul is consumed with longing for your judgments at all times.

21. You have rebuked the arrogant who are cursed, who wander from your commandments.
22. Remove from me insult and contempt; for I have kept your testimonies.

23. Princes also sat and spoke against me; but your servant meditated in your statutes.

24. Your testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

25. My soul cleaves to the dust; revive me according to your word.

26. I have declared my ways, and you heard me; teach me your statutes.

27. Make me understand the way of your precepts; so I shall talk of your wondrous works.

28. My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

29. Put the ways of falsehood away from me; and grant me your Torah graciously.

30. I have chosen the way of truth; your judgments have I laid before me.

31. I cleave to your testimonies; O Lord, put me not to shame.

32. I will run the way of your commandments, when you shall enlarge my heart.
33. Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I shall keep it to the end.

34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your Torah; I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35. Lead me in the path of your commandments; for I delight in it.

36. Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to unjust gain.

37. Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity; and give me life in your way.

38. Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

39. Turn away my insult which I fear; for your judgments are good.

40. Behold, I have longed after your precepts; give me life in your righteousness.

41. Let your loving kindness come also to me, O Lord, your salvation, according to your word.

42. So shall I have an answer for him who insulsts me; for I trust in your word.

43. And do not take the word of truth utterly from my mouth; for I have hoped in your judgments.
44. So shall I keep your Torah continually for ever and ever.

45. And I will walk at liberty; for I seek your precepts.

46. I will also speak of your testimonies before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47. And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I have loved.

48. My hands also I will lift up to your commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in your statutes.

49. Remember the word to your servant, whereby you have given me hope.

50. This is my comfort in my affliction; for your word has revived me.

51. The arrogant have had me greatly in derision; but I have not turned away from your Torah.

52. I remembered your judgments of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself.

53. Horror has taken hold of me because of the wicked who forsake your Torah.

54. Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
55. I have remembered your name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept your Torah.

56. This I had, because I kept your precepts.

57. You are my portion, O Lord; I have said that I would keep your words.

58. I entreated your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to me according to your word.

59. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet to your testimonies.

60. I made haste, and did not delay to keep your commandments.

61. Bands of wicked men have robbed me; but I have not forgotten your Torah.

62. At midnight I will rise to give thanks to you because of your righteous judgments.

63. I am a companion of all those who fear you, and of those who keep your precepts.

64. The earth, O Lord, is full of your loving kindness; teach me your statutes.
65. You have dealt well with your servant, O Lord, according to your word.

66. Teach me good judgment and knowledge; for I have believed your commandments.

67. Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now I observe your word.

68. You are good, and you do good; teach me your statutes.

69. The arrogant smear me with lies; but I will keep your precepts with my whole heart.

70. Their heart is gross like fat; but I delight in your Torah.

71. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn your statutes.

72. The Torah of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

73. Your hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74. Those who fear you will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in your word.
75. I know, O Lord, that your judgments are right, and that you in faithfulness have afflicted me.

76. Let, I pray you, your loving kindness be for my comfort, according to your word to your servant.

77. Let your mercies come to me, that I may live; for your Torah is my delight.

78. Let the arrogant be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause; but I will meditate on your precepts.

79. Let those who fear you turn to me, and those who have known your testimonies.

80. Let my heart be sound in your statutes; that I be not ashamed.

81. My soul languishes for your salvation; I hope in your word.

82. My eyes fail longing for your word, saying, When will you comfort me?

83. For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke; yet I do not forget your statutes.

84. How many are the days of your servant? When will you execute judgment on those who persecute me?
85. The arrogant dug pits for me, which are not according to your Torah.

86. All your commandments are faithful; they persecute me wrongfully; help me.

87. They had almost consumed me on earth; but I have not forsaken your precepts.

88. In your loving kindness spare my life; so I shall keep the testimony of your mouth.

89. For ever, O Lord, your word is fixed in heaven.

90. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands firm.

91. They continue this day according to your ordinances; for all are your servants.

92. If your Torah had not been my delight, I should have perished in my affliction.

93. I will never forget your precepts; for with them you have given me life.

94. I am yours, save me; for I have sought your precepts.
95. The wicked have waited for me to destroy me; but I will consider your testimonies.

96. I have seen a limit to all perfection; but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

97. O how I love your Torah! It is my meditation all the day.

98. Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies; for they are always with me.

99. I have more understanding than all my teachers; for your testimonies are my meditation.

100. I understand more than the elders, because I keep your precepts.

101. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep your word.

102. I have not departed from your judgments; for you have taught me.

103. How sweet are your words to my taste! Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104. Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.
105. Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

106. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep your righteous judgments.

107. I am very much afflicted; revive me, O Lord, according to your word.

108. Accept, I beseech you, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

109. My soul is continually in my hand; yet I do not forget your Torah.

110. The wicked have laid a snare for me; yet I have not strayed from your precepts.

111. Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage for ever; for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112. I have inclined my heart to perform your statutes always, to the end.

113. I hate vain thoughts; but I love your Torah.
114. You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.

115. Depart from me, you evildoers; for I will keep the commandments of my God.

116. Uphold me according to your word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

117. Hold me up, and I shall be safe; and I will observe your statutes continually.

118. You have trampled down all those who stray from your statutes; for their deceit is vain.

119. You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; therefore I love your testimonies.

120. My flesh trembles for fear of you; and I am afraid of your judgments.

121. I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors.

122. Be surety for your servant for good; do not let the arrogant oppress me.
123. My eyes fail with watching for your salvation, and for the word of your righteousness.

124. Deal with your servant according to your loving kindness, and teach me your statutes.

125. I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies.

126. It is time for you, Lord, to act; for they have made void your Torah.

127. Therefore I love your commandments above gold; above fine gold.

128. Therefore I esteem all your precepts to be entirely right; and I hate every false way.

129. Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

130. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

131. I open my mouth and pant; because I long for your commandments.
132. Look upon me, and be merciful to me, as you are to those who love your name.

133. Order my steps in your word; and do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.

134. Save me from the oppression of man; and I will keep your precepts.

135. Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your statutes.

136. Rivers of water run down my eyes, because they do not keep your Torah.

137. You are righteous, O Lord, and upright are your judgments.

138. You have commanded your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

139. My zeal consumes me, because my enemies have forgotten your words.

140. Your word is very pure; therefore your servant loves it.
141. I am small and despised; yet I do not forget your precepts.

142. Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your Torah is the truth.

143. Trouble and anguish have taken hold of me; yet your commandments are my delights.

144. The righteousness of your testimonies is everlasting; give me understanding, and I shall live.

145. I cry with my whole heart; answer me, O Lord; I will keep your statutes.

146. I cry to you: save me, and I shall keep your testimonies.

147. I rise before dawn, and I cry out; my hope is in your word.

148. My eyes open before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your saying.

149. Hear my voice according to your loving kindness; O Lord, revive me according to your judgment.
150. Those who follow after mischief draw near; they are far from your Torah.

151. You are near, O Lord; and all your commandments are truth.

152. Concerning your testimonies, I have known of old that you have founded them for ever.

153. Consider my affliction, and save me; for I do not forget your Torah.

154. Plead my cause, and save me; give me life according to your word.

155. Salvation is far from the wicked; for they do not seek your statutes.

156. Great is your compassion, O Lord; give me life according to your justice.

157. Many are my persecutors and my enemies; yet I do not swerve from your testimonies.

158. I look at the transgressors, and I am grieved; because they do not keep your saying.
Consider how I love your precepts; revive me, O Lord, according to your loving kindness.

The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous judgments endures for ever.

Princes have persecuted me without cause; but my heart is in awe of your word.

I rejoice at your word, like one who finds great booty.

I hate and loathe lying; but I love your Torah.

Seven times a day I praise you because of your righteous judgments.

Great peace have those who love your Torah; and nothing can make them stumble.

Lord, I have hoped for your salvation, and done your commandments.

My soul has kept your testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.
168. I have kept your precepts and your testimonies; for all my ways are before you.

169. Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word.

170. Let my supplication come before you; save me according to your word.

171. My lips shall utter praise, when you have taught me your statutes.

172. My tongue shall speak of your word; for all your commandments are just.

173. Let your hand help me; for I have chosen your precepts.

174. I long for your salvation, O Lord; and your Torah is my delight.

175. Let my soul live, and it shall praise you; and let your judgments help me.

176. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant; for I do not forget your commandments.
1. A Song of Maalot. In my distress I cried to the Lord, and he answered me.

2. Save my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

3. What shall be given to you? What shall be done to you, O false tongue?

4. Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of the broom tree.

5. Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

6. My soul has long dwelt with those who hate peace.

7. I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.
1. A Song of Maalot. I will lift up my eyes to the mountains. From where does my help come?

2. My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

3. He will not let your foot be moved; he who watches you will not slumber.

4. Behold, he who watches Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade upon your right hand.

6. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; he shall preserve your soul.

8. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and for evermore.
1. A Song of Maalot of David. I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

2. Our feet shall stand inside your gates, O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is built as a city which is bound firmly together;

4. There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

5. For thrones of judgment were set there, the thrones of the house of David.

6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; those who love you shall prosper.

7. Peace be within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces.

8. For my brothers and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within you.

9. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.
1. A Song of Maalot. To you lift I up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens.

2. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he shall be gracious to us.

3. Be gracious to us, O Lord, be gracious to us; for we are overfilled with contempt.

4. Our soul is overfilled with the scorn of those who are at ease, and with the contempt of the arrogant.
Psalms Chapter 124

תהלים פרק כבד

1. A Song of Maalot of David. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say;

ב. לולו ה' שתחיה לאר עקים עצהינו אומות

2. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us;

g. ירא רבים בקשון בוחר עצה עצה: הנ

3. Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us;

ד. ירא רבים יקשה וקשון בוחר עצה עצה: הנ

4. Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul;

ה. ירא עצה עצה עצה עצה עצה: הנ

5. Then the proud waters would have gone over our soul.

ו. בחרת ה' ישלאה עזרה על נחשון: הנ

6. Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.

ז. בפשון הפרוש בפשון פשח פרוש לישנוא: הנ

7. Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

ח. עזרה יכולת ה' חישב עיש עישם ה' נאות: הנ

8. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
1. A Song of Maalot. Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abides for ever.

2. As the mountains are around Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people from this time forth and for evermore.

3. For the scepter of the wicked shall not rest upon the share allotted to the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands to do wrong.

4. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

5. As for those who turn aside to their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them away with the evildoers; but peace shall be upon Israel.
1. A Song of Maalot. When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like men who dream.

2. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then they said among the nations, The Lord has done great things for them.

3. The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

4. Bring back our captivity, O Lord, like the streams in the Negev.

5. Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6. He who goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come back with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.
1. A Song of Maalot for Solomon. Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain; unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

2. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of toil; for truly to his beloved he gives sleep.

3. Behold, children are a heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is a reward.

4. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are the children of one's youth.

5. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be put to shame, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.
1. A Song of Maalot. Happy is every one who fears the Lord; who walks in his ways.

2. For you shall eat the labor of your hands; happy shall you be, and it shall be well with you.

3. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your house; your children like olive shoots around your table.

4. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

5. The Lord shall bless you from Zion; and you shall see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

6. And you shall see your children's children, and peace upon Israel.
Psalms Chapter 129

A Song of Maalot. Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, let Israel now say;

Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed against me.

The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows.

The Lord is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.

Let them all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward.

Let them be like the grass on roofs, which withers before it is plucked;

With which the reaper does not fill his hand; nor he who binds sheaves his bosom.

And those who pass by do not say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you; we bless you in the name of the Lord.
1. A Song of Maalot. Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord.

ב. אהדו השם יבוקלְו תוריה אָנָה נֶשָׁבֹת לָכֹל תָּמְכֵּנוּ.

2. Lord, hear my voice; let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

ג. אהּ-עֲנָה תָּשֶׁר-יה אָנָה מַי יִצְפְּדוּ.

3. If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

ד. קְרַתֵּיךָ שָׁות בְּפִשׁי לַכָּבָּרוּ מַתָּנָתוֹ.

4. But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be feared.

ה. בְּפִשֶּׁי לֹא-עָנָה מְשֶׁרְימֵו לַבּוֹרֵם שִמְרֵים לַבּוֹרֵם.

5. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

ו. בְּפִשֶּׁי לֵא-עָנָה מְשֶׁרְים לַבּוֹרֵם שִמְרֵים לַבּוֹרֵם.

6. My soul waits for the Lord more than those watchers who watch for the morning, watch for the morning.

ז. הִוְּלָי יִשְׂרָאֵל אָל-יוֹתָה כִּי-עָנָה כִּי-עָנָה וְהָהָוֵת עַמָּּוּ קְרֵבֵתוֹ.

7. Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is loving kindness, and with him is bountiful redemption.

ח. הָוֵה יִפְדֶּה יִשְׂרָאֵל מְכֹל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

8. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
1. A Song of Maalot of David. Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty; nor do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, like a child who is weaned from his mother; my soul is like a weaned child.

3. Let Israel hope in the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.
1. A Song of Maalot. Lord, remember in David's favor all his afflictions;

2. How he swore to the Lord, and vowed to the mighty God of Jacob;

3. Surely I will not come into the tent of my house, nor get into my bed;

4. I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids,

5. Until I find out a place for the Lord, a habitation for the mighty One of Jacob.

6. Behold, we heard of it at Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jaar;

7. We will go into his dwelling places; we will worship at his footstool.

8. Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place; you, and the ark of your might.

9. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; and let your pious ones shout for joy.

10. For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed.
11. The Lord has sworn in truth to David; he will not turn from it; One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.

12. If your children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon your throne for evermore.

13. For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation.

14. This is my resting place for ever; here I will dwell; for I have desired it.

15. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16. I will also clothe her priests with salvation; and her pious ones shall shout aloud for joy.

17. There I will make the horn of David bud; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

18. His enemies I will clothe with shame; but upon himself his crown shall flourish.
1. A Song of Maalot of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!

2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that runs down upon the beard, Aaron's beard, that runs down to the hem of his garments.

3. Like the dew of Hermon descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.
Psalms Chapter 134

1. A Song of Maalot. Behold, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

3. May the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you from Zion!
1. Hallelujah! Praise the name of the Lord! Praise him, O you servants of the Lord!

2. You who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God,

3. Hallelujah! For the Lord is good; sing praises to his name; for it is pleasant.

4. For the Lord has chosen Jacob to himself, and Israel for his own possession.

5. For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

6. Whatever the Lord wishes, he has done in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7. He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he makes lightnings for the rain; he brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

8. He struck down the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast,

9. Who sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, against Pharaoh, and against all his servants.
10. Who struck great nations, and slew mighty kings:

11. Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan,

12. And gave their land for a heritage, a heritage to Israel his people.

13. Your name, O Lord, endures for ever; and your renown, O Lord, throughout all generations.

14. For the Lord will judge the cause of his people, and he will relent concerning his servants.

15. The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16. They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;

17. They have ears, but they do not hear; and in their mouths there is no breath.

18. May they who make them become like them, and every one who trusts in them!

19. Bless the Lord, O house of Israel! Bless the Lord, O house of Aaron!
20. Bless the Lord, O house of Levi! O you, who fear the Lord, bless the Lord!

21. Blessed be the Lord from Zion, he who dwells at Jerusalem! Hallelujah!
1. O give thanks to the Lord; for he is good; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

2. O give thanks to the God of gods; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

3. O give thanks to the Lord of lords; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

4. To him who alone does great wonders; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

5. To him who by understanding made the heavens; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

6. To him who stretched out the earth above the waters; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

7. To him who made great lights; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

8. The sun to rule by day; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

9. The moon and the stars to rule by night; for his loving kindness endures for ever.
10. To him who struck the firstborn of Egypt; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

11. And brought out Israel from among them; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

12. With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

13. To him who parted the Red Sea; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

14. And made Israel pass through the midst of it; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

15. And overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

16. To him who led his people through the wilderness; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

17. To him who struck great kings; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

18. And slew great kings; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

19. Sihon king of the Amorites; for his loving kindness endures for ever;
20. And Og the king of Bashan; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

21. And gave their land for a heritage; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

22. A heritage to Israel his servant; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

23. Who remembered us in our low estate; for his loving kindness endures for ever;

24. And has redeemed us from our enemies; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

25. Who gives bread to all flesh; for his loving kindness endures for ever.

26. O give thanks to the God of heaven; for his loving kindness endures for ever.
Psalms Chapter 137

1. By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, we also wept, when we remembered Zion.

2. We hung our lyres on the willows in its midst.

3. For there those who carried us away captive required of us a song; and those who tormented us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

5. If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

6. If I do not remember you, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7. Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites, the day of Jerusalem; who said, Raze it, raze it, to its foundation.

8. O daughter of Babylon, you are to be destroyed! Happy shall he be, who repays you for what you have done to us!

9. Happy shall he be, who takes your little ones and dashes them against the rock!
1. Of David. I will praise you with my whole heart; before princes I will sing praise to you.

2. I will worship toward your holy temple, and praise your name for your loving kindness and for your truth; for you have magnified your word above all your name.

3. In the day when I cried you answered me, and strengthened me with strength in my soul.

4. All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth.

5. And they shall sing in the ways of the Lord; for great is the glory of the Lord.

6. Though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the arrogant he knows from far away.

7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will revive me; you shall stretch forth your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

8. May the Lord fulfil his purpose for me! Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the works of your own hands.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. O Lord, you have searched me, and known me.

2. You know when I sit down and when I rise up, you understand my thoughts from far away.

3. You have measured my going and my lying down, and you are acquainted with all my ways.

4. For before a word is in my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it all.

5. You have beset me behind and before, and laid your hand upon me.

6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

7. Where shall I go from your spirit? Where shall I flee from your presence?

8. If I ascend up to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, you are there!

9. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10. Even there shall your hand lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
11. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, the light shall be night about me.

12. Even the darkness is not dark for you; but the night shines like the day; darkness is as light with you.

13. For you have formed my insides; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14. I will praise you; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are your works! And my soul knows that right well.

15. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret, and finely wrought in the depths of the earth.

16. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; and in your book all things were written; also the days in which they are to be fashioned, and for it too there was one of them.

17. How precious also are your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is their sum!

18. If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with you.

19. Surely you will slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me therefore, you bloody men!
20. For they speak against you wickedly, and your enemies take your name in vain.

21. Do I not hate them, O Lord, those who hate you? And do I not strive with those who rise up against you?

22. I hate them with the utmost hatred; I count them my enemies.

23. Search me, O God, and know my heart! Test me, and know my thoughts!

24. And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
1. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

2. Save me, O Lord from the evil man; preserve me from the violent man;

3. Who plot evil plans in their heart; and stir up wars continually.

4. They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; spiders' poison is under their lips. Selah.

5. Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who intend to trip up my feet.

6. Arrogant men have hidden a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set traps for me. Selah.

7. I said to the Lord, You are my God; hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.

8. O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle.

9. Do not grant, O Lord, the desires of the wicked; do not further their evil plot; lest they exalt themselves. Selah.
10. As for the head of those who surround me, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

11. Let burning coals fall upon them; let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, so that they should not rise up again.

12. Let not a slanderer be established in the earth; let evil hunt down the violent man to overthrow him.

13. I know that the Lord maintains the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

14. Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name; the upright shall dwell in your presence.
A Psalm of David. Lord, I cry to you; make haste to me; give ear to my voice, when I cry to you.

Let my prayer be set forth before you like incense; and the lifting up of my hands like the evening sacrifice.

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.

Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked deeds with men who work iniquity; and do not let me eat of their dainties.

Let the righteous strike me in loving kindness, and let him rebuke me; it shall be as oil for my head; let not my head refuse it; but my prayer shall still be against their evil deeds.

When their judges are thrown down to stony places, then they will hear how sweet were my words.

As when one cuts and breaks up wood on the earth, so are our bones scattered at the mouth of Sheol.

But my eyes are toward you, O God the Lord; in you is my trust; do not leave my soul destitute.
9. Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the traps of the evildoers.

10. Let the wicked fall together into their own nets, while I escape.
1. A Maskil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.

2. I cry to the Lord with my voice; with my voice I make my supplication to the Lord.

3. I pour out my complaint before him; I declare my trouble before him.

4. When my spirit is faint inside me, you know my path. In the path where I walk they have secretly laid a snare for me.

5. I look on my right hand, and behold, but there is no man who knows me; no refuge remains to me; no man cares for my soul.

6. I cry to you, O Lord; I say, You are my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

7. Attend to my cry; for I am brought very low; save me from my persecutors; for they are too strong for me.

8. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name; the righteous shall surround me; for you shall deal bountifully with me.
A Psalm of David. Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications; in your faithfulness answer me, and in your righteousness.

And do not enter into judgment with your servant; for in your sight no living man shall be justified.

For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has crushed my life down to the ground; he has made me dwell in darkness, like those who have been long dead.

Therefore my spirit faints inside me; my heart inside me is appalled.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your works; I muse on the work of your hands.

I stretch forth my hands to you; my soul thirsts after you, like a parched land. Selah.

Answer me speedily, O Lord; my spirit fails; do not hide your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

Let me hear your loving kindness in the morning; for in you I trust; let me know the path where I should walk; for I lift up my soul to you.

Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; in you I will hide myself.
10. Teach me to do your will; for you are my God; let your good spirit lead me to a level land.

11. Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; for your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12. And in your loving kindness cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am your servant.
1. A Psalm of David. Blessed be the Lord my strength, who teaches my hands to war, and my fingers to fight;

2. My gracious one, and my fortress; my high tower, and my savior; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdues my people under me.

3. Lord, what is man, that you should take knowledge of him, or the son of man, that you should make account of him?

4. Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.

5. Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6. Cast forth lightning, and scatter them; shoot out your arrows, and destroy them.

7. Send your hand from above; rescue me, and save me from great waters, from the hand of strangers;

8. Whose mouths utter lies, and whose right hand is falsehood.

9. I will sing a new song to you, O God; on a harp of ten strings will I sing praises to you.
10. It is he who gives salvation to kings; who saves David his servant from the harmful sword.

11. Rescue and save me from the hand of strangers, whose mouth speaks vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood;

12. May our sons be like plants grown up in their youth! May our daughters be like corner stones, cut for the structure of a palace!

13. May our garners be full, affording all manner of store! May our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields!

14. May our oxen be heavy laden, so there should be no breach or migration! May there be no loud cry in our streets!

15. Happy is the people to whom that is the case! Happy is the people whose God is the Lord!
1. David's Psalm of praise. I will extol you, my God, O king; and I will bless your name for ever and ever.

2. Every day I will bless you; and I will praise your name for ever and ever.

3. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

4. One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

5. I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and of your wondrous works.

6. And men shall speak of the might of your awesome acts; and I will declare your greatness.

7. They shall utter the fame of your great goodness, and shall sing of your righteousness.

8. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of abundant loving kindness.

9. The Lord is good to all; and his mercies are over all his works.
10. All your works shall praise you, O Lord; and your pious ones shall bless you.

11. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and talk of your power;

12. To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

13. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

14. The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up all those who are bowed down.

15. The eyes of all wait upon you; and you give them their food in due season.

16. You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

17. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and gracious in all his works.

18. The Lord is near to all those who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

19. He will fulfil the desire of those who fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them.
20. The Lord preserves all those who love him; but all the wicked he will destroy.

21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.
1. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul.

2. While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

3. Do not put your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

4. His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5. Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God;

6. Who made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that is in it; who keeps truth for ever;

7. Who executes judgment for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord frees the prisoners;

8. The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord raises those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;

9. The Lord preserves the strangers; he relieves the orphan and the widow; but the way of the wicked he makes crooked.
10. The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Hallelujah!
1. Hallelujah! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is seemly.

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3. He heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds.

4. He counts the number of the stars; he calls them all by their names.

5. Great is our Lord, and of great power; his understanding is infinite.

6. The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked down to the ground.

7. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the lyre to our God;

8. Who covers the heaven with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass grow on the mountains.

9. He gives to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

10. He does not delight in the strength of the horse; he does not take any pleasure in the legs of a man.
11. The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his loving kindness.

12. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.

13. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

14. He makes peace in your borders, and fills you with the finest of the wheat.

15. He sends forth his commandment upon earth; his word runs very swiftly.

16. He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

17. He casts forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold?

18. He sends out his word, and melts them; he causes his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

19. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

20. He has not dealt so with any other nation; and as for his ordinances, they have not known them. Hallelujah!
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1. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

2. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host.

3. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light.

4. Praise him, heavens of heavens, and you waters that are above the heavens.

5. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

6. And he established them for ever and ever; he has made a decree which shall not pass.

7. Praise the Lord from the earth, you crocodiles, and all deeps;

8. Fire, and hail; snow, and vapors; stormy wind fulfilling his word;

9. Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars;

10. Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and winged birds;
11. Kings of the earth, and all peoples; princes, and all judges of the earth;

12. Young men and also virgins; old men, and children;

13. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

14. He also exalts the horn of his people, a praise for all his pious ones, for the children of Israel, a people near to him. Praise the Lord!
1. Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise is sounded in the congregation of the pious.

2. Let Israel rejoice in him who made him; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3. Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praises to him with the tambourine and lyre.

4. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he will beautify the humble with salvation.

5. Let the pious be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword in their hand;

7. To execute vengeance upon the nations, and chastisement upon the peoples;

8. To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9. To execute upon them the judgment written; this is an honor to all his pious ones. Hallelujah!
1. Hallelujah! Praise God in his sanctuary! Praise him in the firmament of his power!

2. Praise him for his mighty acts! Praise him according to his exceeding greatness!

3. Praise him with the sound of the shofar! Praise him with the harp and the lyre!

4. Praise him with the tambourine and dance! Praise him with stringed instruments and the pipe!

5. Praise him with sounding cymbals! Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

6. Let every thing that breathes praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

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1. There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God, and turned away from evil.

2. And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters.

3. His possessions were seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred female asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

4. And his sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day; and they used to send and call for their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

5. And when the days of the feast would come to their end, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning, and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6. Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.
7. And the Lord said to Satan, Where are you coming from? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8. And the Lord said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil?

9. Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Does Job fear God for nothing?

10. Have not you made a hedge around him, and around his house, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions are increased in the land.

11. But put forth your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.

12. And the Lord said to Satan, Behold, all that he has is in your power; only upon himself put not forth your hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

13. And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house;
14. And there came a messenger to Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them;

15. And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you.

16. While he was still speaking, another also came, and said, The fire of God has fallen from the sky, and has burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you.

17. While he was still speaking, another also came, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you.

18. While he was still speaking, another also came, and said, Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house;

19. And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you.

20. Then Job arose, and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and prostrated himself,
21. And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

22. In all this Job did not sin, nor did he lay a reproach on God.
1. Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.

2. And the Lord said to Satan, Where are you coming from? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3. And the Lord said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you moved me against him, to destroy him without cause.

4. And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin! All that a man has will he give for his life.

5. But put forth your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.

6. And the Lord said to Satan, Behold, he is in your hand; but spare his life.

7. So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.
8. And he took a potsherd with which to scrape himself; and he sat down among the ashes.

9. Then said his wife to him, Do you still retain your integrity? Curse God, and die.

10. But he said to her, You speak like one of the foolish women speak. Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

11. Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Teimanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

12. And when they lifted up their eyes from far away, and did not recognize him, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they tore every one his robe, and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven.

13. And they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him; for they saw that his suffering was very great.
1. After this Job opened his mouth, and cursed his day.

2. And Job spoke, and said,

3. Let the day perish when I was born, and the night in which it was said, A male child has been conceived.

4. Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, nor let the light shine on it.

5. Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell on it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6. As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined to the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

7. Behold, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice be heard in it.

8. Let those who curse the day curse it, who are ready to rouse up Leviathan.

9. Let the stars of its twilight be dark; let it look for light, but have none; and let it not see the eyelids of the dawn;
10. Because it did not close the doors of my mother's womb, nor did it hide trouble from my eyes.

11. Why did I not die from the womb? Why did I not perish when I came out of the belly?

12. Why did the knees receive me, or why the breasts that I should suck?

13. For now I would be laying still and quiet, I would have slept; I would then have been at rest,

14. With kings and counsellors of the earth, who built desolate places for themselves;

15. Or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver;

16. Or, like a hidden untimely birth, I had not been; like infants who never saw light.

17. There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary are at rest.

18. There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

19. The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.
20. Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul;

כ. קלぬה יִנְהָה לֹא יִשָּׁע בְּאֵין תְּיִים לַמֵּר לֹא יִגְּשֶׁהוּ בְּפַן:

21. Who long for death, but it does not come; and dig for it more than for hidden treasures;

ככ. קְשֶׁמֹתָו לֵאֵלָי-גִּיל יִשֵּׁשׁ כְּי יִמְצָאוּ-קָרַב:

22. Who rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave?

כנ. ילֵּבָה יֵנָּשָׁר-תִּרְנוּ בְּשַׁנְתָּה נַרְקָה נַלַּח בֶּצּוֹרָה

23. Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, and from whom God has screened himself?

ככ. כָּמ-לַפְּנֵי לְחָמִי אֶנְבָּטֵהּ תַּנָּא וַחֲבוֹר בְּנֵי שְׁאָנָה:

24. For my sighing comes before my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water.

ככ. כָּמ-הֲפִיחֵי שֶפֶחַתָּי וְנַאֲמֵנִי רֹאשִׁי-גַנְרֵיה יֵבֶּה לִי:

25. For the thing which I greatly feared has come upon me, and that which I was afraid of has come to me.

ככ. הֲא שֵׁפְחֵיתִי וְלָא-שְׁקָמְתוֹתִי וְלָא-בַחֲתֵיה יֵבֶּה לִי:

26. I had no repose, nor had I rest, nor was I quiet; yet trouble came.

ככ. הֲא-שֵׁפְחֵיתִי וְלָא-שְׁקָמְתוֹתִי וְלָא-בַחֲתֵיה יֵבֶּה לִי: 
Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

If one would venture a word to you, would you be offended? Yet who can restrain himself from speaking?

Behold, you have instructed many, and you have strengthened the weak hands.

Your words have upheld him who was falling, and you have strengthened the feeble knees.

But now it has come upon you, and you faint; it touches you, and you are troubled.

Is not your fear of God your confidence? And your hope the uprightness of your ways?

Remember, I beg you, who ever perished, being blameless? Or where were the righteous cut off?

As I have seen, those who plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

By the blast of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger are they consumed.
10. The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

11. The old lion perishes for lack of prey, and the lion's cubs are scattered.

12. Now a word was brought stealthily to me, and my ear received the whisper of it.

13. Amid thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men,

14. Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake.

15. Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up;

16. It stood still, but I could not discern its form; a shape was before my eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying:

17. Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his maker?

18. Behold, he puts no trust in his servants; and he charges his angels with folly;

19. How much more those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed before the moth?
20. Between morning and evening they are destroyed; they perish for ever without any regarding it.

21. Is not the excellency which was in them gone away? They die, for they are without wisdom.
1. Call now. Is there any who will answer you? And to which of the holy ones will you turn?

2. For wrath kills the foolish man, and envy slays the simpleton.

3. I have seen the foolish taking root; but suddenly I cursed his dwelling.

4. His children are far from safety; they are crushed in the gate, and there is no one to save them.

5. His harvest the hungry eat, and take it even to the thorn hedges, and the thirsty swallow up his wealth.

6. For affliction does not come from the dust, nor does trouble spring out from the ground;

7. Yet man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

8. I would seek God, and to God would I commit my cause;

9. Who does great things and is unsearchable; marvelous things without number;

10. Who gives rain upon the earth, and sends waters upon the fields;
11. He sets on high those who are low; and those who mourn are lifted to safety.

12. He frustrated the plots of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

13. He catches the wise in their own craftiness; and the rash counsel of the perverse.

14. They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday like in the night.

15. But he saves from the sword, from the enemy's mouth, and the poor from the hand of the mighty.

16. So the poor has hope, and iniquity shuts her mouth.

17. Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty;

18. For he makes sore, but binds up; he wounds, but his hands make whole.

19. He shall save you from six troubles; and in seven no evil shall touch you.

20. In famine he shall redeem you from death; and in war from the power of the sword.
21. You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue; nor shall you fear destruction when it comes.

22. At destruction and famine you shall laugh; and shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

23. For you shall be in league with the stones of the field; and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you.

24. And you shall know that your tent is at peace; and you shall visit your habitation, and shall miss nothing.

25. You shall know also that your seed shall be great, and your offspring like the grass of the earth.

26. You shall come to your grave with a rich harvest, like a full sheaf of grain which comes up in its season.

27. Behold this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know it for your good.
And Job answered and said,

1. And Job answered and said,

2. Oh that my torments were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid on the scales!

3. For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea; therefore my words stammer.

4. For the arrows of the Almighty are inside me, my spirit drinks its poison; the terrors of God array themselves against me.

5. Does the wild ass bray when he has grass? Or the ox low over his fodder?

6. Can that which is tasteless be eaten without salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

7. My soul refuses to touch them; they are loathsome food to me.

8. Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

9. That it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!
10. Then should I yet have comfort; I would even exalt in pain; do not let him spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

11. What is my strength, that I should hope? And what is my end, that I should be patient?

12. Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh bronze?

13. Is not my help in me? And is wisdom driven quite from me?

14. To him who is afflicted love is due from his friend; or else he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

15. My brothers have dealt deceitfully like a brook, and like the water courses which disappear;

16. Which are dark with ice, and where the snow hides itself.

17. When the time comes they grow warm, they vanish; when it is hot, they are consumed from their place.

18. The caravans are turned aside from their course; they go to the waste, and perish.

19. The caravans of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.
20. They were confounded because they had hoped; they came there, and were abashed.

21. For now you are like it; you see my calamity, and are afraid.

22. Did I say, Bring me something? or, Give a me a ransom from your wealth?

23. Or, Rescue me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of oppressors?

24. Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; and cause me to understand where have I gone astray.

25. How forcible are honest words! But what does your reproof seek to reprove?

26. Do you consider your words a sound argument, but the sayings of a despairing man to be mere wind?

27. Would you overthrow an orphan? Or seek to undermine your friend?

28. Now therefore be good enough to look at me; for surely I will not lie to your face.

29. Return, I beg you, let there not be unfairness; and turn back again; my cause is just.
30. Is there iniquity in my tongue? Cannot my taste discern perversity?
1. Has not a man a hard service upon earth? Are not his days like the days of a hireling?

2. Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like a hireling who looks for his wages;

3. So am I allotted months of emptiness, and wearisome nights are apportioned to me.

4. When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossing to and fro till dawn.

5. My flesh is clothed with worms; my skin is a clod of dirt; it curdles and decays.

6. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7. O remember that my life is a breath; my eye shall no more see good.

8. The eye of him who has seen me shall see me no more; your eyes are upon me, and I shall be gone.

9. Like the cloud is consumed and vanishes away; so he who goes down to Sheol shall come up no more.
10. He shall return no more to his house, nor shall his place know him any more.

11. Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12. Am I a sea, or a sea monster, that you set a watch over me?

13. When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;

14. Then you scare me with dreams, and terrify me through visions;

15. So that my soul would choose strangling and death rather than my bones.

16. I loathe it; I would not live always; let me alone; for my days are emptiness.

17. What is man, that you should magnify him? And that you should set your heart on him?

18. And that you should visit him every morning, and test him every moment?

19. How long will you not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?
20. If I have sinned; what do I do to you, O you preserver of men? Why have you made me your target, so that I am a burden to myself?

21. And why do you not pardon my transgression, and take away my iniquity? For now shall I sleep in the dust; and you shall seek me, but I shall not be.
1. Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2. How long will you speak these things? And how long shall the words of your mouth be like a strong wind?

3. Does God pervert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert justice?

4. If your children have sinned against him, he has cast them away for their transgression;

5. If you will seek God, and make your supplication to the Almighty;

6. If you are pure and upright; surely now he will rouse himself for you, and make the habitation of your righteousness prosperous.

7. Though your beginning was small, yet your end will be very great.

8. For inquire, I beg you, of bygone ages, and attend assiduously to what their fathers have sought out.

9. For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow;
10. Shall not they teach you, and tell you, and utter words from their heart?

11. Can the rush grow up without mire? Can reed grass grow without water?

12. While it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withers before any other herb.

13. So are the paths of all who forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish;

14. His hope shall be cut off, and his trust shall be a spider's web.

15. He shall lean on his house, but it shall not stand; he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

16. He is green before the sun, and his branch shoots forth over his garden wall.

17. His roots are wrapped around the stone heap; he selects for himself a place of stones.

18. If he is he destroyed from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen you.

19. Behold, this is the joy of his way, and from the earth others shall spring.
20. Behold, God will not cast away a blameless man, nor will he help the evildoers;

21. He will yet fill your mouth with laughing, and your lips with rejoicing.

22. Those who hate you shall be clothed with shame; and the tent of the wicked shall be no more.
1. Then Job answered and said,

2. Truly I know that this is so; but how should man be just before God?

3. If he will dispute with him, he cannot answer him once in a thousand times.

4. He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength. Who having hardened himself against him, has prospered?

5. He who removes mountains, and they know not; when he overturns them in his anger.

6. Who shakes the earth from its place, and its pillars tremble.

7. Who commands the sun, and it rises not; and seals up the stars.

8. Who alone spreads out the heavens, and treads on the waves of the sea.

9. Who makes the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south wind.

10. Who does great things past finding out; and wonders without number.
11. Behold, he passes by me, and I see him not; he moves on, but I perceive him not.

12. Behold, he snatches away. Who can hinder him? Who will say to him, What are you doing?

13. God will not withdraw his anger, the helpers of Rahab stoop under him.

14. How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?

15. Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my accuser.

16. If I had called, and he had answered me, I would not have believed that he had listened to my voice.

17. For he crushes me with a tempest, and multiplies my wounds without cause.

18. He will not let me take my breath, but fills me with bitterness.

19. If I speak of strength, behold, he is strong; and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?

20. If I justify myself, my own mouth would condemn me; if I say, I am blameless, it shall also prove me perverse.
21. Though I were blameless, yet I would not know my soul; I would despise my life.

22. Therefore I said This is all one. He destroys the blameless and the wicked.

23. If the scourge slays suddenly, he would laugh at the trial of the blameless.

24. The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; he covers the faces of its judges; if not he, then who is it?

25. Now my days are swifter than a runner; they flee away, they see no good.

26. They pass away like swift ships; like the vulture that swoops on the prey.

27. If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my sad countenance, and comfort myself;

28. I am afraid of all my sufferings, I know that you will not hold me blameless.

29. I shall be condemned, why then do I labor in vain?

30. If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands so very clean;

31. Yet you shall plunge me in the ditch, and my own clothes shall loathe me.
32. For he is not a man, like I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

33. There is no umpire between us, who might lay his hand on us both.

34. Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me;

35. Then I would speak without fearing him; but I am not so in myself.
Job Chapter 10

1. My soul is weary of my life; I will give free utterance to my complaint; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

2. I will say to God, Do not condemn me. Tell me why you dispute against me.

3. Does it seem good to you to oppress, to despise the work of your hands and shine on the counsel of the wicked?

4. Have you eyes of flesh? Do you see like man sees?

5. Are your days like the days of man? Are your years like man's days,

6. That you inquire after my iniquity, and search after my sin?

7. Although you know that I am not wicked; and there is no one who can save from your hand.

8. Your hands have made me and fashioned me; yet you turn around to destroy me.

9. Remember, I beseech you, that you have made me of clay; and will you bring me back to dust?
10. Have you not poured me out like milk, and curdled me like cheese?

11. You have clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews.

12. You have granted me life and favor, and your providence has preserved my spirit.

13. And these things have you hidden in your heart; I know that this is with you.

14. If I sin, then you mark me, and you will not acquit me from my iniquity.

15. If I am wicked, woe is me; and if I am righteous, yet I will not lift up my head, for I am filled with disgrace, and I see my affliction;

16. If my head is lifted up proudly, you hunt me like a lion; and again work wonders against me.

17. You renew your witnesses against me, and increase your indignation against me; you bring fresh armies against me.

18. Why then have you brought me forth from the womb? Oh that I had perished, and no eye had seen me!

19. I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.
20. Are not my days few? Cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,

21. Before I go to where I shall not return from, to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;

22. A land of gloom, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is like darkness.
Job Chapter 11

1. Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2. Should not the multitude of words be answered? And should a man full of talk be justified?

3. Should your babble make men hold their peace? And when you mock, shall no man make you ashamed?

4. For you have said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in your eyes.

5. But oh, that God would speak, and open his lips against you!

6. And that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom, for wisdom is manifold! Know therefore that God exacts from you less than your iniquity deserves.

7. Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the purpose of the Almighty?

8. It is as high as the sky; what can you do? Deeper than Sheol. What can you know?

9. Its measure is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.
10. If he passes through, or shuts up, or calls to judgment, then who can hinder him?

11. For he knows vain men; and when he sees wickedness, shall he then take no notice of it?

12. For the stupid man shall become wise when a wild ass's colt is born a man!

13. If you prepare your heart, and stretch out your hands toward him;

14. If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in your tents.

15. Surely then shall you lift up your face without blemish; you shall be steadfast, and shall not fear;

16. Because you shall forget your misery, and remember it like waters that pass away;

17. And your eye shall be clearer than the noonday; its darkness shall be like the morning.

18. And you shall be secure, because there is hope; you shall look around you, and you shall take your rest in safety.
19. Also you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid; and many shall entreat your favor.

20. But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall turn to despair.
1. And Job answered and said,

2. No doubt you are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

3. But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you; indeed, who does not know such things as these?

4. I have become a laughing stock to my friend; I, who called upon God, and he answered me. A just, blameless man is a laughing stock.

5. In the thought of one who is at ease there is contempt for those who are ruined, who slip with their feet.

6. The tents of robbers prosper, and those who provoke God are secure; they who bring their God in their hand.

7. But ask the beasts, and they shall teach you; and the birds of the air, and they shall tell you;

8. Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you; and the fishes of the sea shall declare to you.

9. Who knows not among all these that the hand of the Lord has done this?
10. In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

11. Does not the ear test words as the palate taste food?

12. Wisdom is with the aged; and length of days brings understanding.

13. With him is wisdom and strength, he has counsel and understanding.

14. Behold, he breaks down, and it cannot be built again; he shuts up a man, and there can be no opening.

15. Behold, he withholds the waters, and they dry up; then he sends them out, and they overflow the earth.

16. With him is strength and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are his.

17. He leads counsellors away stripped, and makes the judges fools.

18. He looses the bond of kings, and binds their loins with a girdle.

19. He leads priests away stripped, and overthrows the mighty.

20. He removes the speech of the trusty, and takes away the understanding of the aged.
21. He pours contempt on princes, and weakens the belt of the mighty.

22. He uncovers deep things from darkness, and brings out to light the shadow of death.

23. He makes nations great, and destroys them; he enlarges the nations, and leads them away.

24. He takes away the heart of the chiefs of the people of the earth, and causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25. They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them stagger like a drunken man.
Job Chapter 13

1. Behold, my eye has seen all this, my ear has heard and understood it.

2. What you know, I know also; I am not inferior to you.

3. Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4. But you are forgers of lies, you are all physicians of no value.

5. O that you would keep silent! and it should be your wisdom.

6. Hear now my reasoning, and listen to the pleading of my lips.

7. Will you speak wickedly for God? And talk deceitfully for him?

8. Will you show him partiality? Will you dispute for God?

9. Is it good that he should search you out? Or as one man deceives another, will you deceive him?

10. He will surely reprove you, if you secretly show partiality.
11. Shall not his majesty make you afraid? And his dread fall upon you?

12. Your remembrances are like ashes, your bodies are like bodies of clay.

13. Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

14. For what? I will take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand.

15. Though he slay me, yet I will trust in him; but I will maintain my own ways before him.

16. This shall be my salvation; for a hypocrite shall not come before him.

17. Hear diligently my speech, and let my declaration be in your ears.

18. Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.

19. Who is he who will dispute with me? For then I would hold my tongue and die.

20. Only do not do two things to me; then I will not hide myself from you:

21. Withdraw your hand far from me; and let not your terror make me afraid.
22. Then you will call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and answer me.

23. How many are my iniquities and sins? Let me know my transgression and my sin.

24. Why do your hide your face, and regard me as your enemy?

25. Will you break a leaf driven to and fro? And will you pursue the dry stubble?

26. For you write bitter things against me, and make me inherit the iniquities of my youth.

27. You put my feet also in the stocks, and look narrowly to all my paths; you set your print on the heels of my feet.

28. And he is consumed like a rotten thing, like a garment eaten by moths.
Job Chapter 14

1. Man, who is born of a woman, is of few days, and full of trouble.

2. He comes forth like a flower, and is cut down; he flees like a shadow, and does not endure.

3. And do you open your eyes upon such a one, and bring me to judgment with you?

4. Who can bring a clean thing from an unclean? Not one.

5. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with you, you have appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

6. Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.

7. For there is hope that a tree, if it is cut down, will sprout again, and that its tender branch will not cease.

8. Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground;

9. Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.
10. But man dies, and is laid low; indeed, man perishes, and where is he?

11. The waters fail from the sea, and a river is parched and dries up,

12. So man lies down, and does not rise; till the heavens are no more, he shall not awake, nor shall he be raised from his sleep.

13. O that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me, until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!

14. If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my service will I wait, till my reward comes.

15. You shall call, and I will answer you; you should have a desire for the work of your hands.

16. For now you number my steps; do you not watch for my sin?

17. My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and you would cover over my iniquity.

18. And surely the mountain falling crumbles away, and the rock is removed from its place.

19. The waters wear the stones; the torrents wash away the dust of the earth; and you destroy the hope of man.
20. You prevail for ever against him, and he passes; you change his countenance, and you send him away.

21. His sons come to honor, and he knows it not; and they are brought low, but he perceives it not.

22. He feels only the pain of his own flesh, and he mourns only for his own soul.
1. Then answered Eliphaz the Teimanite, and said,

ב. וזכות יענה לישראל וסהל קדרים כןו:

2. Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

ג. והנה עבב לא יסホール תימימ לא-יזוהי כם:

3. Should he reason with unprofitable talk? Or with unprofitable speeches?

ד. איה-אם והו נון אראה ותרבש שימה לאמינו-אלה:

4. But you cast off fear, and you slight the prayer that is made before God.

ה. כי-יאלך נון פוך יתבשה לשוון תורמים:

5. For your mouth utters your iniquity, and you choose the tongue of the crafty.

ו. לרשיעת פוך ולא-אחני ושפתיהו צוניה-כה:

6. Your own mouth condemns you, not I; indeed, your own lips testify against you.

ז. הראינוך זכומ חוכל ויופר הפרעות חולה:

7. Are you the first man who was born? Or were you made before the hills?

ח. חכומ אלוהים משמש ותרבש אלוהיך חכמה:

8. Do you listen in to the council of God, and keep wisdom to yourself?

ט. מי-יידעת אלו יברע עבון אלו-עכונת הווא:

9. What do you know that we do not? What do you understand, which is not in us?

יו. ים-ךשך זמר-ךשיך בונ ממון מאובך ימי:

10. With us are both the grey haired and the very old men, much older than your father.
11. Are the consolations of God too small for you? Or the word which deals gently with you?

12. Why does your heart carry you away? And why do your eyes wink,

13. That you turn your spirit against God, and let such words go out from your mouth?

14. What is man, that he should be clean? And he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15. Behold, he puts no trust in his holy ones; even the heavens are not clean in his sight.

16. How much less one who is abominable and filthy? A man who drinks iniquity like water?

17. I will tell you, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare;

18. Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hidden it;

19. To whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

20. The wicked man labors with pain all his days, through the number of years stored up for the tyrant.
21. A dreadful sound is in his ears; in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

22. He does not believe that he will return from darkness, and he is waited for by the sword.

23. He wanders abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? He knows that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24. Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, like a king ready to the battle.

25. For he stretches out his hand against God, and behaves arrogantly against the Almighty.

26. He runs upon him with neck armor, with a thick bossed shield.

27. Because he has covered his face with his fat, and gathered fat upon his loins.

28. And has lived in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabits, which are ready to become heaps.

29. He shall not be rich, nor shall his wealth continue, nor shall their produce bend to the earth.
30. He shall not depart from darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

31. Let him not trust in falsehood, deceiving himself; for falsehood shall be his recompense.

32. It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

33. He shall shake off his unripe grape like the vine, and shall cast off his flower like the olive tree.

34. For the company of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tents of bribery.

35. They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepares deceit.
1. Then Job answered and said,

2. I have heard many such things; miserable comforters are you all.

3. Shall windy words have an end? Or what provokes you to answer?

4. I also could speak like you do, if your soul were in my soul's stead; I could join words together against you, and shake my head at you.

5. I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

6. Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged; and though I forbear, what am I eased?

7. But now he has made me weary; you have made desolate all my company.

8. And you have filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me; and my leanness rising up against me bears witness to my face.

9. He tears me in his wrath, and hates me; he gnashes at me with his teeth; my enemy sharpens his eyes upon me.
10. They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have struck me on the cheek scornfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

11. God has delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over to the hands of the wicked.

12. I was at ease, but he broke me asunder; he also took me by my neck, and shook me to pieces, and set me up for his target.

13. His archers surround me, he cleaves my insides asunder, and does not spare; he pours out my gall on the ground.

14. He breaks me with breach upon breach, he runs upon me like a giant.

15. I have sewn sackcloth on my skin, and have laid my horn in the dust.

16. My face is reddish with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death;

17. Though no injustice is in my hands, and my prayer is pure.

18. O earth, cover not my blood, and let my cry find no resting place.

19. Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my testimony is on high.
20. My friends scorn me; my eye pours out tears to God.

כ. מליצי רתי אל-אלהי דילפה עיני:

21. O that a man might plead his cause with God, like a man with his neighbor!

כ. כי-שבת מ甥ור יאתיי ואזה אלהי לא-אשב אהלך:

22. For when a few years have come, I shall go the way from where I shall not return.
1. My spirit is broken, my days are extinct, the grave is ready for me.

2. Are there not mockers with me? And does not my eye dwell on their provocation?

3. Give now a pledge, be surety for me with yourself. Who else is there who will strike hands with me?

4. For you have closed their heart from understanding; therefore you shall not exalt them.

5. They are like one who gives his friends a share, while the eyes of his children fail.

6. He has made me also a byword of the people; and I shall be a horror to every face.

7. My eye is dim because of sorrow, and all my members are like a shadow.

8. Upright men shall be astonished at this, and the blameless shall stir up himself against the godless.

9. The righteous shall hold on his way, and he who has clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger.
10. But as for you all, return, and come now; for I cannot find one wise man among you.

11. My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

12. They change the night into day, saying, the light is near, when the darkness is at hand.

13. If I look to Sheol as my home; if I spread my couch in the darkness.

14. If I say to the pit, You are my father; to the worm, You are my mother, and my sister.

15. Where then is my hope? Who shall see my hope?

16. Will they go down with me to the bars of Sheol? Shall we descend together to the dust?
1. Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2. How long will you make a perversion of words? Consider, and then we will speak.

3. Why are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?

4. He tears himself in his anger; shall the earth be forsaken for you? And shall the rock be removed from his place?

5. Indeed, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

6. The light shall be dark in his tent, and his candle above him shall be put out.

7. The steps of his strength shall be shortened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

8. For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walks on a pitfall.

9. A trap shall catch him by the heel, and a snare shall prevail against him.

10. A rope is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.
11. Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall chase him at his heels.

12. His strength shall be hunger bitten, and calamity shall be ready at his side.

13. It shall devour the limbs of his skin; death's firstborn shall devour his own limbs.

14. He shall be cut off from the tent in which he trusted, and shall be brought to the king of terrors.

15. In his tent dwells that which is none of his; brimstone shall be scattered on his habitation.

16. His roots shall be dried up beneath, and his branches shall wither above.

17. His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

18. He shall be driven from light into darkness, and driven out of the world.

19. He shall not have a great grandson nor a grandson among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

20. Those who come after him shall be astonished at his day, as those who went before were frightened.
21. Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him who does not know God.
1. Then Job answered and said,

2. How long will you torment my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

3. These ten times have you reproached me; are you not ashamed that you slight me?

4. And if indeed I have erred, my error remains with myself.

5. If indeed you will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach;

6. Know now that God has overthrown me, and has surrounded me with his net.

7. Behold, I cry out Violence, but I am not heard; I cry aloud, but there is no justice.

8. He has walled up my way so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness in my paths.

9. He has stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.
10. He has destroyed me on every side, and I am gone; and my hope he has he
removed like a tree.

11. He has kindled his wrath against me, and he regards me as one of his
enemies.

12. His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp
around my tent.

13. He has put my brothers far away from me, and my acquaintances are
wholly estranged from me.

14. My relatives have failed, and my close friends have forgotten me.

15. Those who dwell in my house, and my maidservants, regard me as a
stranger; I am an alien in their sight.

16. I called my servant, and he gave me no answer, though I beseeched him
with my mouth.

17. My breath is repulsive to my wife, and my cries to my own children.

18. Indeed, young children despised me; I arose, and they spoke against me.

19. All my close friends loathed me; and they whom I loved are turned against me.
20. My bone cleaves to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

21. Have pity on me, have pity on me, O my friends; for the hand of God has touched me.

22. Why do you, like God, persecute me, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23. Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

24. That they were engraved with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

25. For I know that my avenger lives, and that he, who outlives all things, will rise when I shall be dust.

26. And even after my skin is torn from my body, from my flesh will I see God;

27. Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another; though my insides are consumed.

28. And if you should say, Why do we persecute him? Is not the root of the matter found in me?

29. Be afraid of the sword; for wrath brings the punishment of the sword, that you may know that there is a judgment.
1. Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said:

2. Therefore my thoughts answer me, because of my agitation inside me.

3. I have heard the censure which insults me, and the spirit of my understanding causes me to answer.

4. Do you know this from old, since man was placed on earth,

5. That the exulting of the wicked is short, and that the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment?

6. Though his excellency mounts up to the heavens, and his head reaches to the clouds;

7. Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung; those who have seen him shall say, Where is he?

8. He shall fly away like a dream, and shall not be found; he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

9. The eye which saw him shall see him no more; nor shall his place behold him any more.
10. His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall give back his goods.

11. His bones are full of youth, but it shall lie down with him in the dust.

12. Though wickedness is sweet in his mouth, though he hides it under his tongue;

13. Though he spares it, and forsakes it not; but keeps it still in his mouth;

14. Yet the food in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps inside him.

15. He has swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again; God shall cast them from his belly.

16. He shall suck the poison of asps; the viper's tongue shall slay him.

17. He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the streams of honey and curds.

18. He shall restore that what he labored for, and shall not swallow it down; from the rewards of his trading he will have no enjoyment.

19. Because he has oppressed and has forsaken the poor; because he has violently seized a house which he did not build;
20. Because his greed knew no rest, he shall not save anything of that which he desired.

21. None of his food shall be left; therefore his goods shall not endure.

22. In the fullness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits; all the force of misery shall come upon him.

23. When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain it upon him into his flesh.

24. He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of bronze shall strike him through.

25. It is drawn, and comes out of his body; the glittering blade comes from his gall; terrors are upon him.

26. Utter darkness is laid up for his treasures; a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him who is left in his tent.

27. The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.

28. The yield of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

29. This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed to him by God.
1. Then Job answered and said,

2. Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations.

3. Bear with me, and I will speak, and after I have spoken, mock on.

4. As for me, is my complaint to man? Why should I not be impatient?

5. Turn to me, and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth.

6. When I remember I am afraid, and trembling takes hold on my flesh.

7. Why do the wicked live, become old, grow mighty in power?

8. Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

9. Their houses are safe from fear, and the rod of God is not upon them.

10. Their bull breeds without fail; their cow calves, and does not cast her calf.
11. They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

12. They take the tambourine and lyre, and rejoice at the sound of the pipe.

13. They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to Sheol.

14. Therefore they say to God, Depart from us; for we do not desire the knowledge of your ways.

15. What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? And what profit should we have, if we pray to him?

16. Behold, is not their good in their hand? Let the counsel of the wicked be far from me.

17. How often is the candle of the wicked put out? And when does their calamity come upon them? Does he distribute sorrows in his anger?

18. Are they like stubble before the wind, and like chaff that the storm carries away?

19. God lays up his iniquity for his children; let him reward him, that he may know it.

20. Let his eyes see his destruction, and let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
21. For what pleasure has he in his house after him, when the number of his months is already complete?

22. Shall any teach God knowledge? Seeing he judges those who are high.

23. One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

24. His vessels are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

25. And another dies in the bitterness of his soul, and has never eaten of good things.

26. They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

27. Behold, I know your thoughts, and your plots to wrong me.

28. For you say, Where is the house of the prince? And where is the tent where the wicked dwells?

29. Have you not asked those who go by the way? And do you not know their signs,

30. That the wicked is reserved for the day of destruction? That they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath?
31. Who shall declare his way to his face? And who shall repay him what he has done?

32. For he shall be brought to the grave, and watch kept over his tomb.

33. The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him, and every man shall draw after him, and without number are those who go before him.

34. Why then do you comfort in vain, seeing that in your answers remains nothing but falsehood?
1. Then Eliphaz the Teimanite answered and said,

2. Can a man be profitable to God. Surely he who is wise is profitable to himself.

3. Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that you are righteous? Or is it any gain to him, that you make your ways blameless?

4. Will he reprove you for your fear? Will he enter with you into judgment?

5. Is not your wickedness great? And your iniquities infinite?

6. For you have taken pledges from your brother for nothing, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

7. You have not given water to the weary to drink, and you have withheld bread from the hungry.

8. But like the mighty man who possesses the land; and the honorable man who dwells in it,

9. You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the orphan have been broken.
10. Therefore snares are around you, and sudden fear troubles you;

11. Or darkness, that you can not see; and abundance of waters covers you.

12. Is not God in the height of heaven? And behold the height of the stars, how high they are!

13. And you say, How does God know? Can he judge through the dark cloud?

14. Thick clouds cover him, so that he sees not; and he walks in the circuit of heaven.

15. Have you marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?

16. Who were cut down before their time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood;

17. Who said to God, Depart from us; and what can the Almighty do for them?

18. Yet he filled their houses with good things; but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

19. The righteous see it, and are glad; and the blameless laugh them to scorn.
20. Surely our adversaries are cut off, and the remnant of them is consumed by fire.

21. Acquaint now yourself with him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come to you.

22. Receive, I beseech you, the Torah from his mouth, and lay up his words in your heart.

23. If you return to the Almighty, you shall be built up, you shall put away iniquity far from your tent.

24. And you shall lay up gold like dust, and the gold of Ophir like the stones of the brooks.

25. Indeed, the Almighty shall be your gold, and your precious silver.

26. For then you shall have your delight in the Almighty, and shall lift up your face to God.

27. You shall make your prayer to him, and he shall hear you, and you shall pay your vows.

28. You shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established to you; and the light shall shine upon your ways.
29. When men have humbled you, you shall say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

30. He saves the blameless man; and you will be saved through the purity of your hands.
1. Then Job answered and said,

2. Also today is my complaint bitter; my stroke is heavy because of my groaning.

3. Oh that I knew where I might find him! That I might come even to his seat!

4. I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

5. I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me.

6. Would he dispute against me with his great power? No; but he would give heed to me.

7. There the upright might reason with him; so should I be acquitted for ever by my judge.

8. Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him;

9. On the left hand, where he works, but I cannot behold him; he hides himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him;
10. For he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come forth like gold.

11. My foot has held fast to his steps, his way have I kept, and not turned aside.

12. Nor have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

13. But he is unchangeable, and who can turn him? And he does what his soul desires.

14. For he performs the thing that is appointed for me; and many such things are with him.

15. Therefore am I terrified at his presence; when I consider, I am afraid of him.

16. For God makes my heart faint, and the Almighty terrifies me;

17. Because I was not cut off before the darkness, nor has he covered the darkness from my face.
1. Why are not times of judgment treasured by the Almighty? And why do those who know him never see his days?

2. Some remove the landmarks; they violently seize flocks, and feed them.

3. They drive away the ass of the orphan, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4. They turn the needy from the road; the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

5. Behold, like wild asses in the desert, they go forth to their work, seeking prey in the wilderness, which yields food for them and their children.

6. They reap his grain in the field; and they glean the vineyard of the wicked.

7. They lie all night naked without clothing, and they have no covering in the cold.

8. They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for lack of a shelter.

9. They pluck the orphan from the breast, and take a pledge from the poor,
10. Who go naked without clothing, and they who carry the sheaf are hungry.

11. They make oil among the olive rows of the wicked; they tread the wine presses and suffer thirst.

12. Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded cries out; yet God does not lay blame on them.

13. They are of those who rebel against the light; they know not its ways, nor abide in its paths.

14. The murderer rising with the light kills the poor and needy, and in the night he is like a thief.

15. The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me; and he disguises his face.

16. In the dark they dig through houses, by day they shut themselves up; they do not know the light.

17. For the morning is to them like a deep darkness; for he knows the terrors of deep darkness.

18. He was swift upon the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth; no treader turns toward their vineyards.
19. Drought and heat consume the snow waters; so does Sheol those who have sinned.

20. The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken like a tree.

21. He preys on the barren childless woman; and does not do good to the widow.

22. He draws the mighty away with his power; he rises up, and no man is sure of life.

23. Though it be given him to be in safety, on which he rests; yet his eyes are upon their ways.

24. They are exalted for a little while, but then they are gone; brought low at all and they are shut up; they are cut off like the tops of the ears of grain.

25. And if it is not so now, who will prove me a liar, and show that my speech is worth nothing?
1. Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2. Dominion and fear are with him; he makes peace in his high places.

3. Is there any number to his armies? And upon whom does not his light arise?

4. How then can man be justified with God? Or how can he be clean who is born of a woman?

5. Behold, even the moon is not bright; and the stars are not pure in his sight.

6. How much less man, who is a worm? And the son of man, which is a maggot?
1. And Job answered and said,

2. How have you helped him who is powerless? How have you saved the arm that has no strength?

3. How have you counselled him who has no wisdom? And how have you plentifully declared sound wisdom?

4. To whom have you uttered words? And whose spirit came from you?

5. The shades tremble; the waters beneath with its inhabitants.

6. Sheol is naked before him, and Avaddon has no covering.

7. He stretches out the north over the void, and hangs the earth upon nothing.

8. He binds up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not torn under them.

9. He closes in the face of his throne, and spreads his cloud upon it.

10. He has surrounded the waters with bounds, at the boundary between light and darkness.
11. The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.

12. He stirs up the sea with his power, and by his understanding he struck Rahab.

13. By his wind he has made the heavens fair; his hand slew the fleeing serpent.

14. Behold, these are but parts of his ways; but how terrifying is the thing that is heard of him! And who can understand the thunder of his power?
1. And Job continued his discourse, and said,

2. As God lives, who has taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who has tormented my soul;

3. All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

4. My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

5. Far be it from me that I should justify you; till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.

6. My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go; my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

7. Let my enemy be like the wicked, and he who rises up against me like the unrighteous.

8. For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he has gained, when God takes away his soul?

9. Will God hear his cry when trouble comes upon him?
10. Will he delight himself in the Almighty? Will he always call upon God?

יָאִי אָוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר בַּיַּהֲנֶנָּה יִשָּׁר עַל-עַמָּנֶיהָ לֹא אָכְרָה.

11. I will teach you concerning the hand of God; I will not conceal that which is with the Almighty.

יָב. וּמַאֲתַם בַּלָּכֶם חָיוֹת לֶמֶחֶה-זֶה בְּבֵלָה חַבִּלָה:

12. Behold, all of you have seen it yourselves; why then do you altogether breathe emptiness?

יָג. וּהַךְ הַךְ-אֶזְמַח לַשֵּׁע עָמָּל-אֶזְמַח בְּרָמָּה עָרַה לִפְשׁוֹת-זֶה:

13. This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive from the Almighty.

יָד. אָמ-יָרְגֹּב בַּבְּנֵי לַמֵּה-תָּרָב וּצָאַצֶּאֵי לֹא יִשְׂפְּעֵו-לֹחַם:

14. If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword; and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

סוּ. שְׂרֵדיָה בֵּמַעַת יִשָּׁר-אֲרָמֹנִית יִלְּשֶׁבֶּהוּ לֹא תֹּכְבֻּד:

15. Those who survive him shall be buried by some other death; and his widows shall not weep.

טוּ. אָמ-יָצַבְרָה בֵּשֶׁפֶר בְּשֶׁפֶר יִבְסְמוּ צִוָּיָה לַסְּפָר-לֹחַם:

16. Though he heaps up silver like dust, and pile up clothing like clay;

יוּ. יִכַּסְיוּ יָדִיעָה לֶמֶחֶה בֵּשֶׁפֶר בְּשֶׁפֶר-זֶה:

17. He may pile it up, but the just shall put it on, and the blameless shall divide the silver.

יִה. בֹּנְהָ בֵּשֶׁפֶר יִבְסְמוּ בֵּשֶׁפֶר שֶׁפֶר-זֶה:

18. He builds his house like the moth, and like a booth which the watchman makes.
19. The rich man shall lie down, as though his wealth can not be summed up; he opens his eyes, and it is gone.

20. Terrors overtake him like waters, a tempest steals him away in the night.

21. The east wind carries him away, and he is gone; and it sweeps him out of his place.

22. It hurls itself at him and does not spare; he would flee from his hand in headlong flight.

23. Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him from his place.
1. Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place for gold where they refine it.

2. Iron is taken from the earth, and copper is smelted from the ore.

3. He puts an end to darkness, and searches out all perfection; the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

4. He breaks open a water course in a place far from inhabitants; they are forgotten by travellers; they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

5. As for the earth, from it comes bread; and under it is turned up as by fire.

6. Its stones are the place of sapphires; and it has dust of gold.

7. There is a path which no bird of prey knows, and which the falcon's eye has not seen;

8. The lion's cubs have not trodden it, nor has the fierce lion passed by it.

9. He puts forth his hand upon the rock; he overturns the mountains by the roots.

10. He cuts out channels among the rocks; and his eye sees every precious thing.
11. He binds the floods so that they do not trickle; and the thing that is hidden
he brings forth to light.

12. But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?

13. Man does not know its price; nor is it found in the land of the living.

14. The depth says, It is not in me; and the sea says, It is not with me.

15. It cannot be acquired for gold, nor shall silver be weighed for its price.

16. It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the
sapphire.

17. Gold and glass cannot equal it; nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine
gold.

18. No mention shall be made of coral, or of crystal; for the price of wisdom is
above rubies.

19. The topaz of Cush cannot not equal it, nor can it be valued in pure gold.

20. From where does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?
21. Seeing it is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the air.

22. Avaddon and death say, We have heard of its fame with our ears.

23. God understands its way, and he knows its place.

24. For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under the whole heaven;

25. When he makes a weight for the winds; and he weighs the waters by measure.

26. When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder;

27. Then he saw it, and declare it; he established it and searched it out.

28. And to man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.
1. And Job continued his discourse, and said:

2. Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me.

3. When his candle shone on my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

4. As I was in the days of my youth, when God shielded my tent.

5. When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were around me;

6. When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured out for me streams of oil;

7. When I went out to the gate of the city, when I prepared my seat in the square!

8. The young men saw me, and hid themselves; and the aged arose, and stood up.

9. The princes refrained from talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.
10. The voice of the nobles was hushed, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

11. When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me;

12. Because I saved the poor who cried, and the orphan, who had nobody to help him.

13. The blessing of him who was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

14. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a diadem.

15. I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame.

16. I was a father to the poor; and I searched out the cause which I did not know.

17. And I broke the jaws of the wicked man, and plucked the prey from his teeth.

18. Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days like the sand.

19. My root spread out by the waters, and the dew laid all night upon my branch.
20. My glory was fresh in me, and my bow ever new in my hand.

21. To me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

22. After my words they did not speak again; and my speech dropped upon them.

23. And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.

24. If I laughed at them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

25. I chose out their way, and sat like a chief, and dwelt like a king in the army, like one who comforts the mourners.
1. But now those who are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I
would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

2. What could I gain from the strength of their hands, men whose vigor is gone?

3. Through want and famine they are solitary; they flee into the wilderness, into
a gloomy waste and desolation.

4. They pick up mallows by the bushes, and roots of broom for their warmth.

5. They are driven forth from among men, they shout after them as after a thief,

6. To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.

7. Among the bushes they bray; under the nettles they huddle together.

8. They are children of fools, children of base men; they have been whipped out
of the land.

9. And now am I their song, I am their byword.

10. They loathe me, they flee far from me, and do not spare to spit in my face.

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11. Because he has loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also cast off restraint before me.

12. On my right hand rise the youthful rabble; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

13. They break up my path, they further my calamity, they have no need for help.

14. They come upon me as through a wide breach; amid the crash they roll on.

15. Terrors are turned upon me; my dignity is pursued as by the wind; and my prosperity passes away like a cloud.

16. And now my soul is poured out within me; the days of affliction have taken hold of me.

17. My bones are pierced in me in the night season; and my sinews take no rest.

18. By the great force of my disease is my skin changed; it binds me around like the collar of my coat.

19. He has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes.

20. I cry to you, and you do not answer me; I stand up, and do you then regard me?
21. You have become cruel to me; with your strong hand you oppose yourself against me.

22. You lift me up to the wind; you make me ride on it, and the roar of the storm dissolves me.

23. For I know that you will bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

24. But does not one in a heap of ruins stretch out his hand, and in his disaster cry for help?

25. Did I not weep for him who was in trouble? Was not my soul grieved for the poor?

26. When I looked for good, then evil came to me; and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

27. My bowels are in turmoil, and they do not rest; days of affliction have come upon me.

28. I go blackened but not by the sun; I stand up, and I cry in the congregation.

29. I am a brother to jackals, and a companion to owls.
30. My skin turns black and falls from me, and my bones burn with heat.

31. And my lyre is turned to mourning, and my pipe to the voice of those who weep.
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1. I made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a virgin?

2. For what would be my portion from God above? And my inheritance from the Almighty on high?

3. Does not destruction befall the wicked? And disaster the workers of iniquity?

4. Does he not see my ways, and count all my steps?

5. If I have walked with falsehood, or if my foot has hastened to deceit;

6. Let me be weighed in an even scale so that God may know my integrity.

7. If my step has turned from the way, and my heart walked after my eyes, and if any spot has cleaved to my hands;

8. Then let me sow, and let another eat; let my offspring be rooted out.

9. If my heart has been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbor's door;

10. Then let my wife grind for another, and let others bow down upon her.
11. For that would be a heinous crime; it would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

12. For it is a fire that consumes to Avaddnon, and would burn to the root all my produce.

13. If I despised the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they disputed with me;

14. What then shall I do when God rises up? And when he inquires, what shall I answer him?

15. Did he, who made me in the womb, not make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?

16. If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

17. Or if I have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the orphan has not eaten of it;

18. For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;

19. If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;
20. If his loins have not blessed me, and if he was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

21. If I have lifted up my hand against the orphan, when I saw my help in the gate;

22. Then let my arm fall from my shoulder blade, and my arm be broken from the bone.

23. For destruction from God was a terror to me, and because of his majesty I could do nothing.

24. If I have made gold my hope, or if I have said to the fine gold, You are my confidence;

25. If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because my hand had acquired much;

26. If I have looked at the sun when it shone, or at the moon moving in brightness;

27. And my heart has been secretly enticed, or my mouth has kissed my hand;

28. This would also be an iniquity to be punished by the judge; for I should have denied the God who is above.
29. Did I rejoice at the destruction of him who hated me, or exulted when evil overtook him?

30. I have not suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.

31. Have not the men of my tent said; Who is there who has not been satisfied with his meat?

32. The sojourner did not lodge in the street; I opened my doors to the traveller.

33. Have I covered my transgressions like Adam, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom?

34. Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door?

35. Oh that one would hear me! Here is my mark, let the Almighty answer me! And that my adversary would write a book of his indictment!

36. Surely I would carry it upon my shoulder, and I would bind it on me as a crown.

37. I would account to him all my steps; like a prince I would approach him.

38. If my land cries against me, or its furrows complain together;
39. If I have eaten its fruits without money, or have caused its owners to lose their life;

40. Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.
1. So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

2. Then the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, burned; his anger burned against Job, because he justified himself rather than God.

3. His anger also burned against his three friends, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

4. Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job, because they were older than he.

5. When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his anger burned.

6. And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and you are very old; therefore I was afraid, and did not dare to express my opinion to you.

7. I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

8. But there is a spirit in man; and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.
9. Not many men are wise; nor do the aged understand judgment.

10. Therefore I said, Listen to me; let me also express my opinion.

11. Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, while you searched out what to say.

12. I attended to you, and, behold, among you there was not one who convinced Job, or who answered his words;

13. Beware lest you should say, We have found out wisdom; God thrusts him down, not man.

14. Now he has not directed his words against me; therefore, I will not answer him with your speeches.

15. They are amazed, they answer no more; they left off speaking.

16. And shall I wait because they do not speak, because they stand there and answer no more?

17. I also will answer my part, I also will express my opinion.

18. For I am full of words, the spirit inside me constrains me.
19. Behold, my belly is like wine which has no vent; it is ready to burst like new wineskins.

20. I will speak, that I may find relief; I will open my lips and answer.

21. Let me not, I beseech you, respect any man's person, nor let me give flattering titles to any man.

22. For I do not know how to flatter; else my master would soon put an end to me.
1. Therefore, Job, I beseech you, hear my speeches, and listen to all my words.

2. Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue has spoken in my mouth.

3. My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart; and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

4. The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty has given me life.

5. If you can answer me, set your words in order before me, stand up.

6. Behold, I am toward God as you are; I also am formed from clay.

7. Behold, my terror shall not make you afraid, nor shall my pressure be heavy upon you.

8. Surely you have spoken in my hearing, and I have heard the voice of your words, saying:

9. I am clean without transgression, I am blameless; and there is no iniquity in me.

10. Behold, he finds occasions against me, he regards me as his enemy,
11. He puts my feet in the stocks, he marks all my paths.

12. Behold, in this you are not right; I will answer you, that God is greater than man.

13. Why do you strive against him seeing that none of his words will answer you?

14. For God speaks once, twice, yet man does not perceive it.

15. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while they slumber on their beds;

16. Then he opens the ears of men, and with discipline seals their instruction,

17. That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

18. He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

19. He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain;

20. So that his life loathes bread, and his soul dainty food.
21. His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

22. His soul draws near to the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23. If there is an angel with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to declare to man what is right;

24. Then he is gracious to him, and says, Save him from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom.

25. His flesh shall be smoother than a child’s; he shall return to the days of his youth;

26. He shall pray to God, and he will be favorable to him; and he shall see his face with joy; for he will render to man his righteousness.

27. He should then assemble a row of men, and say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

28. Thus he will redeem his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

29. Behold, God does all these things twice or three times with a man,

30. To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.
31. Mark well, O Job, listen to me; hold your peace, and I will speak.

32. If you have any thing to say, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify you.

33. If not, listen to me; hold your peace, and I shall teach you wisdom.
1. Furthermore, Elihu answered and said,

2. Hear my words, O you wise men; and give ear to me, you who have knowledge.

3. For the ear tests words, like the palate tastes food.

4. Let us choose what is right; let us know among ourselves what is good.

5. For Job has said, I am righteous; and God has taken away my right.

6. In spite of my right I am considered a liar; my wound is incurable, though I am without transgression.

7. What man is like Job, who drinks up scorning like water?

8. Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity, and walks with wicked men.

9. For he has said, It profits a man nothing that he should take delight in God.

10. Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding; far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.
11. For according to the work of a man shall he pay back to him, and according to his ways will he cause to befall every man.

12. Surely God will not do wickedly, nor will the Almighty pervert justice.

13. Who has given him a charge over the earth? Or who has disposed the whole world?

14. If he sets his heart upon man, if he gathers to himself his spirit and his breath;

15. All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn back to dust.

16. If now you have understanding, hear this; listen to the voice of my words.

17. Shall one who hates right govern? And will you condemn him who is most just?

18. Who says to a king, You are worthless? And to princes, You are wicked?

19. How much less to him who does not respect the persons of princes, nor regards the rich more than the poor? For they all are the work of his hands.

20. In a moment they die, and the people shake at midnight and pass away; and the mighty shall be taken away but not by human hand.
21. For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he sees all his steps.

22. There is no darkness, nor deep gloom, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23. For he will not lay upon man anything more; that he should enter into judgment with God.

24. He shall break in pieces countless mighty men, and set others in their place.

25. Surely he knows their works, and he overthrows them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

26. He strikes them as wicked men in the open sight of others;

27. Because they turned aside from following him, and had no regard for any of his ways;

28. So that they cause the cry of the poor to come to him, and he hears the cry of the afflicted.

29. When he gives quietness, who then can condemn? And when he hides his face, who then can behold him? Whether it is done against a nation, or against a man only;

30. That the hypocrite should not reign, lest the people be trapped.
31. Surely it is proper to say to God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more;

32. Teach me that which I do not see; if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

33. Should he reward it according to your mind, when you refuse his judgment? Should he say, You shall choose and not I; therefore speak what you know.

34. Men of understanding will say to me, and the wise man who hear me will say:

35. Job has spoken without knowledge, and his words lack wisdom.

36. Would that Job were tested to the end because he answers like wicked men!

37. For he adds rebellion to his sin, he strikes his fist among us, and multiplies his words against God.
1. Then Elihu spoke, and said,

2. Do you think that it was just, when you said, My righteousness is more than God's?

3. For you said, What advantage will it be to you? And, What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?

4. I will answer you, and your companions with you.

5. Look to the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than you.

6. If you sin, what do you do against him? Or if your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to him?

7. If you are righteous, what do you give to him? Or what does he receive from your hand?

8. Your wickedness may hurt a man as you are; and your righteousness may profit the son of man.

9. Because of their many oppressors, the oppressed cry; they cry because of the arm of the mighty.
10. But no one says, Where is God my maker, who gives songs in the night;

11. Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth, and makes us wiser than the birds of the skies?

12. There they cry, but he does not answer, because of the pride of evil men.

13. Surely God will not hear an empty cry, nor will the Almighty regard it.

14. Although you say you will not regard him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust in him.

15. But now, because his anger does not punish; and he does not heed the multitude of his words;

16. Therefore Job opens his mouth in empty talk; he multiplies words without knowledge.
1. And Elihu continued, and said:

2. Bear with me a little, and I will show you; for I have yet words to speak on God's behalf.

3. I will fetch my knowledge from far away, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4. For truly my words shall not be false; one who is perfect in knowledge is with you.

5. Behold, God is mighty, and does not despise any; he is mighty in strength of wisdom.

6. He does not preserve the life of the wicked; but gives to the poor their right.

7. He withdraws not his eyes from the righteous; but with kings on the throne; he establishes them for ever, and they are exalted.

8. And if they are bound in fetters, and are held in cords of affliction.

9. Then he declares to them their work, and their transgressions when they behave arrogantly.
10. He opens their ear to discipline, and commands them to return from iniquity.

11. If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

12. But if they do not obey, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

13. But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath; they do not cry when he binds them.

14. They die in youth, and their life ends among the cult prostitutes.

15. He saves the poor through his affliction, and opens their ears by oppression.

16. He has removed you from distress into a broad place, where there is no cramping; and what is set on your table is full of fatness.

17. But you have fulfilled the judgment of the wicked; judgment and justice take hold on you.

18. But beware of wrath, lest he take you away with its clinched fist; nor let the greatness of a ransom turn you aside.

19. Will your riches avail, that are without stint? Or all the forces of your strength.
20. Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.

21. Take heed, regard not iniquity; for this have you chosen rather than affliction.

22. Behold, God is exalted by his power; who teaches like him?

23. Who has enjoined him his way? Or who can say, You have done wrong?

24. Remember that you magnify his work, which men behold.

25. Every man may see it; man may behold it from far away.

26. Behold, God is great, and we know him not, the number of his years is unsearchable.

27. For when he draws up small drops of water; they are distilled into a stream of rain;

28. Which the clouds drop and pour down on man abundantly.

29. Can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?

30. Behold, he spreads his light upon it, and covers the roots of the sea.
31. For by these he judges the people; he gives food in abundance.

32. He covers his hands with the lightning, and commands it where it shall strike.

33. The noise of the storm tells of it, the cattle also of the rising tempest.
1. At this also my heart trembles, and is moved from his place.

2. Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goes out of his mouth.

3. He directs it under the whole heaven, and his lightning to the ends of the earth.

4. After it a voice roars; he thunders with the voice of his excellency; and he will not restrain them when his voice is heard.

5. God thunders marvelously with his voice; he does great things which we cannot comprehend.

6. For he says to the snow, Fall on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

7. He seals up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

8. Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

9. From its chamber comes the storm; and cold from the scattering winds.
10. By the breath of God ice is given; and the broad waters are frozen fast.

11. Also he burdens the thick cloud with an overflow; the cloud scatters lightning;

12. And it is turned around by his counsels; that they may do whatever he commands them upon the face of the world, in the earth.

13. He causes it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for love.

14. Listen to this, O Job; stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

15. Do you know how God lays his command on them, and causes the lightning of his cloud to shine?

16. Do you know the balancing of the clouds, the wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge?

17. You, whose garments are warm, when the earth is quiet because of the south wind?

18. Can you, like him, spread out the sky, which is strong as a molten mirror?

19. Teach us what we shall say to him; for we cannot order our speech because of darkness.
20. Shall it be told him that I would speak? Or should a man wish to be swallowed up?

21. And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds; but the wind passes, and cleanses them.

22. Gold comes from the north; about God is terrible majesty.

23. The Almighty, we cannot find him out; he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in abundant justice; he will not oppress.

24. Men therefore fear him; he regards not any who are wise of heart.
Then the Lord answered Job from the stormy wind, and said,

Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up now your loins like a man; for I will demand of you, and you will answer me.

Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measures, do you know? Or who has stretched the line upon it?

Upon what are its foundations fastened? Or who laid its corner stone,

When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it broke forth, as if it had issued from the womb,

When I made the cloud its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,
10. And prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

11. And said, Thus far shall you come, but no further; and here shall your proud waves be stayed?

12. Have you commanded the morning since your days began; and caused the dawn to know his place,

13. That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

14. It is changed like clay under the seal; and they stand like a garment.

15. And from the wicked their light is withheld, and the uplifted arm shall be broken.

16. Have you entered into the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in the recesses of the depth?

17. Have the gates of death been opened to you? Or have you seen the doors of deepest darkness?

18. Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare if you know it all.

19. Where is the way where light dwells? And as for darkness, where is its place,
20. That you should take it to its boundaries, and that you should know the paths to its house?

21. You know it, because you were then born, and because the number of your days is great.

22. Have you entered the storehouses of the snow? Or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,

23. Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

24. By what way is the light parted, or the east wind scattered upon the earth?

25. Who has divided a watercourse for the torrents of rain, or a way for the lightning of thunder,

26. To cause it to rain on a land where no man is; on the wilderness where there is no man,

27. To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

28. Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew?
29. Out of whose womb came the ice? And the hoary frost of heaven, who has given it birth?

30. The waters are hidden as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

31. Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, or loose the cords of Orion?

32. Can you bring forth the Mazzaroth in their season? Or can you guide the Bear with his sons?

33. Do you know the ordinances of heaven? Can you establish its dominion on earth?

34. Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover you?

35. Can you send lightnings, that they may go, and say to you, Here we are?

36. Who has put wisdom in the inward parts? Or who has given understanding to the heart?

37. Who can number the clouds in wisdom? Or who can refill the bottles of heaven,

38. When the dust becomes a mass, and the clods cleave fast together?
39. Will you hunt the prey for the lion? Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

40. When they couch in their dens, and lie in wait in their covert?

41. Who provides for the raven his food? When his young ones cry to God and wander for lack of food?
1. Do you know the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? Or can you mark when the hinds calve?

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5. Who has sent out the wild ass free? Or who has loosed the bands of the swift ass,

6. To whom I have given the wilderness for his home, and the barren land for his dwelling?

7. He scorns the tumult of the city, nor does he regard the shouts of the driver.

8. The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searches after every green thing.

9. Will the wild ox be willing to serve you? Or will he abide by your crib?
10. Can you bind the wild ox with ropes in the furrow? Or will he harrow the valleys after you?

11. Will you trust him, because his strength is great? Or will you leave your labor to him?

12. Will you believe him, that he will bring home your seed, and gather it into your barn?

13. The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are they the pinions and feathers of the stork?

14. For she leaves her eggs in the earth, and warms them in dust,

15. And forgets that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.

16. She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers; though her labor is in vain, she is without fear;

17. Because God has deprived her of wisdom, nor has he given understanding to her.

18. When she lifts up herself on high, she scorns the horse and his rider.

19. Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with power?
20. Do you make him leap like a locust? The glory of his nostrils is terrible.

21. He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength; he goes on to meet the battle.

22. He mocks at fear, and is not afraid; nor does he turn back from the sword.

23. The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and the javelin.

24. He swallows the ground with fierceness and rage; nor does he believe that it is the sound of the shofar.

25. When the shofar sound he says, Ha, ha; and he smells the battle from far away, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26. Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?

27. Does the vulture mount up at your command, and make her nest on high?

28. She dwells and abides on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

29. From there she seeks the prey, and her eyes behold from far away

30. Her young ones also suck up blood; and where the slain are, there she is.
1. Then the Lord answered Job, and said,

2. Shall a reprover dispute with the Almighty? He who reproaches God let him answer it.

3. Then Job answered the Lord, and said,

4. Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer you? I will lay my hand upon my mouth.

5. Once have I spoken; but I will not answer; twice; but I will proceed no further.

6. Then answered the Lord to Job from the stormy wind, and said,

7. Gird up your loins now like a man; I will demand of you, and declare to me.

8. Will you also disavow my judgment? Will you condemn me, that you may be in the right?

9. Do you have an arm like God? Or can you thunder with a voice like him?
10. Deck yourself now with majesty and excellency; and array yourself with glory and beauty.

11. Cast abroad the rage of your wrath; and behold every one who is arrogant, and abase him.

12. Look on every one who is arrogant, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

13. Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in the hiding place.

14. Then will I also confess to you that your own right hand can save you.

15. Behold now Behemoth, which I made like I made you; he eats grass like an ox.

16. Behold now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the muscles of his belly.

17. He stiffens his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together.

18. His bones are like tubes of bronze; his limbs are like bars of iron.

19. He is the beginning of the ways of God; let him who made him bring near his sword to him.
20. Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

21. He lies under the thorny bushes, in the cover of the reed, and fens.

22. The thorny bushes cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook surround him.

23. Behold, he drinks up a river, and hastens not; he trusts that he can draw the Jordan up into his mouth.

24. Shall any one take him with his eyes open? Or pierce through his nose with a snare? Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook? Or press down his tongue with a cord?

25. Can you put a hook into his nose? Or bore his jaw through with a bridle ring?

26. Will he make many supplications to you? Will he speak soft words to you?

27. Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him for a servant for ever?

28. Will you play with him as with a bird? Or will you bind him for your girls?
30. Shall traders heap up payment for him? Shall they divide him among the merchants?

31. Can you fill his skin with barbed irons? Or his head with fish spears?

32. Lay your hand upon him, you will no more think of fighting!
1. Behold, the hope of him is in vain; shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?

2. None is so fierce that dare stir him up; who then is able to stand before me?

3. Who has a claim on me from before, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.

4. I will hold my peace at him; listen to his words, the report of his power, and his graceful speech.

5. Who can uncover the face of his garment? Or who can come to him with his double bridle?

6. Who can open the doors of his face? Terror is around his teeth.

7. His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.

8. One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

9. They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be separated.
10. His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

11. Out of his mouth go burning torches, and sparks of fire leap out.

12. Out of his nostrils goes smoke, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes.

13. His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes out of his mouth.


15. The flakes of his flesh are joined together; they are firm upon him; they cannot be moved.

16. His heart is hard as a stone; hard like the lower millstone.

17. When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid; because of the crashing they are beside themselves.

18. Though the sword reaches him, it does not avail; nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.

19. He considers iron like straw, and bronze like rotten wood.
20. The arrow cannot make him flee; for him sling stones are turned to stubble.

כ. לא-כבריההו ב-כ-פ-יה ל-ש-ש ו-ה-כ-ו-ו-ו-ו, נ-ב-י-ו-ו:

21. Darts are considered like stubble; he laughs at the shaking of a spear.

כ. מח-ין ח-ר-י ש-ר-ש ו-ר-ו-ם ח-רו-ו-ם ע-ל-ו-ו:

22. His underparts are like sharp potsherds; he spreads himself like a threshing sledge on the mire.

כ. ז-ר-י ש-ס-ר מ-י-י ל-ש-ו-ו ל-ש-ו-ו:

23. He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.

כ. א-ח-ר-יו נ-א-ר ח-ר-י ח-ש-ב ח-ה-ו ל-ש-ו-ו:

24. After him he leaves a shining wake; one would think the deep to be hoary.


25. Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.


26. He beholds all high things; he is a king over all the sons of pride.
1. Then Job answered the Lord, and said,

2. I know that you can do every thing, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

3. Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered what I did not understand; things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

4. Hear, I beseech you, and I will speak; I will demand of you, and declare you to me.

5. I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees you.

6. Therefore I loathe myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

7. And it was so, that after the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Teimanite, My anger burns against you, and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.

8. Therefore take now seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you; for to him I will show favor in not dealing with you according to your folly, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.
9. So Eliphaz the Teimanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according to what the Lord commanded them; the Lord also accepted Job.

10. And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he prayed for his friends; also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11. Then all his brothers came to him, and all his sisters, and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house; and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; every man also gave him a coin, and everyone an earring of gold.

12. So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand female asses.

13. He also had seven sons and three daughters.

14. And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Keren-Happuch.

15. And in all the land no women were found so pretty as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.
16. And after this Job lived a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his grandsons, four generations.

17. And Job died, old and full of days.
Proverbs Chapter 1

1. The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

2. To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

3. To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

4. To give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

5. A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain to wise counsels;

6. To understand a proverb, and a figure; the words of the wise, and their riddles.

7. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

8. My son, hear the instruction of your father, and forsake not the Torah of your mother;

9. For they shall be an ornament of grace to your head, and chains around your neck.

10. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.
11. If they say, Come with us, let us lay in wait for blood, let us lurk for the innocent without cause;

12. Let us swallow them up alive like Sheol; and whole, like those who go down into the pit;

13. We shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder;

14. Cast in your lot among us; let us all have one purse;

15. My son, do not walk in the way with them; refrain your foot from their path;

16. For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

17. Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

18. And they lay in wait for their own blood; they lurk secretly for their own lives.

19. So are the ways of every one who is greedy of gain; it takes away the life of its owners.

20. Wisdom cries aloud in the street; she utters her voice in the squares;
21. She cries in the chief place of concourse, at the entrance of the gates; in the city she utters her words, saying,

22. How long, you simple ones, will you love being simple? And how long will scorners delight in their scorning? And fools hate knowledge?

23. Turn at my reproof; behold, I will pour out my spirit to you, I will make known my words to you.

24. Because I have called, and you refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25. But you have ignored all my counsel, and would have none of my reproof;

26. I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear comes;

27. When your fear comes like a storm, and your calamity comes like a stormy wind; when distress and anguish comes upon you.

28. Then shall they call on me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me;

29. For they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord;

30. They would have none of my counsel; they despised all my reproof.
31. Therefore they shall eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33. But whoever listens to me shall dwell safely, and shall be at ease without fear of evil.
1. My son, if you will receive my words, and treasure my commandments;

2. So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;

3. Indeed, if you cry after knowledge, and lift up your voice for understanding;

4. If you seek her like silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures;

5. Then shall you understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

6. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

7. He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous; he is a shield to those who walk uprightly.

8. He keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of his pious ones.

9. Then shall you understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; every good path.
10. When wisdom enters into your heart, and knowledge is precious to your soul;

11. Discretion shall preserve you, understanding shall keep you;

12. To save you from the way of the evil man, from the man who speaks perverse things;

13. Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

14. Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of the wicked;

15. Whose ways are crooked, and who are devious in their paths;

16. To save you from the alien woman, from the stranger who speaks smoothly;

17. Who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

18. For her house inclines to death, and her paths to the dead.

19. None that go to her come back, nor do they regain the paths of life.

20. That you may walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.
21. For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the innocent shall remain in it.

22. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.
משלי פרק ג
Proverbs Chapter 3

1. My son, forget not my Torah; but let your heart keep my commandments;
   ב. כי אנך ימי ושנה תימין וישלחו ויסוף כל:

2. For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you.
   ג. חסאר ואמרו אל-.Native קרשך ושלום-גרנורתי ב牒ך צל-ලון לבה:

3. Let not grace and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart;
   ד. יוּשֵׁת-חק וישלך-סוב בצי מunakan אלוהיםך:

4. So shall you find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.
   ה. באת אל-יהוה לכל-לבק לאול-ביינך אל-เทศן:

5. Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding.
   ו. כל-קרבך יעה יהוה י الدراسي:

6. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.
   ז. אל-יהוה קדם בשרניך נרה את-יהוה וסום מרצ:

7. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil.
   ח. ימעות תחת לשרך ישחק ל الذى:

8. It shall be health to your navel, and marrow to your bones.
   ט. בס isr תחת-יהוה ממושך וליאושת לכל-חוב硕士:

9. Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your produce;
   י. ימלא ואספת שבט תוריה יביהן ביטרה:

10. So shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your vats shall burst out with new wine.
11. My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; nor be weary of his correction;

12. For whom the Lord loves he corrects; like a father does with a son in whom he delights.

13. Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gets understanding.

14. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and its gain than fine gold.

15. She is more precious than rubies; and all the things you can desire are not to be compared to her.

16. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.

17. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

18. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold on her; and happy is every one who holds her fast.

19. The Lord by wisdom has founded the earth; by understanding has he established the heavens.

20. By his knowledge the depths were broken up, and the clouds drop down dew.
21. My son, let not them depart from your eyes; keep sound wisdom and discretion;

22. So shall they be life to your soul, and grace to your neck.

23. Then shall you walk in your way safely, and your foot shall not stumble.

24. When you lie down, you shall not be afraid; indeed, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet.

25. Be not afraid of sudden fear, nor of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes.

26. For the Lord shall be your confidence, and shall keep your foot from being caught.

27. Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it.

28. Say not to your neighbor, Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give, when you have it by you.

29. Do not plot evil against your neighbor, seeing he dwells securely by you.

30. Do not strive without cause with a man, if he has done you no harm.
31. Do not envy the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

32. For the perverse is abomination to the Lord; but the righteous are in his confidence.

33. The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked; but he blesses the habitation of the just.

34. Surely he scorns the scorners; but he gives grace to the humble.

35. The wise shall inherit honor; but fools shall get shame.
1. Hear, you children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2. For I give you good doctrine, do not forsake my Torah.

3. For I was my father's son, tender and the only one in the sight of my mother.

4. He taught me also, and said to me, Let your heart retain my words; keep my commandments, and live.

5. Get wisdom, acquire understanding; forget it not; nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

6. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve you; love her, and she shall keep you.

7. The beginning of Wisdom is: Get Wisdom; therefore use all your means to acquire understanding.

8. Exalt her, and she shall promote you; she shall bring you to honor, when you embrace her.

9. She shall give to your head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory shall she bestow on you.
10. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of your life shall be many.

11. I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in paths of rectitude.

12. When you go, your steps shall not be hampered; and when you run, you shall not stumble.

13. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is your life.

14. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

15. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16. For they cannot sleep unless they have done evil deeds; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause someone to fall.

17. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18. But the path of the just is like the shining light, that shines more and more until full day.

19. The way of the wicked is like darkness; they know not at what they stumble.
20. My son, attend to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.

21. Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart.

22. For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

23. Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

24. Put away from you a dissembling mouth, and perverse lips put far from you.

25. Let your eyes look right on, and let your eyelids look straight before you.

26. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be firm.

27. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left; remove your foot from evil.
Proverbs Chapter 5

א. בני לְחֶכֶתְךָ חַרְשֵׁבָה לְחַבְוָתָה חֲמָאָה:

1. My son, attend to my wisdom, and bow your ear to my understanding.

ב. לֶשֶׁם מָנוֹת וְרֵעַ שָׁפָטִיךָ בִּינוֹתָךְ:

2. That you may regard discretion, and that your lips may keep knowledge.

ג. כִּי נֹפֶת חַזֵּקָה שָׁפָטִי זֶה וְחַלֶּקֶתְךָ חֲמָאָה:

3. For the lips of a strange woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil;

ד. אֲנָהָהּ כְּלַשֵּׁקָה צֶרֶון שָׁפָטִי יָמָה:

4. But her end is bitter like wormwood, sharp like a two edged sword.

ה. רַבְלְקָה לַרְדֹּת קְנַת שָׁאֹל לְשָׁפָטִי יָמָה:

5. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold of Sheol.

ו. אוֹתָהּ חַיָּה פִּֽלֶּפֶלָה בֵּאוֹת מַעֲנָלוֹתָה לְאֵרֵא:

6. She does not take heed to her way of life; her paths wander, and she does not know it.

ז. רֵעַתָה בֵּבֵיָה שָׁמְעָה כֹּלַא-תַּסְוָרָה מַאְמֶרֶים-מִי:

7. And now listen to me, O you children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

ח. לָרְדֹּתָה כְּלַשֵּׁקָה דְּרֵכָה כֹּלַא-הָסְכָּרִים אֲנָהָהּ בִּיןָה:

8. Remove your way far from her, and come not near the door of her house;

ט. פֶּרֶס בֵּיתָה לְאַתָּהָהּ חַיָּה אָצָל-הָסְכָּרִים לְאֵרֵא:

9. Lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel;

י. סּוֹ-יָשְׁבָהוּ רוֹזִים קְנַתָּה בְּשָׁפָטִי לְאֵרֵא:

10. Lest strangers be filled with your wealth; and your labors go to the house of a stranger;
11. And you groan when your end comes, when your flesh and your body are consumed.

12. And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof!

13. And I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me!

14. I was almost in all evil in the midst of the assembled congregation.

15. Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well.

16. Should your springs be dispersed abroad, and streams of waters flow in the streets?

17. Let them be for you alone, and not for strangers with you.

18. Let your fountain be blessed; and rejoice with the wife of your youth.

19. Let her be like the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and be you ravished always with her love.

20. And why will you, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of an alien?
21. For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he ponders all his goings.

22. His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be caught fast in the cords of his sins.

23. He shall die for lack of instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.
משלי פורק א
Proverbs Chapter 6

1. My son, if you give surety for your friend, if you have given your pledge for a stranger,

2. If you are trapped with the words of your mouth; if you are taken with the words of your mouth.

3. Do this now, my son, and save yourself, when you come into the hand of your neighbor; go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor.

4. Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids.

5. Save yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, and like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6. Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise;

7. Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8. Provides her bread in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.

9. How long will you sleep, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?

10. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep,
11. So shall poverty come upon you like a vagabond, and want like an armed man.

12. A base person, a wicked man, walks with a crooked mouth.

13. He winks with his eyes, he taps with his feet, he points with his fingers;

14. Perverseness is in his heart, he plots evil continually; he sows discord.

15. Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken beyond remedy.

16. There are six things which the Lord hates, seven which are an abomination to him;

17. An arrogant look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18. A heart that plots wicked plans, feet that swiftly run to evil.

19. A false witness who speaks lies, and he who sows discord among brothers.

20. My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not the Torah of your mother;

21. Bind them continually on your heart, and tie them around your neck.
22. When you walk, it shall lead you; when you sleep, it shall keep you; and when you awake, it shall talk with you.

23. For the commandment is a lamp; and the Torah is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life;

24. To keep you from the evil woman, from the smoothness of the tongue of a strange woman.

25. Lust not after her beauty in your heart; nor let her take you with her eyelids.

26. For by means of a harlot a man is brought to a piece of bread; and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

27. Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

28. Can one go on hot coals, and his feet not be scorched?

29. So he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not go unpunished.

30. Do not men despise a thief, even if he steals to satisfy his soul when he is hungry?

31. And if he is caught, he shall restore seven fold; he shall give all the goods of his house.
32. But whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; he who does it destroys his own soul.

33. A wound and dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

34. For jealousy is the rage of a man; and he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35. He will not regard any ransom; nor will he rest content, though you give many gifts.
1. My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with you.

2. Keep my commandments, and live; and my Torah like the apple of your eye.

3. Bind them on your fingers, write them on the tablet of your heart.

4. Say to wisdom, You are my sister; and call understanding your kinswoman;

5. That they may keep you from the strange woman, from the stranger with her smooth words.

6. For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice,

7. And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

8. Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the road to her house,

9. In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night;

10. And, behold, there met him a woman dressed as a harlot, and wily of heart.
11. She is loud and stubborn; her feet do not remain in her house;

יִאָת נַפְתָּה הֵי נָפְתָּה בָּבִיתָה לָא-יַשְּכִּינָה רֵגְלָיהּ;

12. Now is she outside, now in the streets, and lies in wait at every corner.

יִגַּשְׁקָה בָּהּ לָא הֵנָשֵׁק-לָתָה פִּנֵיה רְצָפוֹר לָא;

13. So she caught hold of him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said to him,

יִד בְּכָה שלִּמְיוּ גֵלֵיל נִיתָם שלִּמְיָה בָּרִי;

14. I have had to sacrifice peace offerings; this day have I paid my vows.

מֹט עֲלֵי-כָּן יְצַאָתָה לְקַרְאָתָה לְשֵׂאָר פִּנֵיה נְפַסְפוֹר רָאְמָעָתָה;

15. Therefore came I forth to meet you, diligently to seek your face, and I have found you.

שֶׁנִּבְרָדוּ מִרְבָּדוּ יְרָשׁ-בָּטוּעֲת אָשָׂא מְצַרְיוֹי;

16. I have decked my bed with coverings, with tapestry of fine linen from Egypt.

יִי בְּכָה בּוֹסֵבֵי מִר אַכָּלָם יְקִימוֹן;

17. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

יִה לַכָּה גֶּרֶם דִּיָּם-זֶר הֵעִנָּר גַּתְסֵלוּת הָכַּפֵּי;

18. Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning; let us delight ourselves with love.

יס שְׁאִי תַּכְאֶש בְּבֵיתוֹ לָלְח בָּרְדָה מְרָתוֹךָ;

19. For my husband is not at home, he has gone on a long journey;

כּוֹרְא-מִקְּפָק לָלְח בּוֹדִי לִיָּם הָכַּפֵּי אַבִּיתוֹ;

20. He has taken a bag of money with him, and will return home at the full moon.
21. With her very pretty speech she seduces him, with her smooth talk she compels him.

22. He goes after her at once, like an ox goes to the slaughter, or like a man in chains to the chastisement of a fool.

23. Till an arrow pierces his liver; like a bird rushes to the trap, and knows not that it is for his life.

24. Listen to me now, O you children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25. Let not your heart decline to her ways, do not go astray in her paths.

26. For she has cast down many wounded; indeed, many strong men have been slain by her.

27. Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death.
1. Does not wisdom call? And understanding put forth her voice?

2. She stands at the top of high places by the way, where the paths meet.

3. She cries at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entrance of the doors.

4. To you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.

5. O you simple, understand wisdom; and, you fools, be you of an understanding heart.

6. Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

7. For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing crooked or perverse in them.

9. They are all plain to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge.

10. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
11. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

12. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find knowledge and discretion.

13. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the perverse mouth, do I hate.

14. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding; I have strength.

15. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

17. I love those who love me; and those who seek me early shall find me.

18. Riches and honor are with me; enduring wealth and righteousness.

19. My fruit is better than gold, better than fine gold; and my produce than choice silver.

20. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment;

21. That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth; and I will fill their treasures.
22. The Lord created me at the beginning of his way, the first of his acts of old.

23. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, even before the earth.

24. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

25. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth;

26. While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

27. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep;

28. When he established the clouds above; when he strengthened the fountains of the deep;

29. When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment; when he appointed the foundations of the earth;

30. Then I was by him, like a little child; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

31. Rejoicing in his inhabited world; and my delights were with the sons of men.
32. Now therefore listen to me, O you children; for happy are they who keep my ways.

33. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

34. Happy is the man who hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35. For whoever finds me finds life, and shall obtain favor from the Lord.

36. But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death.
Proverbs Chapter 9

1. Wisdom has build her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars;

2. She has killed her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

3. She has sent forth her maidens; she calls on the highest places of the city,

4. Whoever is simple, let him turn in here; as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him:

5. Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mixed.

6. Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

7. He who corrects a scorner brings shame on himself; and he who rebukes a wicked man brings on himself a blemish.

8. Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

9. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of holy matters is understanding.
11. For by me your days shall be multiplied, and the years of your life shall be increased.

12. If you are wise, you shall be wise for yourself; but if you scorn, you alone shall bear it.

13. A foolish woman is noisy; she is simple, and knows nothing.

14. For she sits at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

15. To call passers by who go right on their ways;

16. Whoever is simple, let him turn in here; and as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

17. Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

18. But he knows not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.
1. The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a father glad; but a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

2. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteousness saves from death.

3. The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish; but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.

4. A slack hand causes poverty; but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

5. He who gathers in summer is a wise son; but a son who sleeps during the harvest brings shame.

6. Blessings are upon the head of the just; but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

7. The memory of the just is blessed; but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8. The wise in heart will heed commandments; but a prating fool will come to ruin.

9. He who walks uprightly walks surely; but he who perverts his ways shall be found out.
10. He who winks the eye causes trouble; but a prating fool will come to ruin.

11. The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life; but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

12. Hatred stirs up quarrels; but love covers all sins.

13. In the lips of him who has understanding wisdom is found; but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding.

14. Wise men lay up knowledge; but the mouth of the fool brings ruin near.

15. The rich man's wealth is his strong city; the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

16. The wage of the righteous leads to life; the gain of the wicked to sin.

17. He who keeps instruction is in the way of life; but he who refuses reproof goes astray.

18. He who hides hatred has lying lips, and he who utters a slander is a fool.

19. In the multitude of words sin is not lacking; but he who restrains his lips is wise.
20. The tongue of the just is like choice silver; the heart of the wicked is little worth.

21. The lips of the righteous feed many; but fools die for lack of wisdom.

22. The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

23. It is like sport to a fool to do wrong; likewise it is to a man of understanding to practice wisdom.

24. What the wicked fears shall come upon him; but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

25. As the stormy wind which passes, so is the wicked no more; but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

26. As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.

27. The fear of the Lord prolongs days; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28. The hope of the righteous shall be gladness; but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
29. The way of the Lord is a fortress to the upright; but it is destruction to the workers of iniquity.

30. The righteous shall never be removed; but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

31. The mouth of the just brings forth wisdom; but the perverse tongue shall be cut out.

32. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable; but the mouth of the wicked speaks what is perverse.
Proverbs Chapter 11

1. A false scale is an abomination to the Lord; but a just weight is his delight.

2. When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom.

3. The integrity of the upright shall guide them; but the perverseness of the faithless shall destroy them.

4. Riches profit not in the day of wrath; but righteousness saves from death.

5. The righteousness of the innocent shall direct his way; but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6. The righteousness of the upright shall save them; but transgressors shall be caught by their own lust.

7. When a wicked man dies, his expectation shall perish; and the hope of unjust men perishes.

8. The righteous is saved from trouble, and the wicked gets into it instead.

9. A hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor; but through knowledge shall the just be saved.
10. When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; and when the wicked perish, there is jubilation.

11. By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted; but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12. He who is void of wisdom despises his neighbor; but a man of understanding holds his peace.

13. A talebearer reveals secrets; but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals the matter.

14. Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

15. He who gives surety for a stranger shall smart for it; and he who hates suretyship is secure.

16. A gracious woman obtains honor; and strong men obtain riches.

17. The merciful man does good to his own soul; but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

18. The wicked works a deceitful deed; but to him who sows righteousness shall be a sure reward.
19. He who is firm in righteousness will life; so he who pursues evil comes to his own death.

20. Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the Lord; but those who are upright in their way are his delight.

21. Though who join hands for wicked ends shall not go unpunished; but the seed of the righteous shall be saved.

22. As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a pretty woman who lacks discretion.

23. The desire of the righteous is only good; but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

24. There is one who gives freely, and yet increases; another one withholds what he should give, and only comes to want.

25. The liberal soul shall be made rich; and he who waters shall be himself be watered.

26. He who withholds grain, the people shall curse him; but blessing shall be upon the head of him who sells it.

27. He who diligently seeks good procures favor; but evil comes to him who searches for it.
28. He who trusts in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish like a green leaf.

29. He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind; and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

30. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he who wins souls is wise.

31. Behold, if the righteous is rewarded on earth, how much more the wicked and the sinner!
משלי פרק יב
Proverbs Chapter 12

1. Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge; but he who hates reproof is stupid.

2. A good man obtains favor from the Lord; but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

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

4. A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but she who acts shamefully is as rottenness in his bones.

5. The thoughts of the righteous are right; but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

6. The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood; but the mouth of the upright saves 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 is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
9. Better is a man lightly esteemed who has a servant, than he who honors himself but lacks bread.

10. A righteous man regards the life of his beast; but the heart of the wicked is cruel.

11. He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread; but he who follows vain persons is void of understanding.

12. The wicked craves, he is snared by evil; but the righteous strike root.

13. The wicked is trapped by the transgression of his lips; but the just shall come out of trouble.

14. A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth; and the reward of a man's hands shall be rendered to him.

15. The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he who listens to counsel is wise.

16. A fool's wrath is immediately known; but a prudent man conceals disgrace.

17. He who speaks truth gives just evidence; but a false witness deceits.

18. There is one who speaks like the piercing of a sword; but the tongue of the wise is health.
19. The lip of truth shall be established for ever; but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

20. Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil; but the counsellors of peace have joy.

21. No evil shall happen to the just; but the wicked shall be filled with trouble.

22. Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord; but those who deal truly are his delight.

23. A prudent man conceals knowledge; but the heart of fools proclaims his foolishness.

24. The hand of the diligent man shall bear rule; but the lazy man shall be under tribute.

25. Anxiety in the heart of a man weighs him down; but a good word makes him glad.

26. The righteous guides his neighbour aright; but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

27. The lazy man does not roast his catch; but the diligent man will get precious wealth.

28. In the way of righteousness is life; and in its path there is no death.
1. A wise son hears his father's instruction; but a scorners does not accept rebuke.

2. A man shall eat good from the fruit of his mouth; but the desire of the transgressors is for violence.

3. He who guards his mouth keeps his life; but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

4. The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be richly supplied.

5. A righteous man hates lying; but a wicked man is loathsome, and comes to shame.

6. Righteousness keeps him who is upright in the way; but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

7. There is one who pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; there is one who pretends to be poor, yet has great riches.

8. The ransom of a man's life are his riches; but the poor hears no threat.

9. The light of the righteous rejoices; but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
10. Only by pride comes quarrel; but with the well advised is wisdom.

11. Wealth acquired by vanity shall be diminished; but he who gathers by labor shall increase.

12. Hope deferred makes the heart sick; but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

13. Whoever despises the word shall be destroyed; but he who fears the commandment shall be rewarded.

14. The Torah of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the traps of death.

15. Good understanding gives grace; but the way of the transgressors is hard.

16. In everything a prudent man acts with knowledge; but a fool lays bare his folly.

17. A bad messenger falls into mischief; but a faithful envoy brings healing.

18. Poverty and shame come to him who refuses instruction; but he who heeds reproof shall be honored.

19. A desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul; but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.
20. He who walks with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools will suffer harm.

21. Evil pursues sinners; but to the righteous good shall be repaid.

22. A good man leaves an inheritance to his grandchildren; but the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

23. Much food is in the well tilled acre of the poor; but sometimes ruin comes for lack of judgment.

24. He who spares his rod hates his son; but he who loves him disciplines him early.

25. The righteous eats to satisfy his soul; but the belly of the wicked suffers want.
Proverbs Chapter 14

1. The wisdom of women builds her house; but folly plucks it down with her hands.

2. He who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord; but he who is perverse in his ways despises him.

3. In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride; but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

4. Where no oxen are, the crib is clean; but much increase comes by the strength of the ox.

5. A trusty witness will not lie; but a false witness will utter lies.

6. A scorner seeks wisdom, and does not find it; but knowledge is easy to him who understands.

7. Go from the presence of a foolish man, for in him you do not perceive the lips of knowledge.

8. The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way; but the folly of fools is deceit.

9. Fools mock sin; but among the righteous there is favor.
10. The heart knows his own bitterness; and no stranger shares its joy.

11. The house of the wicked shall be overthrown; but the tent of the upright shall flourish.

12. There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end are the ways of death.

13. Even in laughter the heart aches; and the end of that mirth is grief.

14. The dissembler shall have enough of his own ways; and a good man shall find satisfaction in himself.

15. The simpleton believes every word; but the prudent man looks well where he is going.

16. A wise man fears, and departs from evil; but the fool rages, and is confident.

17. He who is soon angry deals foolishly; and a man of wicked devices is hated.

18. The simple inherit folly; but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19. The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20. The poor is hated even by his own neighbor; but the rich has many friends.
21. He who despises his neighbor sins; but happy is he who is kind to the humble.

22. Do not those who plan evil go astray? But those who plan good shall enjoy loyalty and truth.

23. In all labor there is profit; but the talk of the lips tends only to penury.

24. The crown of the wise is their riches; but the foolishness of fools is folly.

25. A true witness saves lives; but a deceitful witness speaks lies.

26. In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence; and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the traps of death.

28. In the multitude of people is the king's glory; but in the lack of people is the downfall of the prince.

29. He who is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he who is hasty of spirit exalts folly.

30. A sound heart is the life of the flesh; but envy is the rottenness of the bones.
31. He who oppresses the poor blasphemes his maker; but he who has mercy on the poor honors him.

32. The wicked is overthrown through his evil doing; but the righteous has hope in his death.

33. Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding; but that which is in the midst of fools is made known.

34. Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.

35. The king's favor is turned towards a wise servant; but his wrath is against him who causes shame.
Proverbs Chapter 15

1. A soft answer turns away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger.

2. The tongue of the wise dispenses knowledge; but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.

3. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life; but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

5. A fool despises his father's instruction; but he who heeds reproof is prudent.

6. In the house of the righteous there is much treasure; but in the income of the wicked there is trouble.

7. The lips of the wise spread knowledge; but the heart of the foolish does not do so.

8. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord; but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

9. The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord; but he loves him who follows after righteousness.
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10. Correction is grievous to him who forsakes the way; and he who hates reproof shall die.

11. Sheol and destruction are before the Lord; how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

12. A scorners does not like to be reproved; nor will he go to the wise.

13. A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14. The heart of the judicious seeks knowledge; but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

15. All the days of the afflicted are evil; but he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast.

16. Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it.

17. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a fatted ox and hatred with it.

18. A wrathful man stirs up quarrel; but he who is slow to anger appeases quarrels.

19. The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns; but the way of the righteous is level.
20. A wise son makes a father glad; but a foolish man despises his mother.

21. Folly is joy to him who is destitute of wisdom; but a man of understanding walks uprightly.

22. Without counsel purposes are frustrated; but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23. A man has joy in the answer of his mouth; and a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

24. To the wise the way of life leads upward, that he may depart from Sheol beneath.

25. The Lord will destroy the house of the proud; but he will establish the border of the widow.

26. The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord; but pleasant words are pure.

27. He who is greedy of gain troubles his own house; but he who hates bribes shall live.

28. The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer; but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.
29. The Lord is far from the wicked; but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

30. The light of the eyes rejoices the heart; and a good report makes the bones fat.

31. The ear that listens to the reproof of life abides among the wise.

32. He who refuses instruction despises his own soul; but he who hears reproof gets understanding.

33. The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom; and humility is before honor.
משלי פרק טו
Proverbs Chapter 16

1. The thoughts of the heart are man's, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord.

2. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weighs the spirits.

3. Commit your deeds to the Lord, and your thoughts shall be established.

4. The Lord has made all things for himself; even the wicked for the day of evil.

5. Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; those who join hands in an evil cause shall not go unpunished.

6. By loving kindness and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.

7. When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies be at peace with him.

8. Better is a little with righteousness than great income without right.

9. A man's heart devises his way; but the Lord directs his steps.
10. A divine sentence is in the lips of the king; his mouth does not transgress in judgment.

11. A just weight and scale are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work.

12. It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness; for the throne is established by righteousness.

13. Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him who speaks right.

14. The wrath of a king is like messengers of death; but a wise man will pacify it.

15. In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favor is like a cloud that brings spring rain.

16. How much better it is to get wisdom than gold; and to get understanding is preferable to silver;

17. The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; he who guards his way preserves his soul.

18. Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

19. Better it is to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
20. He who considers his words shall find good; and happy is he who trusts in the Lord.

21. The wise in heart shall be called Prudent; and the sweetness of the lips increases learning.

22. Intelligence is a fountain of life to him who has it; but the chastisement of fools is folly.

23. The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.

24. Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25. There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end are the ways of death.

26. The worker's hunger works for him; for his mouth urges him on.

27. A worthless man digs up evil; and in his lips there is a kind of burning fire.

28. A perverse man sows quarrels; and a whisperer separates close friends.

29. A violent man entices his neighbor, and leads him into the way that is not good.
30. He winks his eyes to plan perverse things; pursing his lips he brings evil to pass.

31. The hoary head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness.

32. He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

33. The lot is cast into the lap; but the decision is wholly from the Lord.
Proverbs Chapter 17

1. Better is a dry morsel, and quietness with it, than a house full of feasting with quarrels.

2. A wise slave shall have rule over a son who causes shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brothers.

3. The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but the Lord tests the hearts.

4. A wicked doer gives heed to false lips; and a liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.

5. Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker; and he who is glad at calamities shall not go unpunished.

6. Grandchildren are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

7. Fine speech is not becoming to a fool; still less is lying speech to a prince.

8. A bribe is a precious stone in the eyes of him who gives it; wherever it turns, it prospers.

9. He who covers a transgression seeks love; but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.
10. A reproof enters more into a wise man than a hundred blows into a fool.

11. An evil man seeks only rebellion; and a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

12. Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, rather than a fool in his folly.

13. Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

14. The beginning of a quarrel is like letting out water; therefore quit the dispute, before quarrel breaks out.

15. He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, both of them are abomination to the Lord.

16. Why is the purchase price of wisdom in the hand of a fool, seeing he has no sense?

17. A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18. A man who strikes the palm is void of understanding, and becomes surety in the presence of his friend.

19. He who loves quarrel loves transgression; and he who makes his door high seeks destruction.
20. He who has a crooked heart finds no good; and he who has a perverse tongue falls into mischief.

21. He who begets a fool does it to his sorrow; and the father of a fool has no joy.

22. A merry heart is a good medicine; but a broken spirit dries the bones.

23. A wicked man takes a bribe out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

24. Wisdom is before him who has understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

25. A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.

26. Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike blows to noble men for their integrity.

27. He who has knowledge spares his words; and a man of understanding is slow to anger.

28. Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is counted wise; and he who closes his lips is considered a man of understanding.
1. He who keeps himself apart, desires to satisfy his own vanity; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

2. A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in revealing his heart.

3. When the wicked comes, then comes also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

4. The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters, and the fountain of wisdom like a flowing brook.

5. It is not good to favor the wicked man, and to deprive a righteous man of justice.

6. A fool's lips enter into quarrel, and his mouth invites a flogging.

7. A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the trap of his soul.

8. The words of a talebearer are like delicacies, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body.

9. Also, he who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who destroys.
10. The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it, and is safe.

11. The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his imagination.

12. Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honor goes humility.

13. He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is his folly and shame.

14. The spirit of a man will endure his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

15. The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

16. A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.

17. The one who pleads first seems to be in the right; until the other comes and examines him.

18. The lot causes disputes to cease, and it decides between the mighty.

19. A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city; and their quarrels are like the bars of a castle.
20. A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the yield of his lips shall he be filled.

21. Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and those who love it shall eat its fruit.

22. Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.

23. The poor uses entreaties; but the rich answers roughly.

24. There are men who pretend friendship; and there is a true friend who sticks closer than a brother.
Proverbs Chapter 19

1. Better is the poor man who walks in his integrity, than he who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

2. Also, it is not good that the soul should be without knowledge; and he who hurries with his feet sins.

3. The foolishness of a man perverts his way; and his heart rages against the Lord.

4. Wealth makes many friends; but the poor is deserted by his neighbor.

5. A false witness shall not go unpunished, and he who speaks lies shall not escape.

6. Many will entreat the favor of the prince; and every man is a friend to him who gives gifts.

7. All the brothers of the poor hate him; how much more do his friends go far from him? Their word for him is: pursuer.

8. He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding shall find good.

9. A false witness shall not go unpunished, and he who speaks lies shall perish.
10. Luxury is not seemly for a fool; still less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11. The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger; and it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

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; and the disputes of a wife are a continual dropping.

14. House and riches are inherited from fathers; but a prudent wife is from the Lord.

15. Laziness casts into a deep sleep; and the idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16. He who keeps the commandment keeps his own soul; but he who despises his ways shall die.

17. He who gives kindly to the poor lends to the Lord; and that which he has given will he pay him back.

18. Chasten your son while there is hope, and let not your soul spare for his crying.
19. A man of great anger shall pay the penalty; for if you save him, you will only have to do it again.

20. Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end.

21. There are many plans in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord shall stand.

22. The attraction of a man is his kindness; and a poor man is better than a liar.

23. The fear of the Lord tends to life; and he who has it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited by harm.

24. A lazy man hides his hand in the dish, and will not even bring it back to his mouth.

25. Strike a scouter, and the simple will beware; and reprove one who has understanding, and he will gain knowledge.

26. A son who causes shame and brings reproach ruins his father, and chases away his mother.

27. Cease, my son, to hear the instruction, only to stray from the words of knowledge.

28. A wicked witness scorns judgment; and the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.

29. Judgments are prepared for scorners, and flogging for the back of fools.
Wine is a mocker, strong drink is riotous; and whoever is deceived by it is not wise.

The fear of a king is like the roaring of a lion; whoever provokes him to anger forfeits his life.

It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from quarrel; but every fool will quarrel.

The sluggard will not plow because of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

5. Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

6. Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness; but a faithful man who can find?

7. The just man walks in his integrity; happy are his children after him.

8. A king who sits in the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes.

9. Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
10. Different weights, and different measures, both of them are alike an abomination to the Lord.

11. Even a child is known by his doings, whether what he does is pure and right.

12. The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord has made them both.

13. Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread.

14. It is bad, it is bad, says the buyer; but when he goes away, then he boasts.

15. There is gold, and a multitude of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

16. Take his garment when he has given surety for a stranger; and take his pledge on behalf of an alien woman.

17. Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18. Every purpose is established by counsel; and with good advice conduct war.

19. He who goes about as a tale bearer reveals secrets; therefore meddle not with him who flatters with his lips.
20. Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in utter darkness.

21. An inheritance gotten hastily in the beginning will not be blessed in the end.

22. Do not say, I will repay evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save you.

23. Different weights are an abomination to the Lord; and false scales are not good.

24. Man's steps are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?

25. It is a trap for a man to rashly declare, It is holy, and to inquire only after making his vows.

26. A wise king scatters the wicked, and drives the wheel over them.

27. The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

28. Love and truth preserve the king; and his throne is upheld by loyalty.

29. The glory of young men is their strength; and the beauty of old men is the grey head.

30. Bruises and wounds cleanse away evil; so does flogging the innermost parts.
1. Like water streams is the king's heart in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he wants.

2. Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; but the Lord weighs the hearts.

3. To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

4. A haughty look, and a proud heart, are the sinful growth of the wicked.

5. The thoughts of the diligent lead surely to abundance; but every one who is hasty comes only to want.

6. The acquiring of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor; they lead to death.

7. The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do justice.

8. The way of some men is crooked and strange; but as for the pure, his work is right.

9. It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a roomy house.
10. The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

11. When the scorner is punished, the simple man is made wise; and when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

12. The righteous man who considers the house of the wicked leads the wicked astray to greater evil.

13. Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

14. A gift in secret pacifies anger; and a bribe in the bosom strong wrath.

15. It is joy to the just to do justice; but it is the downfall of the workers of iniquity.

16. The man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17. He who loves pleasure shall be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil shall not be rich.

18. The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19. It is better to live in the desert, than with a quarrelsome and angry woman.
20. Costly things and oil are treasured in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spends it up.

21. He who follows after righteousness and loving kindness finds life, righteousness, and honor.

22. A wise man scales the city of the mighty, and brings down the fortress in which it trusts.

23. Whoever guards his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles.

24. The proud and haughty, scorners is his name, acts in arrogant wrath.

25. The desire of the lazy man kills him; for his hands refuse to labor.

26. He covets greedily all the day long; but the righteous gives and spares not.

27. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; how much more, when he brings it with evil intent?

28. A false witness shall perish; but the word of a man who pays attention shall endure.

29. A wicked man hardens his face; but as for the upright, he considers his way.
30. There is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel against the Lord.

31. The horse is prepared for the day of battle; but safety comes from the Lord.
1. A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver or gold.

2. The rich and poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all.

3. A prudent man foresees evil, and hides himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4. The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life.

5. Thorns and traps are in the way of the perverse; he who guards his soul shall be far from them.

6. Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7. The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

8. He who sows iniquity shall reap vanity; and the rod of his anger shall fail.

9. He who has a generous eye shall be blessed; for he gives of his bread to the poor.
10. Cast out the scorner, and dispute shall go out; indeed, quarrel and abuse shall cease.

11. He who loves purity of heart, and grace is on his lips, the king shall be his friend.

12. The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge, and he overthrows the words of the transgressor.

13. The lazy man says, There is a lion outside, I shall be slain in the streets.

14. The mouth of an alien women is a deep pit; he with whom the Lord is angry shall fall in it.

15. Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

16. He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches, and he who gives to the rich, shall surely come to want.

17. Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge.

18. For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them inside you; let them be firmly attached to your lips.

19. That your trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to you this day, even to you.
20. Have not I written to you excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

כָּהֲנָה קַנְרְיָה אָמְרָי אֵלֶּה דַּלְשָׁר אֵפָרִים אָמְרָי לְשׁוֹלֵהוּ.

21. That I might make you know the certainty of the words of truth; that you might answer the words of truth to those who send you?

כָּהֲנָה קַנְרְיָה יְרֵיב רַבָּעְתֶּנָא עָשָׂה קָבַּעְתֶּנָא בְּפַעַשֶּנָא.

22. Rob not the poor, because he is poor; nor oppress the afflicted in the gate;

כָּהֲנָה קַנְרְיָה יְרֵיב רַבָּעְתֶּנָא עָשָׂה קָבַּעְתֶּנָא בְּפַעַשֶּנָא.

23. For the Lord will plead their cause, and rob the life of those who rob them.

כָּהֲנָה קַנְרְיָה יְרֵיב רַבָּעְתֶּנָא עָשָׂה קָבַּעְתֶּנָא בְּפַעַשֶּנָא.

24. Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man you shall not go;

כָּהֲנָה פּוּרְבַּת (אָרְחֵתוֹ) [אָרְחֵתוֹ] בְּלַקְשֹׂת מְוָקֵשׁ לְבַפשׁ.

25. Lest you learn his ways, and get a snare to your soul.

כָּהֲנָה קַנְרְיָה בְּתַקְוָתוֹ בְּעֶרֶבָּת מְשָׁאָת.

26. Do not be one of those who strike the palm, or of those who are sureties for debts.

כָּהֲנָה קַנְרְיָה בְּתַקְוָתוֹ בְּעֶרֶבָּת מְשָׁאָת.

27. If you have nothing with which to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?

כָּהֲנָה קַנְרְיָה בְּתַקְוָתוֹ בְּעֶרֶבָּת מְשָׁאָת.

28. Remove not the ancient landmark, which your fathers have set.

כָּהֲנָה קַנְרְיָה בְּתַקְוָתוֹ בְּעֶרֶבָּת מְשָׁאָת.

29. Do you see a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; He shall not stand before obscure men.
Proverbs Chapter 23

1. When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before you;

2. And put a knife to your throat, if you are a man given to appetite.

3. Do not desire his delicacies; for they are deceitful food.

4. Labor not to be rich; forbear, because you have understanding.

5. Will you set your eyes on it? It is already gone; for riches suddenly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle towards the sky.

6. Do not eat the bread of him who has an evil eye, nor should you desire his delicacies;

7. For he is one who calculates in his heart; Eat and drink, he says to you; but his heart is not with you.

8. The morsel which you have eaten shall you vomit up, and lose your sweet words.

9. Speak not in the ears of a fool; for he will despise the wisdom of your words.
10. Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the orphan;

11. For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with you.

12. Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.

13. Withhold not correction from the child; for if you beat him with the rod, he shall not die.

14. If you beat him with the rod, you shall save his soul from Sheol.

15. My son, if your heart is wise, my heart too shall rejoice.

16. My insides shall rejoice, when your lips speak right things.

17. Let not your heart envy sinners; but be in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

18. For surely there is a future; and your expectation shall not be cut off.

19. Hear you, my son, and be wise, and guide your heart in the way.

20. Be not among wine bibbers; among riotous eaters of meat;
21. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

22. Listen to your father who begot you, and despise not your mother when she is old.

23. Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

24. The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice; and he who begets a wise child shall have joy of him.

25. Your father and your mother shall be glad, and she who bore you shall rejoice.

26. My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.

27. For a harlot is a deep ditch; and an alien woman is a narrow pit.

28. She also lies in wait like a robber, and increases the transgressors among men.

29. Who cries woe? Who cries alas? who has quarrels? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?

30. Those who tarry long over the wine; those who go to seek mixed wine.
31. Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly.

32. At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper.

33. Your eyes shall behold strange things, and your heart shall utter perverse words.

34. Indeed, you shall be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, or like one who lies on the top of a mast.

35. They struck me, but I was not hurt; they have beaten me, and I did not feel it; When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.
1. Do not be envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them.

2. For their heart studies destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

3. By wisdom a house is built; and by understanding it is established;

4. And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

5. A wise man is strong; and a man of knowledge increases strength.

6. For by wise counsel you shall make your war; and in a multitude of counsellors there is victory.

7. Wisdom is too high for a fool; he opens not his mouth in the gate.

8. He who plans to do evil shall be called a mischief maker.

9. The planning of folly is sin; and the scorners are an abomination to men.

10. If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.
11. If you forbear to rescue those who are drawn to death, and those who are ready to be slain,

12. If you say, Behold, we knew it not; does not he who ponders the heart consider it? And he who keeps your soul, does not he know it? And shall he not render to every man according to his deeds?

13. My son, eat honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to your taste;

14. Know that wisdom is such to your soul; when you have found it, then there shall be a reward, and your expectation shall not be cut off.

15. Lie not in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; do not plunder his resting place;

16. For a just man falls seven times, and yet rises up again; but the wicked stumble into calamity.

17. Rejoice not when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles;

18. Lest the Lord see it, and be displeased, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19. Do not fret because of evil men, nor should you be envious of the wicked;
20. For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

21. My son, fear the Lord and the king; and meddle not with those who are given to change;

22. For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knows the ruin of them both?

23. These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24. He who says to the wicked, You are righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall loathe him;

25. But those who rebuke him shall have delight, and a good blessing shall come on them.

26. He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.

27. Prepare your work outside, and make it fit for yourself in the field; and afterwards build your house.

28. Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause; and deceive not with your lips.
29. Say not, I will do so to him as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to what he has done.

30. I went by the field of a lazy man, and by the vineyard of a man void of understanding;

31. And, behold, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered it over, and its stone wall was broken down.

32. Then I saw, and considered it well; I looked upon it, and received instruction.

33. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep;

34. And poverty will come upon you like a marauder; and want like an armed man.
Proverbs Chapter 25

1. These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2. It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.

3. The sky for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.

4. Take away the dross from the silver, and a vessel emerges for the refiner.

5. Take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6. Do not put yourself forward in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of great men;

7. For better it is that it be said to you, Come up here; than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince whom your eyes have seen.

8. Do not proceed hastily to litigation, lest you know not what to do the end of it, when your neighbor has put you to shame.

9. Debate your cause with your neighbor; and do not reveal the secret of another;
10. Lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your calumny be carried back.

יִאָרְוַת ה' דָּבְרָה יְרֵשֹׁהַ בְּשֵׂם יָרֵשָׁה, לֹא יְשַׁבֶּה:

11. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

יִבְּאוּ בְּרָאשׁוֹת וְלִבְרָאשׁוֹת מַכְסֲיַת בֶּכֶסי תַּעְלֹּת בַּעֲלָּת:

12. As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover to a listening ear.

יִגְּנֶה מַכְסֶי-שְׁלֵמָה, בֹּרֶה-קְצִיר צִיאֵר בְּנֵאָמֶן לֶשֶׁכָּה לֶשֶׁכָּה אַדּוּרִי נַעֲב:

13. As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to those who send him; for he refreshes the soul of his master.

יֵדְ בֵּשָּׁמִים וֹרֵחַ בְּנֵשַׁמָּה, אַנֵּא אֶישׁ מֵתוֹחֲלוּ בֵּמֵתוֹחֲלוּ בֵּשָּׁמִים:

14. Whoever boasts of a gift which he did not give is like clouds and wind without rain.

טָוֵאָר בֵּאָמֶן, יִפְסֹדוּ בֵּטֶיסט קָצִיר בְּלֵשַׁמְיוּ בְּלֵשַׁמְיוּ בָּרָם-גַּרְבָּם:

15. By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks the bone.

טָבַשׁ כְּנַעֲשָׁהָ, בֵּאָל כַּנָּל כַּנָּל-טִשְׁעָנָה, וִיתָרָה:

16. Have you found honey? Eat so much as is sufficient for you, lest you be filled with it, and vomit it.

יִהְוֶה בְּרֵכַּב בָּרֶכַּב בְּרֶכַּב בְּרֶכַּב רַכְּבַּב בְּרַכְּבַּב בְּרַכְּבַּב:

17. Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house; lest he become weary of you, and hate you.

יִהְוֶה אַחֲרֵי בִּרְאֵשִׁי, וַיֵּשְּכֵּבָהוּ אֵין-כִּי בִּרְאֵשִׁי, אָכַל שֶׁלְּחָמִים:

18. A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.
19. Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20. As one who takes off a garment in cold weather, and as acid on nitre, so is he who sings songs to a heavy heart.

21. If your enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

22. For you shall heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward you.

23. The north wind brings rain; and a backbiting tongue angry looks.

24. It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a roomy house.

25. As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so are good news from a far country.

26. A righteous man who falls down before the wicked is like a muddied fountain, and a polluted spring.

27. It is not good to eat much honey; so glory is for men who search glory.

28. He who has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.
1. As snow in the summer, and as rain in the harvest, so is honor not fitting for a fool.

2. Like a wandering sparrow, like a flying swallow, a curse that is causeless shall not come.

3. A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

4. Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you become like him.

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

6. He who sends a message by the hand of a fool cuts off his own feet, and drinks violence.

7. As the legs of a lame which hang useless, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

8. As one who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool.

9. As a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
10. A master craftsman performs everything; but he who hires a fool is as he who hires the passers by.

11. As a dog returns to his vomit, so a fool returns to his folly.

12. Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

13. The lazy man says, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.

14. As the door turns on its hinges, so does the lazy man turn on his bed.

15. The lazy man hides his hand in the dish; and will not even bring it back to his mouth.

16. The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men that can give sensible answers.

17. He who passes by, and meddles in a quarrel not his own, is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

18. As a mad man who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,

19. So is the man who deceives his neighbor, and says, I was only joking!
20. Where no wood is, there the fire goes out; so where there is no talebearer, the quarrel ceases.

21. As coals are for burning coals, and wood is for fire; so is a quarrelsome man for kindling a quarrel.

22. The words of a talebearer are like delicacies, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body.

23. Burning lips and a wicked heart are like an earthenware dish covered with silver dross.

24. He who hates dissembles with his lips, and harbors deceit in his heart;

25. When he speaks graciously, believe him not; for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26. Thought his hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness will be exposed before the whole congregation.

27. Whoever digs a pit shall fall in it; and whoever rolls a stone, it will return upon him.

28. A lying tongue hates its victims; and a flattering mouth works ruin.
1. Boast not yourself of tomorrow; for you know not what today may bring forth.

2. Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.

3. A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than both of them.

4. Wrath is cruel, and anger is overwhelming; but who is able to stand before envy?

5. Open rebuke is better than secret love.

6. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are profuse.

7. The soul who is sated loathes a honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

8. As a bird that wanders from its nest, so is a man who wanders from his place.

9. Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; so does the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.
10. Do not forsake your own friend, nor your father's friend; nor go into your brother's house in the day of your calamity; for better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.

11. My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him who reproaches me.

12. A prudent man sees the evil, and hides himself; but the simpletons pass on, and are punished.

13. Take his garment when he has given surety for a stranger, and take his pledge on behalf of an alien woman.

14. He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

15. A continual dripping in a very rainy day and a quarrelsome woman are alike.

16. Whoever hides her hides the wind, like the ointment of his right hand, which betrays itself.

17. Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens another.

18. Whoever guards the fig tree shall eat its fruit; so he who waits on his master shall be honored.
19. As in water face answers face, so does the heart of man to man.

20. Sheol and Avaddon are never full; and the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21. The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; and a man is judged according to his praise.

22. Though you should grind a fool with a pestle in a mortar among wheat, his folly would not depart from him.

23. Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and look well to your herds.

24. For riches are not for ever; and does a crown endure to all generations?

25. When the grass sprouts forth, and the young grass appears, and herbs are gathered on the mountains,

26. Lambs shall provide your clothing, and goats the price of a field,

27. And you shall have goats’ milk enough for your food, for the food of your household, and for the maintenance of your maidens.
1. The wicked flee when no man pursues; but the righteous are bold as a lion.

2. When a land transgresses its princes are many; but when there is a man of understanding and knowledge, he shall endure.

3. A poor man who oppresses the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaves no food.

4. Those who forsake the Torah praise the wicked; but those who keep the Torah strive with them.

5. Evil men do not understand justice; but those who seek the Lord understand all things.

6. Better is the poor who walks in his uprightness, than a rich man who is perverse in his ways.

7. Whoever keeps the Torah is a wise son; but he who is a companion of riotous men shames his father.

8. He who by usury and unjust gain increases his wealth, gathers it for him who graciously regards the poor.

9. He who turns away his ear from hearing the Torah, even his prayer shall be abomination.
10. Whoever causes the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit; but the upright shall have a goodly inheritance.

11. The rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the poor who has understanding searches him out.

12. When righteous men rejoice, there is great glory; but when the wicked rise, men hide themselves.

13. He who covers his sins shall not prosper; but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.

14. Happy is the man who fears always; but he who hardens his heart shall fall into mischief.

15. As a roaring lion, and a charging bear, so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

16. The prince who lacks understanding is also a great oppressor; but he who hates covetousness shall prolong his days.

17. If a man burdened with the blood of another flees to the pit, let no man help him.

18. Whoever walks uprightly shall be saved; but he who is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.
19. He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread; but he who follows after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

20. A faithful man shall abound with blessings; but he who makes haste to be rich shall not go unpunished.

21. To have respect for persons is not good; for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

22. He who hastens to be rich has an evil eye, and considers not that want shall come upon him.

23. He who rebukes a man afterwards shall find more favor than he who flatters with the tongue.

24. He who robs his father or his mother, and says, This is no transgression; he is the companion of a destroyer.

25. He, whose heart is greedy, stirs up quarrel; but he who puts his trust in the Lord shall be enriched.

26. He who trusts in his own heart is a fool; but he who walks wisely, shall be saved.

27. He who gives to the poor shall not lack; but he who hides his eyes shall have many a curse.

28. When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous increase.
1. He, who being often rebuked hardens his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, beyond remedy.

2. When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people mourn.

3. He who loves wisdom makes his father glad; but he who keeps company with harlots wastes his capital.

4. The king by justice establishes the land; but he who exacts gifts overthrows it.

5. A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.

6. In the transgression of an evil man there is a trap; but the righteous sings and rejoices.

7. The righteous man knows the rights of the poor; but the wicked does not have that knowledge.

8. Scornful men stir up a city into quarrel; but wise men turn away wrath.

9. If a wise man disputes with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.
10. The bloodthirsty hate the upright; but the just seek his soul.

11. A fool vents all his anger; but a wise man quietly holds it back.

12. If a ruler listens to lies, all his servants are wicked.

13. The poor and the deceitful man meet together; the Lord gives light to the eyes of both.

14. The king who faithfully judges the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

15. The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

16. When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases; but the righteous shall witness their fall.

17. Correct your son, and he shall give you rest; he shall give delight to your soul.

18. Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; but he who keeps the Torah is happy.

19. A servant will not be corrected by words; for though he understands he will not answer.
20. Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

21. He who pampers his servant from childhood shall have him become his master at last.

22. An angry man stirs up quarrel, and a furious man abounds in transgression.

23. A man's pride shall bring him low; but the humble in spirit shall attain honor.

24. Whoever is partner with a thief hates his own soul; he hears the curse, but discloses nothing.

25. The fear of man lays a trap; but whoever puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

26. Many seek the ruler's favor; but a man's justice comes from the Lord.

27. An unjust man is an abomination to the just; and he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.
1. The words of Agur, the son of Jakeh, the burden. Thus says the man to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal: I am weary, O God, I am weary, O God, and I am consumed.

2. I am brutish, less than a man, and lack the understanding of man.

3. I did not learn wisdom, nor do I have knowledge of the holy.

4. Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if you can tell?

5. Every word of God is proven; he is a shield to those who put their trust in him.

6. Do not add to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar.

7. Two things have I asked of you; do not deny them before I die;

8. Remove far from me falsehood and lies; do not give me poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me;

9. Lest I be full, and deny you, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and profane the name of my God.
10. Do not accuse a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be found guilty.

11. There is a generation that curses their father, and does not bless their mother.

12. There is a generation who are pure in their own eyes, and yet are not washed from their filthiness.

13. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

14. There is a generation, whose teeth are like swords, and their jaw teeth like knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

15. The leech has two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, four things that never say, It is enough;

16. Sheol; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that never says, It is enough.

17. The eye that mocks at his father, and scorns to obey his mother, will be picked out by the ravens of the valley, and the young vultures shall eat it.

18. There are three things which are too wonderful for me, indeed, four which I know not;
19. The way of a vulture in the sky; the way of a serpent on a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a young woman.

20. This is the way of an adulterous woman; she eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, I have done nothing wrong.

21. For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four it cannot bear;

22. For a slave when he becomes king; and a fool when he is filled with bread;

23. For an unloved woman when she is married; and a maidservant who is heir to her mistress.

24. There are four things on earth which are small, but they are exceedingly wise;

25. The ants are not a strong people, yet they prepare their bread in the summer;

26. The badgers are a feeble folk, yet they make their houses in the rocks;

27. The locusts have no king, yet they go forth all of them by bands;

28. The lizard climbs up with her hands, and she is in kings' palaces.
29. There are three things stately in their tread; four are handsome in their stride:

30. A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turns not away for anyone;

31. A greyhound; a male goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.

32. If you have done foolishly in lifting up yourself, or if you have thought evil, lay your hand on your mouth.

33. Surely the wringing of milk brings forth butter, and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood; so the forcing of wrath brings forth quarrel.
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1. The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

2. What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, son of my vows?

3. Give not your strength to women, nor your ways to those who destroy kings.

4. It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes to say, Where is strong drink;

5. Lest he drink, and forget the decree, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

6. Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish, and wine to those whose hearts are heavy.

7. Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8. Open your mouth for the dumb, for the cause of all who are appointed to destruction.

9. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and the needy.
10. A worthy woman who can find? For her price is far above rubies.

11. The heart of her husband safely trusts in her, and he shall have no lack of gain.

12. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13. She seeks wool, and flax, and works willingly with her hands.

14. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from far away.

15. She rises also while it is yet night, and gives food to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16. She considers a field, and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

17. She girds her loins with strength, and makes her arms strong.

18. She perceives that her merchandise is good; her candle does not go out by night.

19. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
20. She stretches out her hand to the poor; she reaches forth her hands to the needy.

21. She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22. She makes herself coverlets; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

23. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

24. She makes linen garments, and sells them; and delivers girdles to the merchant.

25. Strength and dignity are her clothing; and she shall rejoice at the time to come.

26. She opens her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the Torah of loving kindness.

27. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28. Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.
29. Many daughters have done virtuously, but you excel them all.

30. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears the Lord shall be praised.

31. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own deeds praise her in the gates.
It came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. And they came to the country of Moab, and remained there.

And Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons.

And they took wives of the women of Moab; the name of one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth; and they dwelled there about ten years.

And both Mahlon and Chilion died; and the woman was bereft of her two sons and her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, to return from the country of Moab; for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them bread.

So she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.
8. And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house; the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me.

9. The Lord grant you that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

10. And they said to her, No, we will return with you to your people.

11. And Naomi said, Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

12. Turn back, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, even if I should have a husband tonight, and should bear sons;

13. Would you wait for them till they were grown? would you, for them, refrain from having husbands? no, my daughters; for it grieves me much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord is gone out against me.

14. And they lifted up their voice, and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth held fast to her.

15. And she said, Behold, your sister-in-law is gone back to her people, and to her gods; go back you after your sister-in-law.
16. And Ruth said, Do not entreat me to leave you, or to keep from following
you; for wherever you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge; your
people shall be my people, and your God my God;

17. Where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me,
and more also, if even death parts me from you.

18. When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped
speaking to her.

19. So the two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when
they came to Bethlehem, that all the city was stirred because of them, and they
said, Is this Naomi?

20. And she said to them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara; for the Almighty
has dealt very bitterly with me.

21. I went out full, and the Lord has brought me back empty; why then do you
call me Naomi, seeing the Lord has testified against me, and the Almighty has
afflicted me?

22. So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who returned
from the country of Moab; and they came to Bethlehem at the
beginning of the barley harvest.
1. And Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

2. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor. And she said to her, Go, my daughter.

3. And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to a part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was a relative of Elimelech.

4. And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless you.

5. Then said Boaz to his servant who was set over the reapers, Whose maiden is this?

6. And the servant who was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabite maiden who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab;

7. And she said, I beg you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves; so she came, and she has continued from morning until now, scarcely spending any time in the hut.
8. Then said Boaz to Ruth, Do you not hear, my daughter? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go away from here, but stay here close to my maidens;  

9. Let your eyes be on the field that they reap, and go after them; have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch you? and when you are thirsty, go to the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.  

10. Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, seeing that I am a stranger?  

11. And Boaz answered and said to her, It has been fully told to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband; and how you have left your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and have come to a people which you did not know before.  

12. The Lord will recompense your work, and a full reward shall be given to you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.  

13. Then she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not one of your maidservants.
14. And at the mealtime Boaz said to her, Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers; and he passed to her parched grain, and she ate, and was satisfied, and left.

15. And when she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not;

16. And let fall also some of the handfuls on purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

17. So she gleaned in the field until the evening, and she beat out what she had gleaned; and it was about an ephah of barley.

18. And she took it up, and went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned; and she brought out and gave to her what she had left over after being satisfied.

19. And her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? and where have your worked? blessed is he who took notice of you. And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz.

20. And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he by the Lord, who has not abandoned his loving kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is a relative of ours, one of our close relatives.
21. And Ruth the Moabite said, He also said to me, You shall keep close to my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

22. And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maidens, that you should not be molested in any other field.

23. So she kept close to the maidens of Boaz to glean to the end of the barley harvest and of the wheat harvest; and lived with her mother-in-law.
1. Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, My daughter, shall I not seek a home for you, that it may be well with you?

2. Now is not Boaz, with whose maidens you were, our relative? Behold, he winnows barley tonight in the threshing floor.

3. Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself, and put your garment upon you, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man, until he has finished eating and drinking.

4. And it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall mark the place where he shall lie, and you shall go in, and uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.

5. And she said to her, All that you say to me I will do.

6. And she went down to the threshing floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law had told her.

7. And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid herself down.
8. And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was startled, and turned over; and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

9. And he said, Who are you? And she answered, I am Ruth your maidservant; spread your skirt over your maidservant; for you are next of kin.

10. And he said, Blessed be you to the Lord, my daughter; for your last loyal kindness is greater than the first one, because you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

11. And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to you all that you ask, for the whole city of my people knows that you are a worthy woman.

12. Although it is true that I am your close relative, there is a relative closer than I am.

13. Remain this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will do the duty of the next of kin for you, well; let him do the kinsman's duty; but if he will not do the duty of a kinsman to you, then I will do the duty of a kinsman for you, as the Lord lives; lie down until the morning.

14. And she lay at his feet until the morning; and she rose up before one could recognize another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the threshing floor.
15. Also he said, Bring the veil that you have upon you, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her; and she went into the city.

16. And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, Who are you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

17. And she said, He gave me these six measures of barley; for he said to me, Do not go empty to your mother-in-law.

18. Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest, until he settles the matter this day.
1. Then Boaz went up to the gate, and sat down there; and, behold, the next of kin of whom Boaz had spoken came by; to whom he said, Hey there, such and such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

2. And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit down here. And they sat down.

3. And he said to the next of kin; Naomi, who has returned from the country of Moab, is selling a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's;

4. And I thought I would tell you of it, and say, Buy it in the presence of the inhabitants, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is none to redeem it besides you; and I come after you. And he said, I will redeem it.

5. Then said Boaz, on the day that you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must buy it also from Ruth the Moabitite, the wife of the dead, to restore the name of the dead to his inheritance.

6. And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I harm my own inheritance; take my right of redemption for yourself; for I cannot redeem it.
7. Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging; to confirm a transaction a man took off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was the manner of attesting in Israel.

8. Therefore the kinsman said to Boaz, Buy it for yourself. And he took off his shoe.

9. And Boaz said to the elders, and to all the people, You are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi.

10. And also Ruth the Moabitc, the wife of Mahlon, have I bought to be my wife, to restore the name of the dead to his inheritance, so that the name of the dead shall not be cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place; you are witnesses this day.

11. And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The Lord make the woman that has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, who both built the house of Israel. May you prosper in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem;

12. And may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the seed which the Lord shall give you of this young woman.

13. So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife; and when he went in to her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.
14. And the women said to Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, which has not left you this day without a redeemer, that his name may be famous in Israel!

15. And he shall be to you a restorer of your life, and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has born him.

16. And Naomi took the child, and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse.

17. And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, A son has been born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed; he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18. Now these are the generations of Perez; Perez fathered Hezron,

19. And Hezron fathered Ram, and Ram fathered Amminadab,

20. And Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmah,

21. And Salmon fathered Boaz, and Boaz fathered Obed,

22. And Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.
1. The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

2. Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; for your love is better than wine.

3. Your anointing oils are fragrant, your name is oil poured out, therefore the maidens love you.

4. Draw me after you, we will run; the king has brought me into his chambers; we will be glad and rejoice in you, we will praise your love more than wine; rightly they love you.

5. I am black, but comely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon.

6. Gaze not upon me, for I am dark, because the sun has scorched me. My mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but my own vineyard I have not kept.

7. Tell me, O you whom my soul loves, where do you pasture your flock, where do you make it rest at noon; for why should I be like one who veils himself by the flocks of your companions?
8. If you know not, O most beautiful among women, go your way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and pasture your kids beside the shepherds' tents.

9. I compare you, O my love, to a mare of the chariots of Pharaoh.

10. Your cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, your neck with strings of beads.

11. We will make you ornaments of gold studded with silver.

12. While the king was reclining at his table, my nard sent forth its fragrance.

13. My beloved is to me a bundle of myrrh, that lies between my breasts.

14. My beloved is to me a cluster of henna in the vineyards of Ein-Gedi.

15. Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves.

16. Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly lovely; our couch is green.

17. The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters are of cypress.
1. I am the rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

2. Like a lily among thorns, so is my love among the maidens.

3. Like the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

4. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

5. Sustain me with raisins, comfort me with apples; for I am sick with love.

6. His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me.

7. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the hinds of the field, that you stir not up, nor awake my love, until it please.

8. The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

9. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart; Behold, he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.
10. My beloved speaks and says to me, Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.

11. For, behold, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

12. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing bird has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land;

13. The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines in blossom give forth their scent. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.

14. O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the cliff, let me see your countenance, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your countenance is comely.

15. Catch us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vineyards; for our vineyards are in blossom.

16. My beloved is mine, and I am his; he pastures his flock among the lilies.

17. Until the day cools, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.
1. By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but I found him not.

2. I will rise now, and go around in the city; in the markets and in the broad streets will I seek him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but I found him not.

3. The watchmen that go around in the city found me; Have you seen him whom my soul loves?

4. I had just passed them when I found him whom my soul loves; I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

5. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles, or by the hinds of the field, that you stir not up, nor awake my love, until it please.

6. Who is this who comes from the wilderness like columns of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?

7. Behold, it is the litter of Solomon; sixty mighty men are around it, of the mighty men of Israel.
8. All girt with swords and expert in war; every man has his sword at his thigh because of the fear in the nights.

9. King Solomon made himself a palanquin from the wood of Lebanon.

10. He made its pillars of silver, its back of gold, its seat of purple, its interior inlaid with love by the daughters of Jerusalem.

11. Go forth, O daughters of Zion, and behold King Solomon with the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, and on the day of the gladness of his heart.
1. Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves behind your veil; your hair is like a flock of goats, sliding down from Mount Gilead.

2. Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes, that have come up from the washing; all of which bear twins, and none among them is bereft.

3. Your lips are like a thread of scarlet, and your mouth is comely; your cheeks are like a piece of a pomegranate behind your veil.

4. Your neck is like the tower of David built with turrets, on which hang one thousand bucklers, all of them shields of mighty men.

5. Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, that feed among the lilies.

6. Until the day cools, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

7. You are all beautiful, my love; there is no blemish in you.

8. Come with me from Lebanon, my bride, come with me from Lebanon; look from the peak of Amana, from the peak of Senir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.
9. You have ravished my heart, my sister, my bride; you have ravished my heart with one of your eyes, with one link of your necklace.

10. How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride! how much better is your love than wine! and the aroma of your anointing oils than all spices!

11. Your lips, O my bride, distil like the honeycomb; honey and milk are under your tongue; and the scent of your garments is like the scent of Lebanon.

12. A locked garden is my sister, my bride; a locked spring, a sealed fountain.

13. Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits, henna, and nard.

14. Nard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices;

15. A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

16. Awake, O north wind; and come, O south wind! blow upon my garden, let its spices flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat its pleasant fruits.
1. I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride; I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat, O friends; drink, drink deeply, O loved ones.

2. I sleep, but my heart is awake. Knocking; it is the voice of my beloved; Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

3. I have taken off my robe; how could I put it on? I have bathed my feet; how could I soil them?

4. My beloved put his hand through the hole of the door, and my insides were thrilled by him.

5. I arose to open to my beloved; and my hands dripped with myrrh, and my fingers with flowing myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

6. I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had turned away, and was gone. My soul failed when he spoke; I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7. The watchmen that went around in the city found me, they struck me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.
8. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, that you tell him, that I am sick with love.

9. Why is your beloved more than another beloved, O you most beautiful among women? why is your beloved more than another beloved, that you thus adjure us?

10. My beloved is white and ruddy, distinguished among ten thousand.

11. His head is like the finest gold, his locks are wavy, and black like a raven.

12. His eyes are like doves by the water courses, washed with milk, and fitly set.

13. His cheeks are like a bed of spices, like fragrant flowers; his lips like lilies, distilling liquid myrrh.

14. His hands are like circlets of gold set with emeralds; his belly is like polished ivory overlaid with sapphires.

15. His legs are like pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold; his countenance is like Lebanon, excellent like the cedars.

16. His mouth is most sweet; and he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.
1. Where has your beloved gone, O you most beautiful among women? where has your beloved turned? that we may seek him with you.

2. My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to pasture his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

3. I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine; he pastures his flock among the lilies.

4. You are beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, awesome as an army with banners.

5. Turn away your eyes from me, for they have overcome me; your hair is like a flock of goats sliding down from Gilead.

6. Your teeth are like a flock of sheep which have come up from the washing, all of them bear twins, and there is not one bereaved among them.

7. Like a piece of a pomegranate are your cheeks behind our veil.

8. There are sixty queens, and eighty concubines, and maidens without number.
9. My dove, my perfect one, is only one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bore her. The maidens saw her, and called her happy; the queens and the concubines praised her.

10. Who is she that looks forth like the dawn, beautiful like the moon, bright like the sun, and awesome like an army with banners?

11. I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see if the vine had blossomed, to see if the pomegranates were in bloom.

12. Without my knowing it, my soul set me among the chariots of a princely people.
1. Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon you. What will you see in the Shulamite? as it were the dance of Mahanaim.

2. How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O prince's daughter! your rounded thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of an artist.

3. Your navel is like a round goblet, that never lacks blended wine; your belly is like a heap of wheat set about with lilies.

4. Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.

5. Your neck is like a tower of ivory; your eyes like the pools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-Rabbim; your nose is like the tower of Lebanon which looks toward Damascus.

6. Your head upon you is like Carmel, and the hair of your head like purple; a king is caught in its tresses.

7. How beautiful and how lovely are you, O love, for delights!

8. This your stature is like a palm tree, and your breasts are like clusters of grapes.
9. I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of its boughs; may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your breath like apples;

10. And the roof of your mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goes down sweetly, causing the sleepers' lips to murmur.

11. I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me.

12. Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

13. Let us go early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine has flowered, if the grape blossoms have opened, if the pomegranates are in bloom; there will I give you my loves.

14. The mandrakes give forth fragrance, and at our gates are all kinds of choice fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for you, O my beloved.
1. O that you were like a brother to me, that nursed at my mother breasts! If I should find you outside, I would kiss you; and none would despise me.

2. I would lead you, and bring you into the house of my mother, who teaches me; I would give you to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

3. His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.

4. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you stir not up, nor awake my love, until it please.

5. Who is this that comes up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I awakened you up under the apple tree; there your mother was in labor with you; there she who bore you was in labor.

6. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as Sheol; its coals are coals of fire, which has a most vehement flame.

7. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it; if a man would give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.
8. We have a little sister, and she has no breasts; what shall we do for our sister on the day when she shall be spoken for?

9. If she be a wall, we will build upon her a battlement of silver; and if she be a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

10. I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers; then was I in his eyes as one that finds peace.

11. Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-Hamon; he let out the vineyard to keepers; every one for his fruit was to bring one thousand pieces of silver.

12. My vineyard, which is mine, is before me; you, O Solomon, must have one thousand, and those that keep its fruit two hundred.

13. O you who dwell in the gardens, the companions listen to your voice; let me hear it.

14. Make haste, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or like a young hart upon the mountains of spices.
1. The words of Kohelet, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

That which has been, is what shall be; and that which has been done is what shall be done; and there is nothing new under the sun.

Is there any thing about which it may be said, See, this is new? It has been already in the ages before us.

There is no remembrance of former things; nor shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those who shall come after.

I Kohelet was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven; it is a hard task that God has given to the sons of man to be exercised with.

I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

That which is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

In my heart I said, Behold, I became a great man and acquired more wisdom than all those who have been before me in Jerusalem; and my heart has seen much of wisdom and knowledge.
17. And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly; I perceived that this also was a striving after wind.

18. For in much wisdom there is much grief; and he that increases knowledge increases sorrow.
1. I said in my heart, Come now, I will try you with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure; and, behold, this also is vanity.

2. I said of laughter, It is mad; and of mirth, What does it achieve?

3. I sought in my heart to give myself to wine, yet guiding my heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

4. I made great works for myself; I built houses; I planted vineyards;

5. I made gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruits;

6. I made pools of water, to water with it a forest of growing trees.

7. I acquired servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of herds and flocks, more than all who were in Jerusalem before me;

8. I gathered also silver and gold, and the treasure of kings and of the provinces; I acquired men singers and women singers, and, the delight of men, many women.
9. And I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me.

10. And whatever my eyes desired I kept not from them, I did not restrain my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labor; and this was my portion of all my labor.

11. Then I looked at all the works that my hands had done, and at the labor that I had labored to do; and, behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

12. And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly; for what can a successor to the king do over that which has already been done.

13. Then I saw that wisdom excels folly, as far as light excels darkness.

14. The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walks in darkness; and I myself perceived also that one event happens to them all.

15. Then said I in my heart, As it happens to the fool, so it happens even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is vanity.
16. For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. How the wise man dies, just like the fool!

17. Therefore I hated life; because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me; for all is vanity and striving after wind.

18. And I hated all my labor which I had taken under the sun; because I should leave it to the man that shall be after me.

19. And who knows whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? Yet he shall have rule over all my labor in which I have labored, and in which I have showed myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity.

20. Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labor which I took under the sun.

21. For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, and with knowledge, and with skill; yet to a man that has not labored in it shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil.

22. For what has man of all his labor, and of the striving of his heart, in which he has labored under the sun?
23. For all his days are sorrow, and his labor grief; even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

24. There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul find enjoyment in his labor. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.

25. For who can eat, or who can enjoy pleasure more than I?

26. For God gives wisdom, and knowledge, and joy, to the man who pleases Him, but to the sinner he gives the task to gather and amass, only to hand it to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and striving after wind.
To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven;

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

What gains has he who works in that in which he labors?

I have seen the occupation which God has given men to be concerned with.
11. He has made every thing beautiful in his time; also he has set the mystery of the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work which God has made from the beginning to the end.

12. I know that there is nothing better for them, than to rejoice, and to do good in their life.

13. And also that it is the gift of God that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor.

14. I know that, whatever God does, it shall be for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor any thing taken from it; and God does it, that men should fear before him.

15. That which is, already has been; and that which is to be has already been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

16. And moreover I saw under the sun that in the place of judgment wickedness was there; and that in the place of righteousness, iniquity was there.

17. I said in my heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked; for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

18. I said in my heart concerning the sons of men, that God is testing them, that they might see that they are but beasts.
19. For that which befalls the sons of men befalls beasts; one thing befalls them both; as the one dies, so dies the other. They have all one breath; so that a man has no preeminence over a beast; for all is vanity.

20. All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21. Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward, and the spirit of the beast goes downward to the earth?

22. So I saw that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his work; for that is his portion; who can bring him to see what shall be after him?
1. So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun; and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.

2. So I praised the dead who are already dead more than the living who are still alive.

3. And better than both of them is he who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4. And I saw that all labor, and every skill in work, come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and striving after wind.

5. The fool folds his hands together, and eats his own flesh.

6. Better is a handful with quietness, than both hands full of labor and striving after wind.

7. Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.
8. There is a man alone, without a companion; he neither has son nor brother; yet there is no end of all his labor; nor is his eye satisfied with riches. He may say, For whom do I labor, and bereave my soul of good? This also is vanity, indeed it is a bad business.

9. Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor.

10. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falls; for he has not another to help him up.

11. Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one be warm alone?

12. And though a man might attack, two shall withstand him; a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13. Better is a poor and wise child than an old and foolish king, who no longer knows how to take care of himself.

14. For out of prison he comes to reign; or in his own kingdom had become poor.

15. I saw all the living who walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead.
16. There is no end of all the people, even of all who have been before them; yet they who come after shall not rejoice in him. This also is vanity and striving after wind.

17. Guard your foot when you go to the house of God; to get near to listen is better than to give the sacrifice of fools; for they consider not that they do evil.
Ecclesiastes Chapter 5

1. Be not rash with your mouth, and let not your heart be hasty to utter any thing before God; for God is in heaven, and you are on earth; therefore let your words be few.

2. For a dream comes through a multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by a multitude of words.

3. When you vow a vow to God, defer not to pay it; for he has no pleasure in fools; pay what you have vowed.

4. It is better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay.

5. Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh to sin; and do not say, before the angel, that it was an error; why should God be angry at your voice, and destroy the work of your hands?

6. For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also many vanities; but you, fear God.

7. If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, do not be amazed by it; for he who is higher than the highest watches; and there are yet higher ones over them.
8. And the land has an advantage for everyone; he who works the field is a king.

9. He who loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance with gain; this also is vanity.

10. When goods increase, they who eat them are increased; and what good is there to its owners, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?

11. The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not let him sleep.

12. There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun; riches kept for their owner to his hurt.

13. But those riches perish by bad venture; and he fathers a son, and there is nothing in his hand.

14. As he came forth from his mother's womb, he shall return, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his labor, which he may carry away in his hand.

15. And this also is a grievous evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go; and what gains has he who has labored for the wind?

16. All his days also he eats in darkness, and he has much sorrow and sickness and wrath.
17. Behold that which I have seen; it is good and comely for one to eat and to
drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun
during the number of the days, which God gave him, because that is his portion.

18. Every man also to whom God has given riches and wealth, and has given
him power to eat of it, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor; this is
the gift of God.

19. For he shall not much remember the days of his life, in which God provides
him with the joy of his heart.
1. There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavy upon men;

2. A man to whom God has given riches, wealth, and honor, so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to eat of it, but a stranger eats it; this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

3. If a man fathers one hundred children, and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, and his soul is not content with the good, and he also has no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he.

4. For it comes in vanity, and departs in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

5. Moreover he has not seen the sun, nor known anything; this has more rest than the other.

6. And even though he should live a thousand years twice, and had not seen enjoyment. Do not all go to the same place?

7. All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.

8. For what advantage has the wise man over the fool? What has the poor man who knows how to walk among the living?
9. Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire; this also is vanity and striving after wind.

10. That which has been was named already, and it is known what man is; nor may he contend with one who is mightier than he.

11. Seeing there are many things that increase vanity, what is man the better?

12. For who knows what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spends like a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?
Ecclesiastes Chapter 7

1. A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

2. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.

3. Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

4. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

5. It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

6. For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool; this also is vanity.

7. Surely oppression makes a wise man mad; and a bribe destroys the heart.

8. Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
9. Be not hasty in your spirit to be angry; for anger rests in the bosom of fools.

10. Do not say, Why were the former days better than these? For It is not from wisdom that you ask this.

11. Wisdom is good with an inheritance; and by it there are gains to those who see the sun.

12. For wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense; and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.

13. Consider the work of God; for who can make that straight, what he has made crooked?

14. In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider; God has made the one as well as the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

15. All things have I seen in the days of my vanity; there is a just man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his wickedness.

16. Do not be too righteous; nor make yourself too wise; why should you destroy yourself?
17. Do not be too wicked, nor be foolish; why should you die before your time?

18. It is good that you should take hold of this; but do not withdraw your hand from that either; for he who fears God shall come forth from them all.

19. Wisdom strengthens the wise more than ten rulers who are in the city.

20. For there is not a just man upon earth, that does good, and does not sin.

21. Also take no heed to all words that are spoken; lest you hear your servant curse you;

22. For many times has your heart known that you yourself have cursed others.

23. All this have I proved by wisdom; I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me.

24. That which is far off, and very deep, who can find it out?

25. I applied my heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly and foolishness which is madness;
26. And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands are fetters; whoever pleases God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be caught by her.

27. Behold, this have I found, said Kohelet, counting one thing to another to find out the sum;

28. Which yet my soul seeks, but I find not; one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

29. Behold, only this have I found, that God has made man upright; but they have sought out many schemes.
Ecclesiastes Chapter 8

1. Who is like the wise man? and who knows the meaning of a matter? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the boldness of his face is changed.

2. I keep the king's commandment, and in the manner of an oath of God.

3. Do not be hasty to leave his presence; stand not in an evil thing; for he does whatever pleases him.

4. For in the word of a king there is authority; and who may say to him, What do you do?

5. Whoever keeps the commandment shall feel no evil thing; and a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment.

6. Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, though the misery of man is great upon him.

7. For he knows not that which shall be; for who can tell him when it shall be?

8. There is no man who has power over the wind to retain the wind; nor has he authority over the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war; nor shall wickedness deliver those who are given to it.
9. All this have I seen, and gave my heart to every work that is done under the sun; there is a time when one man rules over another to his own hurt.

10. And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the holy place, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done; this also is vanity.

11. Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

12. Though a sinner does evil one hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with those who fear God, who fear before him;

13. But it shall not be well with the wicked, nor shall he prolong his days, which are like a shadow; because he does not fear before God.

14. There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there are just men, to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked; again, there are wicked men, to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous; I said that this also is vanity.

15. And I commended mirth, because a man has no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry; for this will go with him in his labor during the days of his life, which God gives him under the sun.
16. When I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth; for neither by day nor by night one's eyes see sleep,

17. And I saw all the work of God, for a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun; because though a man would labor to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; and also if a wise man claims to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.
For all this I laid to my heart, and sought to clarify all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their deeds, are in the hand of God; no man knows whether it is love or hatred; all is before them.

All things come alike to all; there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the pure, and to the impure; to him who sacrifices, and to him who does not sacrifice; as is the good man, so is the sinner; and he who swears as he who shuns an oath.

This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event to all; also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

For to him who is joined to all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know nothing, nor do they have a reward any more; for the memory of them is forgotten.

Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; nor have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.
7. Go your way, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has already accepted your works.

8. Let your garments be always white; and let your head lack no ointment.

9. Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of the life of your vanity, which he has given you under the sun, all the days of your vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in your labor in which you labor under the sun.

10. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your strength; for there is no work, nor scheme, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Sheol, to which you are going.

11. I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happens to them all.

12. For man also does not know his time; like the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and like the birds that are caught in the trap; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them.

13. This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me;
14. There was a little city, and few men in it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great siege works against it;

15. And a poor wise man was found in it, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that poor man.

16. And said I, Wisdom is better than might; but the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

17. The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the shouting of him who rules among fools.

18. Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroys much good.
Ecclesiastes Chapter 10

1. Dead flies cause the ointment of the perfumer to send forth a foul smell; so does a little folly outweigh wisdom and honor.

2. A wise man's heart inclines him to his right hand; but a fool's heart to his left.

3. And also, on the road, when a fool walks by, his understanding fails him, and he says to every one that he is a fool.

4. If the spirit of the ruler rises against you, leave not your place; for deference pacifies great offenses.

5. There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceeds from the ruler;

6. Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

7. I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

8. He who digs a pit shall fall into it; and whoever breaks a hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

9. He who removes stones shall be hurt by them; and he who chops wood shall be endangered by that.
10. If the iron is blunt, and one does not whet the edge, he must apply more strength; but wisdom increases skill.

11. If the serpent bites before it is charmed, there is no advantage in a charmer.

12. The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

13. The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness; and the end of his talk is evil madness.

14. A fool is full of words; a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

15. The labor of fools wearies him, for he does not know how to go to the city.

16. Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes dine in the morning!

17. Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of free men, and your princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

18. By slothfulness the beams collapse; and through idleness of the hands the house leaks.
19. For laughter bread is made, and wine gladdens life, and money answers all things.

20. Do not curse the king, not even in your thought; and curse not the rich in your bed chamber; for a bird of the sky shall carry the voice, and that which has wings shall tell the matter.
Cast your bread upon the waters, for you shall find it after many days.

Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for you know not what evil shall be upon the earth.

If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth; and if the tree falls to the south, or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it shall lie.

He who observes the wind shall not sow; and he who regards the clouds shall not reap.

As you do not know what is the way of the wind, nor how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child; even so you do not know the works of God who makes all.

In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand; for you do not know which shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both alike shall be good.

And the light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun.
8. And if many years lives a man, let him rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that comes is vanity.

9. Rejoice, O young man, in your youth; and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth, and walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes; but know, that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

10. And remove sorrow from your heart, and put away evil from your flesh; for childhood and youth are vanity.
Ecclesiastes Chapter 12

1. Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw near, when you shall say, I have no pleasure in them;

2. Before the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars are darkened, and the clouds return after the rain;

3. In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look out of the windows are dimmed,

4. And the doors are shut on the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low;

5. Also when they are afraid of that which is high, and fears are in the way, and the almond tree blossoms, and the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails; because man goes to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets;

6. Before the silver cord is removed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.
7. And the dust returns to the earth as it was; and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

8. Vanity of vanities, said Kohelet; all is vanity.

9. And besides being wise, Kohelet also taught the people knowledge; for he weighed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

10. Kohelet sought to find out acceptable words; and words of truth written in proper form.

11. The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings, which are given by one shepherd.

12. And furthermore, by these, my son, be admonished; of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13. The end of the matter, all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

14. For God shall bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.

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Lamentations Chapter 1

1. How lonely sits the city, that was full of people! She has become like a widow! She that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, has become a vassal!

2. She weeps bitterly in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

3. Judah has gone into exile because of affliction, and because of great servitude; she dwells among the nations, she finds no rest; all her pursuers overtook her in the midst of her distress.

4. The roads to Zion mourn, because none come to the appointed feasts; all her gates are desolate; her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.

5. Her adversaries have become the chief, her enemies prosper; for the Lord has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions; her infants have gone to captivity before the enemy.

6. And from the daughter of Zion all her splendor is departed; her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.
7. Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her; the adversaries saw her, and mocked at her destruction.

8. Jerusalem grievously sinned; therefore she has become loathsome; all those who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; even she sighs, and turns back.

9. Her filthiness was in her skirts; she took no thought not her last end; therefore she came down astonishingly; she has no comforter. O Lord, behold my affliction; for the enemy has magnified himself.

10. The adversary has spread out his hand upon all her precious things; for she has seen that the nations entered into her sanctuary, whom you did forbid to enter into your congregation.

11. All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their precious things for food to revive their soul. Look, O Lord, and consider, how abject have I become.

12. Is it nothing to you, all you that pass by? Behold, and see if there is any pain like my pain, which was brought upon me, with which the Lord has afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.
13. From above has he sent fire into my bones, and it prevails against them; he has spread a net for my feet, he has turned me back; he has made me desolate and faint all day long.

14. The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand; they are knit together and are set upon my neck; he has caused my strength to fall, the Lord has delivered me into the hands of those against whom I am not able to rise up.

15. The Lord has spurned all my mighty men in the midst of me; he has called an assembly against me to crush my young men; the Lord has trodden, as in a wine press, the virgin daughter of Judah.

16. For these things I weep; my eye, my eye runs down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me; my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.

17. Zion spreads out her hands, and none is there to comfort her; the Lord has commanded against Jacob adversaries around him; Jerusalem is like a menstruating woman among them.

18. The Lord is righteous; for I have rebelled against his word; hear, I beg you, all the peoples, and behold my sorrow; my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.
19. I called to my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and my elders perished in the city, while they sought food to revive their souls.

20. Behold, O Lord; for I am in distress; my bowels are troubled; my heart is turned inside me; for I have grievously rebelled; outside the sword bereaves, at home it is like death.

21. They have heard that I sigh; there is none to comfort me; all my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it; you will bring the day that you have announced, and they shall be like me.

22. Let all their wickedness come before you; and do to them, as you have done to me for all my transgressions; for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.
Lamentations Chapter 2

1. How has the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven to the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!

2. The Lord has swallowed all the habitations of Jacob without pity; he has thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah; he has brought them down to the ground; he has profaned the kingdom and its princes.

3. He has cut off in his fierce anger all the horn of Israel; he has drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he has burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, which devours its surrounding.

4. He has bent his bow like an enemy; he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and he has slain all that were pleasant to the eye in the tent of the daughter of Zion; he has poured out his fury like fire.

5. The Lord was like an enemy; he has swallowed up Israel, he has swallowed up all her palaces; he has destroyed his strongholds, and has increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

6. And he has broken down his booth, as if it were a garden; he has destroyed his place of the assembly; the Lord has caused the appointed feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and has spurned in his angry indignation king and priest.
7. The Lord has cast off his altar, he has loathed his sanctuary, he has given to the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the Lord, as in the day of an appointed feast.

8. The Lord has determined to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion; he has stretched out a line, he has not restrained his hand from destroying; he has caused the rampart and the wall to lament; they languish together.

9. Her gates are sunk into the ground; he has destroyed and broken her bars; her king and her princes are among the nations; the Torah is no more; her prophets also did not find a vision from the Lord.

10. The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence; they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth; the virgins of Jerusalem bow down their heads to the ground.

11. My eyes are spent with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the babies faint in the streets of the city.

12. They say to their mothers, Where is grain and wine? when they faint like wounded men in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out on their mothers' bosom.
13. What shall I take to witness for you? What shall I compare to you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I equal to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? for your ruin is great like the sea. Who can heal you?

14. Your prophets have seen vain and foolish visions for you; and they have not exposed your iniquity, to restore your captivity; but have prophesied for you burdens of falsehood and deceit.

15. All who pass by clap their hands at you; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?

16. All your enemies have opened their mouth against you; they hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, We have swallowed her up; certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found it, we have seen it.

17. The Lord has done that which he had determined; he has fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old; he has thrown down without pity; and he has caused your enemy to rejoice over you, he has raised up the horn of your adversaries.

18. Their heart cried to the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night; give yourself no rest; let not the apple of your eye cease.
19. Arise, cry out in the night; in the beginning of the watches pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord; lift up your hands toward him for the life of your young children, who faint for hunger at the head of every street.

20. Behold, O Lord, and consider to whom you have done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, their cherished babies? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

21. The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets; my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; you have slain them in the day of your anger; you have slaughtered without mercy.

22. You have called as in the day of an appointed feast my terrors in every side, so that in the day of the Lord's anger none escaped nor remained; my enemy has consumed those whom I have cherished and brought up.
Lamentations Chapter 3

1. I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

2. He has led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.

3. Surely he has turned against me; he turns his hand against me all day long.

4. He has made my flesh and my skin waste away; he has broken my bones.

5. He has built against me, and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship.

6. He has set me in dark places, like the long ago dead.

7. He has walled me around, so that I cannot get out; he has made my chain heavy.

8. Also when I cry and shout, he shuts out my prayer.

9. He has enclosed my ways with hewn stone, he has made my paths crooked.

10. He is to me like a bear lying in wait, and like a lion in secret places.
11. He has turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces; he has made me desolate.

12. He has bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.

13. He has caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my insides.

14. I have become a derision to all my people; and their song all day long.

15. He has filled me with bitterness, he has sated me with wormwood.

16. He has also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he has covered me with ashes.

17. And you have removed my soul far away from peace; I have forgotten prosperity.

18. And I said, My strength and my hope are perished from the Lord;

19. Remembering my affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

20. My soul remembers them, and is bowed down inside me.
21. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22. The grace of the Lord has not ceased, and his compassion does not fail.

23. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

24. The Lord is my portion, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25. The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

26. It is good that a man should quietly hope for the salvation of the Lord.

27. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28. Let him sit alone and in silence, because he has taken it upon him.

29. Let him puts his mouth in the dust; there may yet be hope.

30. Let him offer his cheek to him who strikes him; let him take his fill of insults.

31. For the Lord will not cast off for ever;
32. But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the abundance of his grace.

33. For he does not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

34. To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,

35. To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,

36. To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approves not.

37. Who is he who says, and it comes to pass, when the Lord commands it not?

38. Do not both evil and good come out of the mouth of the Most High?

39. Why then does a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins?

40. Let us search and try our ways, and turn back to the Lord.

41. Let us lift up our heart with our hands to God in the heavens.

42. We have transgressed and have rebelled; you have not pardoned.
43. You have covered with anger, and pursued us; you have slain, you have not pitied.

44. You have covered yourself with a cloud, so that our prayer should not pass through.

45. You have made us offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people.

46. All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

47. Fear and the pit have come upon us, desolation and destruction.

48. My eye runs down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

49. My eye trickles down, and ceases not, without any intermission,

50. Till the Lord looks down, and beholds from heaven.

51. My eye affects my heart because of all the daughters of my city.

52. They hunt me like a bird, those who hate me without cause.
53. They have cut off my life in the pit, and have cast stones upon me.

54. Waters flowed over my head; then I said, I am cut off.

55. I called upon your name, O Lord, from the lowest pit.

56. You have heard my voice; hide not your ear at my sighing, at my cry.

57. You drew near in the day that I called upon you; you said, Fear not.

58. O Lord, you have pleaded the causes of my soul; you have redeemed my life.

59. O Lord, you have seen my wrong; judge you my cause.

60. You have seen all their vengeance and all their schemes against me.

61. You have heard their insult, O Lord, and all their schemes against me.

62. The lips of those who rose up against me, and their muttering against me all day long.

63. Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their music.
64. Render to them a recompense, O Lord, according to the work of their hands.

65. Give them sorrow of heart, your curse be on them.

66. Pursue and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the Lord.
Lamentations Chapter 4

1. How has the gold become dim! how has the finest gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary lie scattered at the head of every street.

2. The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they considered as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

3. Even the jackals give the breast, they suckle their young ones; but the daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4. The tongue of the sucking child cleaves to the roof of his mouth for thirst; the young children ask for bread, and no man gives it to them.

5. Those who fed delicately are desolate in the streets; those who were brought up in purple embrace dunghills.

6. For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown in a moment, and no hands were laid upon her.

7. Her Nazirites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire;

8. Now their visage is blacker than coal; they are not recognized in the streets; their skin is shrivelled upon their bones; it is withered, it has become like a stick.
9. Those who were slain with the sword are better than those who are slain with hunger; for these pine away, stricken by want of the fruits of the field.

10. The hands of compassionate women have boiled their own children; they were their food in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11. The Lord has accomplished his fury; he has poured out his fierce anger, and has kindled a fire in Zion, which has devoured its foundations.

12. The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy would enter the gates of Jerusalem.

13. It was for the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, who have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,

14. They wandered blindly in the streets, polluted with blood, so that none could touch their garments.

15. Away! Unclean! men cried to them; Away!, Away!, Do not touch! So they fled away and wandered. Among the nations it was said, They shall no more sojourn there.

16. The anger of the Lord has divided them; he will no more regard them; they respected not the persons of the priests, they were not gracious to the elders.
17. As for us, our eyes fail watching for vain help; in our watching we have watched for a nation which could not save.

18. They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets; our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

19. Our pursuers are swifter than the vultures of the sky; they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20. The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the Lord, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the nations.

21. Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, living in the land of Uz; the cup shall also pass over to you; you shall become drunk and strip yourself bare.

22. The punishment of your iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry you away into exile; he will visit your iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will uncover your sins.
1. Remember, O Lord, what has come upon us; consider, and behold our disgrace.

2. Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our homes to foreigners.

3. We have become orphans and fatherless, our mothers are like widows.

4. We have drunk our water for money; our wood is sold to us.

5. We are pursued to our necks; we labor, and have no rest.

6. We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7. Our fathers have sinned, and are no more; but we bear their iniquities.

8. Slaves rule over us; there is none to deliver us from their hand.

9. We get our bread with the peril of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.

10. Our skin is hot like an oven because of the burning famine.
11. Women are ravished in Zion, and virgins in the cities of Judah.

12. Princes are hanged up by their hand; the faces of elders are not honored.

13. They took the young men to grind, and boys stumble under the wood.

14. The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music.

15. The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

16. The crown is fallen from our head; woe to us, that we have sinned!

17. For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim.

18. Upon the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, foxes walk.

19. You, O Lord, are enthroned for ever; your throne is from generation to generation.

20. Why do you forget us for ever, and forsake us for so long?

21. Turn us to you, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.
22. But you have utterly rejected us; you are very angry against us.
1. And it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, this is Ahasuerus who reigned, from India to Cush, over one hundred and twenty seven provinces;

2. That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the capital,

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

4. When he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, one hundred and eighty days.

5. And when these days were fulfilled, the king made a banquet for all the people who were present in Shushan the capital, both to great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

6. There were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble; the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of alabaster, marble, mother of pearl, and precious stones.
7. And they gave them drink in utensils of gold, the utensils being different one the other, and royal wine in abundance, according to the bounty of the king.

8. And the drinking was according to the law; no one compelled; for the king had instructed to all the officials of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

9. Also Vashti the queen made a banquet for the women in the royal palace which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

10. On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbonah, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, 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 to look on.

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

13. And the king said to the wise men, who knew the times, for so was the king's manner toward all who knew law and judgment;
14. And the closest to him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and who sat first in the kingdom;

15. What shall we do to the queen Vashti according to law, because she has not performed the command of the king Ahasuerus by the eunuchs?

16. And Memucan answered in the presence of the king and the princes, Vashti, the queen, has wronged not only the king, but also all the princes, and all the people who are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

17. For this deed of the queen shall be known to all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported that the king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought to his presence, but she came not.

18. Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day to all the king's princes, who have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath.

19. If it please the king, let a royal command be issued by him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it can not be altered, that Vashti is to come no more to the presence of king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she.
20. And when the king's decree, which he shall issue, shall be proclaimed throughout all his kingdom, which is very large, all the wives shall give to their husbands honor, both to great and small.

21. And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan;

22. And he sent letters to all the king's provinces, to every province according to its writing, and to every people after their language, that every man should rule in his own house, and that it should be proclaimed according to the language of every people.
Esther Chapter 2

1. After these things, when the anger of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

2. Then said the king's servants who ministered to him, Let young virgins of good presence be sought for the king;

3. And let the king appoint officials in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the young virgins of good presence to Shushan the capital, to the harem, to the custody of Hege, the king's eunuch, keeper of the women; and let their ointments be given them;

4. And let the girl which pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the matter pleased the king; and he did so.

5. There was a Jewish man in Shushan the capital, and his name was Mordecai, son of Jair, son of Shimei, son of Kish, a Benjamite;

6. Who had been exiled from Jerusalem among the captives exiled with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled.
7. And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter; for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was beautiful and of good presence; and, when her father and her mother died, Mordecai adopted her as a daughter.

8. So it came to pass, when the king's command and his decree were heard, and when many girls were gathered together in Shushan the capital, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also to the king's palace, to the custody of Hegai, guardian of the women.

9. And the girl pleased him, and she won his favor; and he quickly gave her her ointments, and her appointed portions, and seven maids, chosen to be to given her, from the king's palace; and he advanced her and her maids to the best place in the harem.

10. Esther had not declared her people nor her country; for Mordecai had charged her that she should not tell.

11. And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the harem, to know how Esther was, and what was done to her.

12. And when every maid's turn had come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, namely six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet perfumes, and with other ointments for women;
13. Then thus came every girl to the king; whatever she desired was given her to take with her from the harem to the king’s palace.

14. In the evening she went, and on the morning she returned to the second harem, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king’s eunuch, who guarded the concubines; she came to the king no more, unless the king had delighted in her, and she was summoned by name.

15. Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had adopted her as his daughter, came to go to the king, she asked for nothing but what Hegai the king’s eunuch, the keeper of the women, advised. And Esther found favor in the sight of all those who looked upon her.

16. So Esther was taken to king Ahasuerus to his royal palace in the tenth month, which is the month Tevet, in the seventh year of his reign.

17. And the king loved Esther above all the other women, and she found grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

18. Then the king made a great banquet for all his princes and his servants, it was Esther’s feast; and he granted a remission of taxes to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.
19. And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.

20. Esther had not yet told her country nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her; for Esther did the command of Mordecai, as when she was brought up with him.

21. In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who guarded the door, were angry, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

22. And the matter was known to Mordecai, who told it to Esther the queen; and Esther informed the king of it in Mordecai's name.

23. And when inquiries were made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree; and it was written in the Book of the Chronicles in the presence of the king.
1. After these things king Ahasuerus promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes who were with him.

2. And all the king's servants, who were in the king's gate, bowed, and did obeisance to Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow, nor did him obeisance.

3. Then the king's servants, who were in the king's gate, said to Mordecai, Why do you transgress the king's command?

4. Now it came to pass, when they spoke daily to him, and he did not listen to them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's words would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew.

5. And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow, nor did him obeisance, then was Haman full of wrath.

6. And he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had told him the people of Mordecai; therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, the people of Mordecai.
7. In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, that is, the month Adar.

8. And Haman said to king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; and their laws are different from those of every other people; and they do not keep the king's laws; therefore it is not for the king's profit to tolerate them.

9. If it please the king, let it be decreed that they may be destroyed; and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those who have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries.

10. And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy.

11. And the king said to Haman, The silver is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to you.

12. Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded to the king's satraps, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to its writing, and to every people in their own language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.
13. And the letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to plunder their goods.

14. The copy of the decree was given out as a law in every province, to be proclaimed to all the peoples, so that they should be ready for that day.

15. The couriers hurried out by the king's command, and the decree was given in Shushan the capital. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was in consternation.
When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai tore his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;

And came before the king's gate; for no one might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

And in every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

So Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her. Then was the queen exceedingly distressed; and she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him; but he would not accept them.

Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's eunuchs, whom he had appointed to attend on her, and gave him a command to Mordecai, to learn what this was, and why it was.

So Hatach went forth to Mordecai to the street of the city, which was before the king's gate.
7. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and of the sum of money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for destroying the Jews.

8. Also he gave him the copy of the written decree that was issued at Shushan to destroy them, to show it to Esther, and to declare it to her, and to charge her that she should go to the king, to make supplication to him, and entreat him for her people.

9. And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10. Again Esther spoke to Hatach, and gave him a command for Mordecai;
14. For if you remain silent at this time, then shall relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but you and your father's house shall be destroyed. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

15. Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,

16. Go, gather together all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day; I also and my girls will fast likewise; and so will I go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.

17. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.
1. And it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal dress, and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, opposite the king's palace; and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal palace, opposite the gate of the house.

2. And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight; and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the scepter.

3. Then said the king to her, What do you wish, queen Esther? and what is your request? It shall be given to you even to the half of the kingdom.

4. And Esther answered, If it seem good to the king, let the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him.

5. Then the king said, Make Haman hurry, that he may do as Esther has said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6. And the king said to Esther at the banquet of wine, What is your petition? and it shall be granted you; and what is your request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be granted.
7. Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is;

8. If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to grant my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king has said.

9. Then went Haman out that day joyful and with a glad heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he did not stand nor stir for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai.

10. And Haman refrained himself; and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife.

11. And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things by which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

12. And Haman said, And Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and tomorrow I am also invited to her with the king.

13. Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.
14. And Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, Let a gallows be made fifty cubits high, and tomorrow speak to the king that Mordecai may be hanged on it; then go in cheerfully with the king to the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he had the gallows made.
Esther Chapter 6

1. On that night the king could not sleep, and he commanded to bring the Book of Records of the Chronicles; and they were read before the king.

2. And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

3. And the king said, What honor and dignity has been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants who ministered to him, Nothing was done for him.

4. And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman had come into the outward court of the king's palace, to speak to the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5. And the king's servants said to him, Behold, Haman stands in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

6. So Haman came in. And the king said to him, What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself?
7. And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor,

8. Let the royal clothing be brought which the king wears, and the horse that the king rides upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head;

9. And let this clothing and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man with it whom the king delights to honor, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.

10. Then the king said to Haman, Hurry, and take the clothing and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate; let nothing fail of all that you have spoken.

11. Then took Haman the clothing and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.

12. And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house mourning, and having his head covered.
13. And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife to him, If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the seed of the Jews, you shall not prevail against him, but shall surely fall before him.

14. And while they were still talking with him, came the king's eunuchs, and hurried to bring Haman to the banquet that Esther had prepared.
1. So the king and Haman came to feast with Esther the queen.

2. And the king said again to Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is your petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted you; and what is your request? and it shall be fulfilled, even to the half of the kingdom.

3. Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request;

4. For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to be annihilated. But if we had been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept my silence, since the affliction would not have equalled the kings' damage.

5. And the king Ahasuerus answered and said to Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that does presume in his heart to do so?

6. And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

7. And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath went to the palace garden; and Haman stood up to beg Esther the queen for his life; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.
8. Then the king returned from the palace garden to the place of the wine drinking: and Haman was falling upon the couch where Esther was. Then said the king, Will he also force the queen with me present in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

9. And Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, stands in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him on it.

10. So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.
Esther Chapter 8

1. On that day the king Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman the Jews' enemy to Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was to her.

2. And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3. And Esther spoke once more before the king, and fell down at his feet, and pleaded with tears to avert the evil design of Haman the Agagite, and his plot that he had devised against the Jews.

4. Then the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,

5. And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and if I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be decreed to revoke the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces;

6. For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come to my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?
7. Then the king Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he would lay his hand upon the Jews.

8. And you write about the Jews, as you please, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring; for the decrees which are decreed in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, no man can revoke.

9. Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on its twenty third day; And it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and the princes of the provinces which are from India to Cush, one hundred twenty and seven provinces, to every province according to its writing, and to every people in their own language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

10. And he wrote in king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by couriers on horseback, riding on the swift horses used in the royal service, bred from the royal mares.

11. By these the king authorized the Jews who were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to annihilate, any armed force of any people or province that might attack them, infants and women, and to plunder their goods;
12. On one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of
the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

13. The copy of the written command to be issued as a decree in every
province, and to be proclaimed to all peoples, and that the Jews should be ready
against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14. So the couriers who rode on horseback, riding on the swift horses used in
the royal service, hurried and pressed on by the king's command. And the
decree was given at Shushan the capital.

15. And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal clothes of
blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen
and purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

16. The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honor.

17. And in every province, and in every city, wherever the king's command and
his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And
many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon
them.
1. And in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's command and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over those who hated them;

2. The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt; and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.

3. And all the rulers of the provinces, and the satraps, and the governors, and the officials of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai had fallen upon them.

4. For Mordecai was great in the king's palace, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai grew greater and greater.

5. Thus the Jews struck all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would to those who hated them.

6. And in Shushan the capital the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.

7. And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,
8. And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

9. And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,

10. The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the plunder they did not lay their hand.

11. On that day the number of those who were slain in Shushan the capital was brought before the king.

12. And the king said to Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the capital, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what is your petition? and it shall be granted you; or what is your request further? and it shall be done.

13. Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do tomorrow also according to this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.

14. And the king commanded it so to be done; and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

15. For the Jews who were in Shushan gathered themselves together also on the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the plunder they did not lay their hand.
16. But the other Jews who were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the plunder,

17. On the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

18. But the Jews who were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day of the month, and on the fourteenth day; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

19. Therefore the Jews of the villages, who lived in the unwalled towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a holiday, and of sending portions one to another.

20. And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both near and far,

21. To establish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,
22. Like the days when the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning to a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

23. And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to them;

24. Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;

25. But when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked plot, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

26. Therefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come to them,

27. The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all who joined themselves to them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year;
28. And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every
generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of
Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish
from their seed.

29. Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew,
wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

30. And he sent the letters to all the Jews, to the one hundred and twenty seven
provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, in words of peace and truth,

31. To confirm these days of Purim in their times appointed, according as
Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had
decreed for themselves and for their seed, with regard to the fasting and their
lamenting.

32. And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was
written in the book.
1. And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the islands of the sea.

2. And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3. For Mordecai the Jew was next to king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted by the multitude of his brothers, seeking the good of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.
1. In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the utensils of the house of God; which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the utensils into the treasure house of his god.

3. And the king spoke to Ashpenaz the chief of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the nobles;

4. Children in whom was no blemish, but good looking, and skilful in all wisdom, and discerning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5. And the king appointed them a daily portion of the king's food, and of the wine which he drank; and to bring them up during three years, that at its end they might stand before the king.

6. And among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah;
7. To whom the chief of the eunuchs gave names; for he gave to Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-Nego.

8. But Daniel resolved in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's food, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested from the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9. And God had brought Daniel into grace and compassion with the chief of the eunuchs.

10. And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking worse than the children's which are of your age? And you would endanger my head to the king.

11. Then said Daniel to the steward, whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12. Test your servants, I beg you, ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat, and water to drink.

13. Then let our countenances be looked upon before you, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's food; and according to what you see, deal with your servants.
14. So he consented to them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

15. And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared better in appearance, and fatter in flesh than all the children who ate the portions of the king's food.

16. Thus the steward took away the portion of their food, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them vegetables.

17. And to these four children God gave knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18. And at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19. And the king talked with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore stood they before the king.

20. And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

21. And Daniel continued until the first year of king Cyrus.
1. And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.

2. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3. And the king said to them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

4. Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, O king, live for ever; tell your servants the dream, and we will declare the meaning.

5. The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me; if you will not make known to me the dream, and its meaning, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

6. But if you declare the dream, and its meaning, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor; therefore declare to me the dream, and its meaning.

7. They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will declare its meaning.
8. The king answered and said, I know for sure that you wish to gain time, because you see the thing is determined by me.

9. But if you will not make known to me the dream, there is but one decree for you; for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the times change; therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can declare me its meaning.

10. The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, There is not a man upon earth who can declare the king's matter; for no king, lord, nor ruler, has asked such things from any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

11. And it is a difficult thing that the king requires, and there is none who can declare before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

12. For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13. And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his companions to slay them.

14. Then Daniel answered with prudence and discretion to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to slay the wise men of Babylon.
15. He answered and said to Arioch the king’s captain, Why is the decree from the king so severe? Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel.

16. Then Daniel went in, and requested from the king to appoint him a time, so that he might tell the king the meaning.

17. Then Daniel went to his house, and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions;

18. That they should seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this mystery; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19. Then was the mystery revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20. Daniel spoke and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are his;

21. And he changes the times and the seasons; he removes kings, and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who have understanding;

22. He reveals the deep and secret things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.
23. I thank you, and praise you, O you God of my fathers, who have given me wisdom and might, and have made known to me now what we desired of you; for you have now made known to us the king’s matter.

24. Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said thus to him; Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will declare to the king the meaning.

25. Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus to him, I have found a man among the exiles of Judah, who will make known to the king the meaning.

26. The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its meaning?

27. Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The mystery which the king has demanded is one that the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, can not declare to the king;

28. But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and makes known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, are these;
29. As for you, O king, your thoughts came into your mind upon your bed, as to what should come to pass hereafter; and he who reveals mysteries makes known to you what shall come to pass.

30. But as for me, this mystery is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but in order that the meaning shall be made known to the king, and that you might know the thoughts of your heart.

31. You, O king, saw, and behold a great image. This great image, which was mighty, and of surpassing brightness, stood before you; and its form was terrifying.

32. This image’s head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of bronze,

33. His legs of iron, his feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

34. While you looked, a stone was cut out by no hand, which struck the image on its iron and clay feet, and broke them in pieces.

35. Then was the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them; and the stone that struck the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.
36. This is the dream; and we will declare its meaning to the king.

37. You, O king, are a king of kings; to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory.

38. And wherever the children of men live, the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky has he given to your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You are this head of gold.

39. And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and another third kingdom of bronze, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron; because iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things; and like iron that breaks, so shall it break and crush all things.

41. And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potters' clay, and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, just as you saw the iron mixed with miry clay.

42. And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron, and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly brittle.
43. And as you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mix themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

44. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces all these kingdoms, and consume them all, and it shall stand for ever.

45. Just as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain by no hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter; and the dream is certain, and its meaning is sure.

46. Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and did homage to Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an offering and incense to him.

47. The king answered to Daniel, and said, It is true that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, seeing that you could reveal this mystery.

48. Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.
49. Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel remained in the gate of the king.
1. Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits, and its breadth six cubits; he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3. Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4. Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

5. That when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you shall fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up;

6. And whoever does not fall and worship shall the same hour be thrown into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
7. Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp and every kind of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8. Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

9. They spoke and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

10. You, O king, have issued a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, and bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image;

11. And whoever does not fall down and worship, that he should be thrown into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12. There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not regarded you; they serve not your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

13. Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. Then they brought these men before the king.
14. Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said to them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15. Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image which I have made; well and good; but if you will not worship, you shall be thrown the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is the God who shall save you from my hands?

16. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

17. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to save us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will save us from your hand, O king.

18. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

19. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the expression of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; therefore he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.
20. And he commanded the mightiest men who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and to throw them into the burning fiery furnace.

21. Then these men were bound in their mantles, their tunics, and their hats, and their other garments, and were thrown into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22. Therefore because the king's command was strict, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

23. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spoke, and said to his counsellors, Did we not throw three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said to the king, True, O king.

25. He answered and said, Behold, I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.
26. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spoke, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, you servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, came out of the midst of the fire.

27. And the satraps, prefects, the governors, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, nor were their mantles damaged, nor the smell of fire had passed over them.

28. Then Nebuchadnezzar spoke, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who has sent his angel, and saved his servants who trusted in him, setting aside the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

29. Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, who speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill; because there is no other God who can save like this.

30. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, in the province of Babylon.
31. Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all people, nations, and languages, who dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied to you.

32. I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God has wrought toward me.

33. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.
I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace.

I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon to my presence, that they might make known to me the meaning of the dream.

Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers; and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its meaning.

And at last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and before him I told the dream, saying,

O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its meaning.

Thus were the visions of my head in my bed; I saw, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great.
8. The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of all the earth;

9. Its leaves were pretty, and its fruits abundant, and in it was food for all; the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the birds of the sky dwelt in its boughs, and all flesh was fed from it.

10. I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven;

11. He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit; let the beasts get away from under it, and the birds from its branches;

12. But leave the stump of its roots in the ground, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let its portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth;

13. Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given to him; and let seven seasons pass over him.

14. This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whom he will, and sets up over it the lowliest of men.
15. This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now you, O Belteshazzar, declare its meaning, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to explain to me the meaning; but you are able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in you.

16. Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was dismayed for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or its meaning, trouble you. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you, and its meaning for your enemies.

17. The tree that you saw, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached to the heaven, and was visible to all the earth;

18. Whose leaves were pretty, and its fruits abundant, and in it was food for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the birds of the sky had their habitation;

19. It is you, O king, who are grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown, and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

20. And as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bounded with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let its portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven seasons pass over him;
21. This is the meaning, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king:

22. That you shall be driven from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven seasons shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whom he pleases.

23. And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; your kingdom shall be sure to you from the time you know that the heavens rule.

24. Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; that there may be a lengthening of your tranquillity.

25. All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

26. At the end of twelve months he was walking in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

27. The king spoke, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built as a royal residence by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?
28. While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from you.

29. And you shall be driven from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven seasons shall pass over you, until you learn that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whom he pleases.

30. On the same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar; and he was driven from men, and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hair was grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

31. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him who lives for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation;

32. And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he does according to his will in the host of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say to him, What do you do?
33. At the same time my reason returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me; and my counsellors and my lords sought me; and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me.

34. Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, whose acts are all true and just; and he is able to abase those who walk in pride.
Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in front of the thousand.

Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver utensils which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his lords, his wives, and his concubines, might drink from them.

Then they brought the golden utensils that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was in Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank from them.

They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared, and wrote opposite the lampstand upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts so troubled him, that his limbs gave way, and his knees struck one against the other.
7. The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. And the king spoke, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whoever shall read this writing, and declare to me its meaning, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold around his neck, and shall rule as the third in the kingdom.

8. Then came all the king's wise men; but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king its meaning.

9. Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his color changed, and his lords were perplexed.

10. Now the queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet house; and the queen spoke and said, O king, live for ever; let not your thoughts trouble you, nor let your color change.

11. There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar, your father, made chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers;

12. Because an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems, were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will declare the meaning.
13. Then was Daniel brought to the presence of the king. And the king spoke and said to Daniel, Are you that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah brought by the king my father from Judah?

14. I have heard of you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.

15. And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought to my presence, that they should read this writing, and make known to me its meaning; but they could not tell the meaning of the matter.

16. And I have heard of you, that you can explain meanings, and solve problems; now if you can read the writing, and make known to me its meaning, you shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold around your neck, and you shall rule as the third in the kingdom.

17. Then Daniel answered and said to the king, Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him its meaning.

18. O you king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar, your father, a kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty;
19. And because of the majesty that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him; whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he raised up; and whom he would he put down.

20. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him;

21. And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; they fed him with grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; until he learned that the Most High God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appoints over it whom he will.

22. And you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this;

23. But have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven; and the utensils of his house have been brought before you, and you, and your lords, your wives, and your concubines, have drunk wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver, and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways, have you not glorified;
24. Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

25. And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN.

26. This is the meaning of the matter; MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and brought it to an end.

27. TEKEL: You are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting.

28. PERES: Your kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

29. Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him, that he should rule as the third in the kingdom.

30. In that night was Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, slain.
1. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about sixty two years old.

2. It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, who should be over the whole kingdom;

3. And over these three supervisors; of whom Daniel was one; that the satraps might give accounts to them, so that the king should have no loss.

4. Then this Daniel became distinguished above the supervisors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king planned to set him over the whole realm.

5. Then the supervisors and satraps sought to find a pretext against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no pretext nor fault; because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.

6. Then said these men, We shall not find any pretext against this Daniel, unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.
7. Then these supervisors and satraps came together to the king, and said thus to him, King Darius, live for ever.

8. All the supervisors of the kingdom, the prefects, and the satraps, the counsellors, and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whoever shall ask a petition from any God or man for thirty days, except from you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

9. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which can not be altered.

10. Therefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

11. Now when Daniel learned that the writing was signed, he went into his house; his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

12. Then these men came together, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.
13. Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree; Have you not signed a decree, that every man who shall ask a petition from any God or man within thirty days, except from you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The matter is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which can not be altered.

14. Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the exiles of Judah, regards not you, O king, nor the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.

15. Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to save him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to save him.

16. Then these men came together to the king, and said to the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establishes may be altered.

17. Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and threw him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said to Daniel, Your God whom you serve continually, he will save you.

18. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.
19. Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; nor were instruments of music brought before him; and his sleep left him.

20. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions.

21. And when he came to the den, he cried in an anguished voice to Daniel; and the king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, whom you serve continually, able to save you from the lions?

22. Then said Daniel to the king, O king, live for ever.

23. My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me; because I was found innocent before him; and also before you, O king, have I done no wrong.

24. Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that Daniel should be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

25. And the king commanded, and those men who had accused Daniel, were brought and thrown in the den of lions; they, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones into pieces before they reached the bottom of the den.
26. Then king Darius wrote to all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied to you.

27. I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God, and enduring for ever, and his kingdom is one which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end.

28. He saves and rescues, and he works signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, he who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

29. So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.
Daniel Chapter 7

1. In the first year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay upon his bed; then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matter.

2. Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of heaven stirred up the great sea.

3. And four great beasts came up from the sea, one different from the other.

4. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings; I looked till its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon its feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5. And behold another beast, a second, like a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, Arise, devour much flesh.

6. After this I looked, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon its back four wings of a bird; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.
7. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceedingly strong; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

8. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots; and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth arrogantly boasting.

9. While I looked, thrones were placed, and one who was ancient of days sat, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head was like pure wool; his throne was like a fiery flame, its wheels like burning fire.

10. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands ministered to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; they sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

11. I looked then because of the voice of the horn which was boasting; and while I looked the beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12. And as for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.
13. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like a son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14. And there he was given dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

15. As for me Daniel, my spirit inside my body was troubled, and the visions of my head frightened me.

16. I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made known to me the interpretation of the things.

17. These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

18. But the holy ones of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, for ever and ever.

19. Then I wished to know the truth of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful; its teeth were of iron, and its nails of bronze; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet;
20. And of the ten horns that were in its head, and of the other horn which came up, and before which three fell; that horn which had eyes, and a mouth that boasted arrogantly, and which appeared greater than its companions.

כ. ולמשל כל התנים עשר די ברארה עתידה די מלכות (מלכים) [מלכים] מ- (פרקחי)

כ. המלך למלך (צלצול) מלכת מלכותי עליונים יבלי ואצלי עולם להשבה עתיד

21. That same horn, as I looked, made war with the holy ones, and prevailed against them;

כ. עד כי-אחת עתיד ונבאה וירבע يجب buscar יד בר לבר diverted מפש השלטון

הפסנתר א الفرنسي:

22. Until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given for the holy ones of the Most High; and the time came that the holy ones possessed the kingdom.

כ. קט אמורי חיות בריתא מלכי (בריתא) [בריתא] מתוא ברزة די תמנה

מ- קל-מרכנתו עמקChelsea כל-אראם הח(es) הנשבה אפריקה:

23. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be different from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall trample it down, and break it in pieces.

כ. וּרְכֶבֶת אֵשֶׁר מָנוּ מֶלְכוֹתָּה עֲשָׂרָה מֶלְכוֹת יַעֲמֹד אֵלֶּה יִשְׂרָאֵל יִשָּׂרָאֵל שָׂרֵי

נְשַׁעְמָה מְרַכֵּבֶת וְתָפֵלָה מְלָכֹת יִשָּׂרָאֵל:

24. And the ten horns are ten kings that shall arise out of this kingdom, and another shall rise after them; and he shall be different from the former ones, and he shall subdue three kings.

כ. וּרְכֶבֶת אֵשֶׁר מָנוּ מֶלְכוֹתָּה עֲשָׂרָה מֶלְכוֹת יַעֲמֹד אֵלֶּה יִשְׂרָאֵל יִשָּׂרָאֵל שָׂרֵי

נְשַׁעְמָה מְרַכֵּבֶת וְתָפֵלָה מְלָכֹת יִשָּׂרָאֵל:

25. And he shall speak arrogantly against the Most High, and shall wear out the holy ones of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times and half a time.

כ. וּרְכֶבֶת אֵשֶׁר מָנוּ מֶלְכוֹתָּה עֲשָׂרָה מֶלְכוֹת יַעֲמֹד אֵלֶּה יִשָּׂרָאֵל יִשָּׂרָאֵל שָׂרֵי

נְשַׁעְמָה מְרַכֵּבֶת וְתָפֵלָה מְלָכֹת יִשָּׂרָאֵל:

26. But they shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and to be destroyed to the end.
27. And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the holy ones of the Most High, whose kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

28. Here is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my color changed; but I kept the matter in my heart.
1. In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which had appeared to me at the first.

2. And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was in Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

3. Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns; and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

4. I saw the ram charging westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts could stand before it, nor was there any that could save itself from its hand; but it did as it pleased, and magnified itself.

5. And as I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a conspicuous horn between its eyes.

6. And it came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran to it with all the fury of its power.
7. And I saw it come close to the ram, and it was furious against it, and it struck the ram, and broke its two horns; and the ram had no power to stand before it, but it threw it down to the ground, and trampled upon it; and there was none who could save the ram from its hand.

8. Then the male goat grew very great; and when it was strong, its great horn was broken; and out of it came four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

9. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which grew exceedingly great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the land of beauty.

10. And it grew great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and trampled upon them.

11. And it magnified itself even to the prince of the host, and from him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

12. And for an appointed time it was set against the daily sacrifice, and truth was cast down to the ground; and the horn acted, and prospered.

13. Then I heard one holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that certain holy one who spoke, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, and the giving over of the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot.
14. And he said to me, For two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

15. And it came to pass, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought to understand it, then, behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.

16. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, who called, and said, Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.

17. So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face; but he said to me, Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end.

18. As he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face on the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright.

19. And he said, Behold, I will make you know what shall be in the latter end of the indignation; for it belongs to the appointed time of the end.

20. The ram which you saw having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.

21. And the rough male goat is the king of Javan; and the great horn that is between its eyes is the first king.

22. As for the horn which was broken, and from which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from that nation, but will not have its power.
23. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their full measure, a king of fierce countenance, one who understands riddles, shall arise.

24. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall cause awesome destruction, and he shall prosper, and act, and he shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

25. And through his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and without difficulty shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken by no human hand.

26. And the vision of the evenings and the mornings which was told is true; but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days hence.

27. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick several days; afterwards I rose and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.
1. In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

2. In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years, which, according to the word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem: seventy years.

3. And I set my face to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes;

4. And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those who love him, and to those who keep his commandments;

5. We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly and have rebelled, and have departed from your precepts and from your judgments;

6. Nor have we listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7. O Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but confusion of face to us, as at this day, to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, to those who are near, and those who are far, in all the countries where you have driven them because of their trespasses against you.
8. O Lord, to us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

9. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him;

10. For we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11. And all Israel have transgressed against your Torah, and turned aside, so as not to obey your voice; therefore the curse and the oath which are written in the Torah of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him.

12. And he has confirmed his word, which he spoke against us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil; for under the whole heaven there has not been done the like of what has been done against Jerusalem.

13. As it is written in the Torah of Moses, all this evil has come upon us; yet we did not offer our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand your truth.

14. Therefore the Lord has watched over the evil, and brought it upon us; for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he does; for we did not obey his voice.
15. And now, O Lord our God, who have brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made yourself a name, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16. O Lord, according to all your righteousness, I pray you, let your anger and your fury be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a reproach to all those who are around us.

17. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of your servant, and his supplications, and cause your face to shine upon your sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18. O my God, incline your ear, and hear; open your eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by your name; for we do not present our supplications before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercy.

19. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, listen and do; do not delay, for your own sake, O my God; for your city and your people are called by your name.

20. And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God;
21. And while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in
the vision at the beginning, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening
sacrifice.

22. And he made me understand, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I
have not come out to give you wisdom and understanding.

23. At the beginning of your supplications the command came out, and I have
come to tell it to you; for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the word,
and understand the vision.

24. Seventy weeks are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city, to
finish the transgression, and to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, and to
bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to
anoint the Most Holy place.

25. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command
to restore and to build Jerusalem until the coming of an anointed prince shall be
seven weeks; then for sixty two weeks it shall be built again, with squares and
moat, but in a troubled time.

26. And after sixty two weeks shall an anointed one be cut off, and nothing will
be left to him; and the people of a prince who shall come shall destroy the city
and the sanctuary; and its end shall be with a flood, and to the end of the war
desolations are decreed.
27. And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week; and for half of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and upon the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed destruction is poured out on the desolator.
1. In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the word was true, but for a long period ahead; and he understood the word, and had understanding of the vision.

2. In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three full weeks.

3. I ate no pleasant bread, nor did meat nor wine come into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4. And in the twenty fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Tigris,

5. I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz;

6. His body also was like the beryl, and his face like the appearance of lightning, and his eyes like lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet in color like polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great trembling fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.
8. Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my comely appearance was horribly changed, and I did not retain any strength.

9. Yet I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in a deep sleep, with my face to the ground.

10. And, behold, a hand touched me, and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

11. And he said to me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright; for to you am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling.

12. Then he said to me, Do not fear, Daniel; for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come because of your words.

13. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty one days; but, behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14. Now I have come to make you understand what shall befall your people in the latter days; for the vision is for days yet to come.
15. And when he had spoken such words to me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16. And, behold, one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth, and spoke, and said to him who stood before me, O my lord, because of the vision pains have come upon me, and I have not retained any strength.

17. For how can the servant of my lord talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, nor is there any breath left in me.

18. Then again came one in the likeness of a man, and touched me and strengthened me,

19. And said, O man greatly beloved, do not fear; peace be to you, be strong and of good courage. And when he had spoken to me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for you have strengthened me.

20. Then said he, Do you know why I have come to you? And now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I depart from him the prince of Javan shall come.

21. But I will tell you that which is inscribed in the book of truth; and there is none who stands fast with me against these, except Michael your prince.
1. As for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm to strengthen him.

2. And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than all of them; and when he has become strong through his riches he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Javan.

3. And a mighty king shall stand up, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

4. And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, and go to others beside these.

5. And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes shall be stronger than him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

6. And at the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her arm; nor shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and those who brought her, and he who fathered her, and he who strengthened her in these times.
7. But from a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his place; he shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail;

8. And he shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious utensils of silver and of gold; and he shall refrain for some years from attacking the king of the north.

9. But he shall come into the kingdom of the king of the south, and shall return to his own land.

10. But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces; and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through; then he shall return, and be stirred up as far as his fortress.

11. And the king of the south shall be moved with anger, and shall come out and fight with him, with the king of the north; and he shall raise a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12. And when he has taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many tens of thousands; but he shall not prevail.

13. For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with abundant supplies.
14. And in those times many shall stand up against the king of the south; and the men of violence among your own people shall exalt themselves to fulfil the vision, but they shall fail.

15. And the king of the north shall come, and throw up siege works, and seize a well fortified city; and the arms of the south shall not withstand, nor his chosen people, for they shall have no strength to withstand.

16. But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him; and he shall stand in the land of beauty, in his hand shall be destruction.

17. He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall make peace with him; and he shall give him the daughter of women, to destroy it; but she shall not stand or remain his.

18. After this he shall turn his face to the islands, and shall take many; but a commander shall put an end to his insult; he shall cause his insult to return upon him.

19. Then he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land; but shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20. Then shall stand up in his place an exactor of taxes through the glory of the kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger, nor in battle.
21. And in his place shall stand up a vile person, to whom the honor of the kingdom has not been given; but he shall come in without difficulty, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22. And the force of a flood shall be swept away from him, and shall be broken; even the prince of the covenant.

23. And after a pact is made with him he shall work deceitfully; for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

24. He shall enter without difficulty even upon the fattest places of the province, and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them prey, and plunder, and riches; and he shall devise schemes against the fortresses, but only for a time.

25. And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand; for they shall devise schemes against him.

26. For those who eat his food shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow; and many shall fall down slain.

27. And both these kings' hearts shall be bent on mischief, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not succeed; for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.
28. Then he shall return to his land with great riches; and his heart shall be set against the holy covenant; and he shall work his will, and return to his own land.

29. At the appointed time he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be this time as it was before.

30. For the ships of Kittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be afraid and withdraw, and have indignation against the holy covenant; so shall he do; he shall even return, and have an understanding with those who forsake the holy covenant.

31. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary and fortress, and he shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.

32. And he shall corrupt by flatteries those who do wickedly against the covenant; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and take action.

33. And those, among the people, who understand shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by plunder many days.

34. Now when they shall fall, they shall receive a little help; but many shall join themselves to them with flatteries.

35. And some of those with understanding shall fall, to test them, and to refine them, and to make them white, until the time of the end; for it is yet for the time appointed.
36. And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for that which is determined shall be done.

37. Nor shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above all.

38. But in his place shall he honor the god who protects fortresses; and a god whom his fathers did not know shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and costly things.

39. And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god; those whom he acknowledges, he will magnify with honor; and he shall make them rulers over many, and shall divide the land for a price.

40. And at the time of the end the king of the south shall push at him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a stormy wind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41. He shall enter also into the land of beauty, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the main part of the Ammonites.
42. He shall stretch out his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Cushites shall follow in his steps.

44. But tidings from the east and from the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and exterminate many.

45. And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the holy mountain of beauty; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.
Daniel Chapter 12

1. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who has charge of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be saved, every one whose name shall be found written in the book.

2. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars for ever and ever.

4. But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

5. Then I, Daniel, looked, and, behold, there stood two others, one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6. And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?
7. And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he lifted up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives for ever that it shall be for a time, two times, and half a time; and when the crushing of the power of the holy people shall have been completed, all these things shall be finished.

8. And I heard, but I did not understand; then I said, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

9. And he said, Go your way, Daniel; for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10. Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

11. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate be set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12. Happy is he who waits, and reaches a thousand three hundred and thirty five days.

13. But you go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and shall stand up for your allotted place at the end of the days.

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1. And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he issued a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying:

2. Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he has charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3. Who is there among you of all his people? His God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, he is the God, which is in Jerusalem.

4. And whoever remains in any place where he sojourns, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the freewill offering for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.

5. Then rose up the chiefs of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all those whose spirit God had stirred to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.

6. And all those who were around them strengthened their hands with utensils of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.
7. Also Cyrus the king brought forth the utensils of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought from Jerusalem, and had them put in the house of his gods;

8. And Cyrus king of Persia brought them forth, by the hand of Mithredath, the treasurer, and counted them to Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

9. And this is the number of them: thirty basins of gold, one thousand basins of silver, twenty nine knives,

10. Thirty bowls of gold, silver bowls of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other utensils one thousand.

11. All the utensils of gold and of silver were five thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar brought up when the exiles were brought up from Babylon to Jerusalem.
1. And these are the people of the province who went up from the captivity, of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and returned to Jerusalem and Judah, every one to his city;

2. They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel;

3. The sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy two.

4. The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy two.

5. The sons of Arah, seven hundred and seventy five.

6. The sons of Pahath-Moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7. The sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty four.

8. The sons of Zattu, nine hundred and forty five.

9. The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.
10. The sons of Bani, six hundred and forty two.

11. The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty three.

12. The sons of Azgad, one thousand two hundred and twenty two.

13. The sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty six.

14. The sons of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty six.

15. The sons of Adin, four hundred and fifty four.

16. The sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety eight.

17. The sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty three.

18. The sons of Jorah, one hundred and twelve.

19. The sons of Hashum, two hundred and twenty three.

20. The sons of Gibbar, ninety five.

21. The sons of Bethlehem, one hundred and twenty three.
22. The men of Netophah, fifty six.

23. The men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty eight.

24. The sons of Azmaveth, forty two.

25. The sons of Kiriath-Arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty three.

26. The sons of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred and twenty one.

27. The men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty two.

28. The men of Beth-El and Ai, two hundred and twenty three.

29. The sons of Nebo, fifty two.

30. The sons of Magbish, one hundred and fifty six.

31. The sons of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty four.

32. The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
33. The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty five.

34. The sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty five.

35. The sons of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.

36. The priests; the sons of Jedediah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy three.

37. The sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty two.

38. The sons of Pashchur, one thousand two hundred and forty seven.

39. The sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.

40. The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, seventy four.

41. The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and twenty eight.

42. The sons of the gate keepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobay, in all one hundred and thirty nine.
43. The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,

44. The sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon,

45. The sons of Lebanon, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,

46. The sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmai, the children of Hanan,

47. The sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah,

48. The sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam,

49. The sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai,

50. The sons of Asnah, the sons of Mehunim, the sons of Nephusim,

51. The sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,

52. The sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,

53. The sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah,
54. The sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha.

55. The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Peruda,

56. The sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,

57. The sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, the sons of Ami.

58. All the temple servants, and the sons of Solomon's servants, were three hundred and ninety two.

59. And these were they who went up from Tel-Melah, Tel-Harsa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not prove their father's house, and their seed, whether they were of Israel;

60. The sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty two.

61. And of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Hakoz, the sons of Barzilai; who took a wife of the daughters of Barzilai the Gileadite, and was called after their name;

62. These sought their registration among those who were enrolled in the genealogy, but they were not found there; so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean.
63. And the Governor said to them that they should not eat of the Most Holy food, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

64. The whole congregation together was forty two thousand three hundred and sixty, beside their servants and their maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty seven; and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women.

65. Their horses were seven hundred and thirty six; their mules, two hundred and forty five; their camels, four hundred and thirty five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

66. And some of the chiefs of fathers' houses, when they came to the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in its place; they gave, according to their ability, to the treasure of the work sixty one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

67. So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the gate keepers, and the temple servants, lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.
1. And when the seventh month came, and the people of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man in Jerusalem.

2. Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brothers, and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Torah of Moses, the man of God.

3. And they set the altar upon its bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the Lord, burnt offerings morning and evening.

4. They also 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 afterwards offered the continual burnt offering, at the new moon, and at all the appointed feasts of the Lord that were consecrated, and the offerings of every one who made a freewill offering to the Lord.

6. From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid.
7. And they gave money to the masons, and to the carpenters; and food, and drink, and oil, to the Sidonians, and to the Tyrians, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Jaffa, according to the grant that they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

8. And in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all those who came back from exile to Jerusalem. And Levites were appointed, from twenty years old and upward, to supervise the work of the house of the Lord.

9. And Jeshua stood with his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brothers the Levites.

10. And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David king of Israel.

11. And they sang responsively in praising and giving thanks to the Lord: For he is good, for his grace endures for ever towards Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.
12. But many of the priests and Levites and chiefs of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, though many shouted aloud for joy;

13. And the people could not distinguish the sound of joyful shouting from the sound of people weeping, because the people shouted loudly, and the sound was heard from far away.
Ezra Chapter 4

1. And when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the exiles were building the temple for the Lord God of Israel;

2. They came to Zerubbabel, and to the chiefs of the fathers' houses and said to them, Let us build with you; for we seek your God, as you do; and we have sacrificed to him since the days of Esar-Haddon, king of Assyria, who brought us up here.

3. And Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chiefs of the fathers' houses of Israel, said to them, You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves alone will build to the Lord God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us.

4. And the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and made them afraid to build,

5. And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6. And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote to him an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.
7. And in the days of Artaxerxes Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the letter was written in Aramaic and translated to Aramaic.

8. Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort;

9. Then wrote Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions: the Dinaites, the Afarsatkites, the Tarpelites, the Afarsites, the Arkevites, the Babylonians, the Sushankites, the Dehites, and the Elamites,

10. And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnappar brought over, and settled in the cities of Samaria, and the rest who are on this side of the river. And now

11. This is the copy of the letter that they sent to him, to Artaxerxes the king; Your servants the men on this side of the river, and now

12. Be it known to the king, that the Jews, who came up from you to us, have come to Jerusalem. They are rebuilding that rebellious and bad city, and have set up its walls, and joined the foundations.
13. Be it known now to the king, that if this city is built, and the walls set up again, then they will not pay any toll, tribute, or customs, and so the revenue of the kings will suffer damage.

14. Now because we eat the salt of the king's palace, and it is not proper for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we send and inform the king:

15. That search may be made in the Book of the Records of your fathers; and you shall find in the Book of the Records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and harmful to kings and provinces, and that sedition was stirred up in it in old times; for which cause was this city destroyed.

16. We inform the king that if this city is built again, and its walls set up, you will then have no portion on this side of the river.

17. Then sent the king an answer to Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions who lived in Samaria, and to the rest beyond the river, Peace, and now

18. The letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me.

19. And I commanded, and search has been made, and it was found that this city in old times rebelled against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made in it.
20. And mighty kings have been over Jerusalem, who ruled over all the countries beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and customs, were paid to them.

21. Therefore make a decree that these men be made to cease, and that this city be not rebuilt, until I shall give another decree.

22. Take care now that you do not fail to do this. Why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

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

24. Then ceased the work on the house of God which is in Jerusalem. And it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.
1. Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even to them.

2. Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God helping them.

3. At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side of the river, and Shethar-Bozenai, and their companions, and said thus to them: Who has commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?

4. Then we spoke to them after this manner, What are the names of the men who build this building?

5. But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, so that they could not make them cease, till the matter came to Darius and till the answer be returned to them by letter concerning this matter.

6. The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side of the river, and Shethar-Bozenai, and his companions the Afarsakites, which were on this side of the river, sent to Darius the king:
7. They sent a letter to him, and in it was written thus: To Darius the king, all peace.

8. Be it known to the king, that we went to the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, which is being built with great stones, and timber is being laid in the walls, and this work goes diligently, and prospers in their hands.

9. Then we asked those elders, and said to them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make these walls?

10. We asked their names also, to inform you, that we might write the names of the men who were at their head.

11. And they returned an answer to us, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was built these many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and set up.

12. But because our fathers had provoked the God of heaven to anger, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away to Babylon.

13. But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon the same king Cyrus issued a decree to build this house of God.
14. And also the utensils of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them to the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take from the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one, whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor;

15. And he said to him, Take these utensils, go, carry them to the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built on its place.

16. Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and since that time even until now it is being built, and it is still not finished.

17. Now therefore, if it seems good to the king, let search be made in the king's treasure house, which is in Babylon, whether it is so, that a decree was issued by Cyrus the king to build this house of God in Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.
1. Then Darius the king issued a decree, and search was made in the house of the archives, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

2. And there was found at Achmetha, in the capital that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and in it was a record thus written:

3. In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king issued a decree concerning the house of God in Jerusalem: Let the house be built, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let its foundations be strongly laid; its height sixty cubits, and its breadth sixty cubits;

4. With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber; and let the expenses be paid from the king's palace;

5. And also let the golden and silver utensils of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple which is in Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be restored, and brought back to the temple, which is in Jerusalem, every one to its place, and put them in the house of God.

6. Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-Bozenai, and your companions the Afarsakites, who are beyond the river, keep far from there;
7. Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place.

8. Moreover I make a decree regarding what you shall do for the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God; that from the king's goods, from the tribute beyond the river, expenses be given to these men, so that they should not be delayed.

9. And that which they need, young bulls, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the requirements of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given to them day by day without fail;

10. That they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

11. Also I have issued a decree, that whoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and let him be lifted up and impaled on it; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.

12. And may the God who has caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter or to destroy the house of God which is in Jerusalem. I Darius have issued a decree; let it be done with speed.
13. Then Tatnai, governor on this side of the river, Shethar-Bozenai, and their companions, according to the word that which Darius the king had sent, did so with diligence.

14. And the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they finished the building, according to the command of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15. And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16. And the people of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy,

17. And they offered at the dedication of this house of God one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18. And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, at Jerusalem; as it is written in the Book of Moses.

19. And the returned exiles kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.
20. For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves, all of them were pure; and they killed the Passover lamb for all the returned exiles, and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves.

21. And the people of Israel, who had returned from exile, and all those who had kept themselves apart from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek the Lord God of Israel, ate,

22. And celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for the Lord had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.
1. And after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

2. The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

3. The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

4. The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

5. The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest;

6. This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a scribe skilled in the Torah of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all that he asked, for the hand of the Lord his God was upon him.

7. And there went up also some of the people of Israel, and some of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gate keepers, and the temple servants, to Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

8. And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.
9. For on the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month he arrived to Jerusalem, for the good hand of his God upon him.

10. For Ezra had set his heart to study the Torah of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel his statutes and judgments.

11. And this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, learned in the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his statutes to Israel.

12. Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace,

13. I make a decree, that any of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my kingdom, who wish of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with you.

14. For you are being send by the king, and his seven counsellors, to make inquiries concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of your God which is in your hand;

15. And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem,
16. And all the silver and gold that you can find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:

17. That you may buy speedily with this money bulls, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem.

18. And whatever shall seem good to you, and to your brothers, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do that according to the will of your God.

19. And the utensils that are given to you for the service of the house of your God, those deliver before the God of Jerusalem.

20. And whatever else shall be needed for the house of your God, which you shall have occasion to provide, provide it from the king's treasure house.

21. And I, Artaxerxes the king, issue a decree to all the treasurers who are beyond the river, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, be done with all diligence.

22. Up to one hundred talents of silver, and one hundred measures of wheat, and one hundred bats of wine, and one hundred bats of oil, and salt, without prescribing how much.
23. Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven, lest his wrath be against the realm of the king and his sons.

24. We also notify you that it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute or custom upon any of the priests and Levites, singers, gate keepers, servants, or ministers of this house of God.

25. And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God, which is in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges, who may judge all the people who are beyond the river, all those who know the laws of your God; and teach those who do not know them.

26. And whoever will not obey the law of your God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed upon him strictly, whether for death, for banishment, for confiscation of goods, or for imprisonment.

27. Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the king’s heart, to beautify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem;

28. And has extended his loving kindness to me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king’s mighty princes. And I was strengthened for the hand of the Lord my God was upon me, and I gathered leading men of Israel to go up with me.
1. And these are the heads of their fathers' houses, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

2. Of the sons of Phinehas: Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar: Daniel; of the sons of David: Hattush.

3. Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Parosh: Zechariah; and with him were registered in the genealogy one hundred and fifty men.

4. Of the sons of Pahath-Moab: Elioenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.

5. Of the sons of Shechaniah: the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

6. And of the sons of Adin: Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7. And of the sons of Elam: Isaiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.

8. And of the sons of Shephatiah: Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him eighty males.

9. Of the sons of Joab: Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.
10. And of the sons of Shelomith: the son of Josipiah, and with him an hundred and sixty males.

11. And of the sons of Bebai: Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

12. And of the sons of Azgad: Johanan the son of Hakatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

13. And of the sons of Adonikam, who came later, their names are these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them sixty males.

14. And of the sons of Bigvai: Uthai, and Zaccur, and with them seventy males.

15. And I gathered them together at the river that runs to Ahava; and there we stayed in tents three days; and I viewed the people, and the priests, and I did not find there any of the sons of Levi.

16. Then I sent for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, leading men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding.
17. And I sent them with command to Iddo the leading man at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say to Iddo, and to his brother who were appointed at the place Casiphia, that they should bring to us ministers for the house of our God.

18. And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of discretion, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brothers, eighteen;

19. And Hashabiah, and with him Isaiah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty;

20. Also of the temple servants, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty temple servants; all of them were expressed by name.

21. Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek from him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our goods.

22. For I was ashamed to ask the king for a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way; because we had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God is for good upon all those who seek him, and the power of his wrath is against all those who forsake him.
23. So we fasted and besought our God for this; and he listened to our entreaty.

24. Then I set apart twelve of the chiefs of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers with them,

25. And weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the utensils, the offering for the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered.

26. I weighed out into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver utensils worth one hundred talents, and one hundred talents of gold;

27. Also twenty bowls of gold, worth a thousand darics; and two utensils fine copper, as precious as gold.

28. And I said to them, You are holy to the Lord; the utensils are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the Lord God of your fathers.

29. Guard them and keep them, until you weigh them before the chiefs of the priests and the Levites, and chiefs of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the Lord.

30. So the priests and the Levites took the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the utensils, to bring them to Jerusalem to the house of our God.
31. Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem; and the hand of our God was upon us, and he saved us from the hand of the enemy, and of those who lay in wait by the way.

32. And we came to Jerusalem, and stayed there three days.

33. And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the utensils were weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites;

34. The whole was counted and weighed, and the weight of everything was recorded at that time.

35. Those who had come back from captivity, the returned exiles, offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety six rams, seventy seven lambs, twelve male goats for a sin offering; all this was a burnt offering to the Lord.

36. And they delivered the king's commissions to the king's satraps, and to the governors on this side of the river; and they aided the people, and the house of God.
1. And when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not set themselves apart from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2. For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mixed themselves with the people of those lands; and the hand of the princes and rulers has been foremost in this trespass.

3. And when I heard this matter, I tore my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down appalled.

4. Then all who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those who had been carried to exile, gathered around me, while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice.

5. And at the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting; and having torn my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands to the Lord my God,
6. And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to you, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our trespasses have mounted up to the heavens.

7. Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been exceedingly guilty; and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder, and to utter shame, as it is this day.

8. And now for a brief moment grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a secure nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our slavery.

9. For we were slaves; yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us his loving kindness in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

10. And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken your commandments,

11. Which you commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, The land which you are entering to take possession of it, is a land unclean because of the uncleanness of the people of the lands, who, with their abominations, have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.
12. And now do not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, nor seek their peace or their welfare for ever; that you may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.

13. And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing that you our God have punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and have given us such deliverance as this;

14. Should we again break your commandments, and intermarry with the people of these abominations? Would you not be angry with us till you would consume us, so that there should be no remnant nor any to escape?

15. O Lord God of Israel, you are righteous; for we are left a remnant that has escaped, as it is this day; behold, we are before you in our guilt, for we cannot stand before you because of this.
1. And while Ezra prayed, and confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men and women and children gathered to him out of Israel; for the people wept bitterly.

2. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken alien wives from the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this matter.

3. And now let us make a covenant with our God to put away all such women, and those born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the Torah.

4. Arise; for it is your task, and we are with you. Be of good courage and do it!

5. Then Ezra arose, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, swear that they should do according to this word. And they swore.

6. Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib; and when he came there, he did not eat bread, nor drink water; for he mourned because of the transgression of the exiles.
7. And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the returned exiles, that they should gather themselves together at Jerusalem;

8. And that whoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his goods should be forfeited, and he himself set apart from the congregation of the exiles.

9. Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together at Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and because of the heavy rain.

10. And Ezra the priest stood up, and said to them, You have transgressed, and have taken foreign wives, to increase the guilt of Israel.

11. And now make confession to the Lord God of your fathers, and do his will; and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the foreign wives.

12. Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As you have said, so must we do.

13. But the people are many, and it is the time of heavy rain, and we are not able to stand outside, nor is this a work for one day or two; for we are many who have transgressed in this matter.
14. Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all those who have
taken foreign wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the
elders of every city, and its judges, until the fierce wrath of our God over this
matter is turned away from us.

15. Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah stood out
against this; and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.

16. And the returned exiles did so. And Ezra the priest selected certain chiefs of
the fathers' houses, after the house of their fathers, each of them designated by
name, and they sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the
matter.

17. And by the first day of the first month, they made an end of the matter of the
men who had taken foreign wives.

18. And among the sons of the priests who had taken foreign wives were found:
of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers, Maaseiah, and Eliezer,
and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19. And they gave their hand that they would put away their wives; and being
guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass.

20. And of the sons of Immer: Hanani, and Zebadiah.
21. And of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah.

22. And of the sons of Pashchur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Eleasah.

23. And of the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, the same is Kelita, Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24. And of the singers: Eliashib; and of the gate keepers: Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25. And of Israel: of the sons of Parosh, Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchijah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26. And of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jerimoth, and Eliah.

27. And of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jerimoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28. And of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.

29. And of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Jerimoth.
30. And of the sons of Pahath-Moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.


32. Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.


34. And of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel, Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhu, Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, and Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
41. Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42. Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

43. And of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadai, and Joel, Benaiah.

44. All these had married foreign women; and some of them had wives by whom they had children.
Nehemiah Chapter 1

1. The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Kislev, in the twentieth year, when I was in Shushan the capital,

2. That Hanani, one of my brothers, came, he and some men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3. And they said to me, The remnant of the captivity, who are left there in the province, suffer great affliction and insult; the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and its gates are burned with fire.

4. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned several days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

5. And I said, I pray you, O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and grace with those who love him and observe his commandments;

6. Let your ear now be attentive, and your eyes open, that you may hear the prayer of your servant, which I pray before you now, day and night, for the people of Israel your servants, and confess the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you; both I and my father's house have sinned.
7. We have dealt very corruptly against you, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which you commanded your servant Moses.

8. Remember, I beseech you, the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, If you transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations;

9. But if you turn to me, and keep my commandments, and do them, though you were dispersed to the farthest skies, I would gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen to set my name there.

10. Now these are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power, and by your strong hand.

11. O Lord, I beseech you, let now your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants, who delight to fear your name; and let your servant prosper, I pray you, this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. And I was the king's cupbearer.
1. And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him; and I took up the wine, and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad before in his presence.

2. And the king said to me, Why is your face sad, seeing you are not ill? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very much afraid.

3. And I said to the king, Let the king live for ever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchers, lies in ruins, and its gates have been consumed by fire?

4. Then the king said to me, For what do you make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5. And I said to the king, If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you would send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' sepulchers, that I may rebuild it.

6. And the king said to me, the queen sitting by him, How long will your journey last? And when will you return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.
7. And I said to the king, If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the
governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come to Judah;

8. And a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king’s forest, that he may give me
timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall
of the city, and for the house to which I go. And the king granted me, for the

good hand of my God was upon me.

9. Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king’s
letters. And the king had sent officers of the army and horsemen with me.

10. When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard
of it, it displeased them greatly that a man had come seeking the welfare of the
people of Israel.

11. So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12. And I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; and I told no man what
my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. And there was no beast with
me, but the beast on which I rode.

13. And I went out by night by the Valley Gate, to the Well of the Crocodile,
and to the Dung Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken
down, and its gates had been consumed by fire.
14. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate, and to the King’s Pool; but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.

15. Then I went up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned.

16. And the rulers did not know where I went, or what I did. And to the Jews, and to the priests, and to the rulers, and to the rest who would do the work, till then I had not told.

17. Then I said to them, You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates are burned by fire; Come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we no longer should suffer insult.

18. Then I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me; and also of words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

19. But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arab, heard of it, they laughed at us with scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?

20. Then I answered them, and said to them: The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build; but you have no portion, no right, no memorial, in Jerusalem.
1. Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it, and set its doors; they consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananeel.

2. And next to him built the men of Jericho. And next to them built Zaccur the son of Imri.

3. And the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate, and also laid its beams, and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars.

4. And next to them repaired Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakoz. And next to them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next to them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.

5. And next to them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles did not put their necks to the work of their Lord.

6. And Jehoiada, the son of Paseah, repaired the Old Gate, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams, and set up its doors, and its locks, and its bars.

7. And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, as far as the seat of the governor beyond the river.
8. Next to him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next to him repaired Hananiah, one of the perfumers, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.

9. And next to them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem.

10. And next to them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, opposite his house. And next to him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.

11. Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab, repaired another section, and the Tower of the Ovens.

12. And next to him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

13. Hanun repaired the Valley Gate, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they rebuilt it, and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

14. And Malchijah the son of Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth-Hakerem, repaired the Dung Gate; he rebuilt it, and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars.
15. And Shallun, the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate; he rebuilt it, and covered it, and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and the wall of the pool of Shiloah in the king's garden, as far as the stairs that descend from the city of David.

16. After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district of Beth-Zur, to a place opposite the sepulchers of David, as far as the man made pool, and as far as the house of the warriors.

17. After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, the ruler of half the district of Keilah, repaired his area.

18. After him repaired their brothers, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of half the district of Keilah.

19. And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the corner.

20. After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired another section, from the corner as far as the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

21. After him repaired Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakoz another section, from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib.
22. And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.

23. After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub opposite their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house.

24. After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another section, from the house of Azariah to the turning of the wall, as far as the corner.

25. Palal the son of Uzai, repaired opposite the corner, and the tower which projects out from the king's upper house, that was by the Court of the Guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh,

26. And the temple servants living in Ophel, repaired to the place opposite the Water Gate towards the east, and the projecting tower.

27. After them the Tekoites repaired another section, opposite the great projecting tower, as far as the wall of Ophel.

28. The priests repaired from above the Horse Gate, every one opposite his own house.

29. After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer, opposite his own house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate.
30. After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another section. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah opposite his chamber.

31. After him repaired Malchijah the goldsmith's son as far as the place of the Temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Hamiphkad Gate, and to the ascent of the corner.

32. And the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired between the ascent of the corner and the Sheep Gate.

33. And it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we built the wall, he was angry, and greatly enraged, and he mocked the Jews.

34. And he spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria, and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore things? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish which are burned?

35. And Tobiah the Ammonite, who was next to him, said, Even a fox climbing up on what they build, shall break down their stone wall!

36. Hear, O our God; for we are despised; and turn their taunt upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity;
37. And do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before you; for they have provoked you to anger before the builders.

38. So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work.
1. And it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabs, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being repaired, and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry.

2. And they all conspired together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to cause confusion in it.

3. And we prayed to our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

4. And Judah said, The strength of the burden bearers is failing, and there is much rubble; so that we are not able to build the wall.

5. And our adversaries said, They shall not know, nor see, till we come into their midst, and kill them, and cause the work to stop.

6. And it came to pass, that when the Jews who lived by them came, they said to us ten times: From all the places where you shall return, they will be upon us.

7. Therefore I stationed the people in the lower places behind the wall, on the bare face of the rock. I stationed the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.
8. And I looked, and rose up, and said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Do not be afraid of them, remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

9. And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had frustrated their plot, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one to his work.

10. And it came to pass from that day on, that half of my servants did the work, and the other half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail; and the leaders were behind all the house of Judah.

11. Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves in such a way that with one of his hands each labored in his work, and with the other hand he held a weapon.

12. And everyone of the builders had his sword girded by his side, and so they built. And he who sounded the shofar was by my side.

13. And I said to the nobles, and to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and wide, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another.

14. In the place where you hear the sound of the shofar, rally to us there; our God shall fight for us.
15. So we labored in the work; and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn till the stars appeared.

16. Also, at the same time, I said to the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, so that in the night they shall guard us, and labor in the day.

17. And neither I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; everyone brought his weapon with him, even to the water.
1. And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers.

2. For there were those who said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many; therefore let us get grain, that we may eat, and live.

3. Some also were there who said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy grain, because of the famine.

4. There were also those who said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute upon our lands and vineyards.

5. Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children as their children; and, behold, we force our sons and daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters are already pressed into slavery; and it is not in our power to redeem them; for other men have our fields and vineyards.

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

7. Then I took counsel with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the leaders, and said to them, You make claims for debt, each from his brother. And I held a great assembly against them.
8. And I said to them, We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers, which were sold to the nations; and you will sell your brothers so that they should be sold to us? Then they were silent, and could find no words to answer.

9. Also I said, What you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the taunts of the nations our enemies?

10. And I, and my brothers, and my servants, are lending them money and grain; I beg you, let us release this debt.

11. Return to them, I beg you, even today, their lands, their vineyards, their olive trees, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the grain, the wine, and the oil, that you have been exacting of them.

12. Then they said, We will return them, and will require nothing from them. We will do as you say. And I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.

13. Also I shook out my lap, and said, So may God shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, who does not perform this promise; so may he be shaken out and emptied. And all the assembly said, Amen, and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.
14. And from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year until the thirty second year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brothers have not eaten the bread allowance of the governor.

15. But the previous governors who had been before me laid burdens upon the people, and had taken from them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver. Even their servants ruled over the people! But I did not do so, because of the fear of God.

16. I also continued in the work of this wall, nor did we buy any land; and all my servants were gathered there for the work.

17. And there were at my table a hundred and fifty of the Jews and the leaders, beside those who came to us from among the nations that are around us.

18. And what was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; fowls were also prepared for me, and once every ten days all sorts of wine in abundance; and yet, in spite of all this, I did not require the bread allowance of the governor, because the servitude was heavy upon this people.

19. Remember me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.
1. And it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had built the wall, and that no breach was left in it; though at that time I had not yet set up the doors in the gates;

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

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

4. Yet they sent to me four times in this way; and I answered them in the same manner.

5. And Sanballat, in this manner, sent his servant to me a fifth time with an open letter in his hand;

6. In it was written, It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall, that you may be their king, according to these words.
7. And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah! And now it shall be reported to the king according to these words. So, come now, and let us take counsel together.

8. And I sent to him, saying, No such things as you say have been done, but you invent them out of your own heart.

9. For they all wanted us to be afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, and it will not be done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

10. And I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for they will come to kill you; in the night they will come to kill you.

11. And I said, Should a man such as I flee? What man, such as I, would go into the temple and live? I will not go in!

12. And, behold, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he had pronounced this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13. For this purpose was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, so that they should have reasons to give me a bad name, in order to taunt me.
14. Remember, O My God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that wanted to frighten me.

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

16. And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw it, they fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work was done by our God.

17. Also in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and letters from Tobiah came to them.

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

19. Also, they used to speak about his good deeds before me, and my words they reported to him. And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.
1. And it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and appointed the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites,

2. That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah, the ruler of the capital, charge over Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared God more than many.

3. And I said to them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them; and appoint watches among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, everyone in his watch, and everyone to be opposite his house.

4. Now the city was large and great; but the people in it were few, and the houses were not yet built.

5. And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the leaders, and the people, that they might be registered by genealogy. And I found a registry book of the genealogy of those who came up first, and found written in it:

6. These are the people of the province, who went up from captivity, of those who had been exiled by Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, and came back to Jerusalem and to Judah, each to his own city.
7. Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel was:

8. The sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy two.

9. The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy two.

10. The sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty two.

11. The sons of Pahath-Moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

12. The sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty four.

13. The sons of Zattu, eight hundred and forty five.

14. The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.

15. The sons of Binnui, six hundred and forty eight.

16. The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty eight.

17. The sons of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty two.
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32. The men of Beth-El and Ai, a hundred and twenty three.

33. The men of the other Nebo, fifty two.

34. The sons of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty four.

35. The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

36. The sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty five.

37. The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty one.

38. The people of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

39. The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy three.
40. The sons of Immer, a thousand and fifty two.

41. The sons of Pashchur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

42. The sons of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

43. The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the people of Hodevah, seventy four.

44. The singers: the sons of Asaph, a hundred and forty eight.

45. The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, a hundred and thirty eight.

46. The Temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,

47. The sons of Keros, the sons of Siah, the sons of Padon,

48. The sons of Lebanon, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Shalmai,

49. The sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,
50. The sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,

51. The sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,

52. The sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephishesim,

53. The sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,

54. The sons of Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,

55. The sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah,

56. The sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha.

57. The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Perida,

58. The sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,

59. The sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pocharoth of Zebaim, the sons of Amon.

60. All the Temple servants, and the sons of Solomon's servants, were three hundred and ninety two.
61. And these were those who went up also from Tel-Melah, Tel-Haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer; but they could not prove their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel.

62. The sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty two.

63. And of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Hakoz, the sons of Barzilai, who had taken a wife of the daughters of Barzilai the Gileadite, and was called after their name.

64. These sought to be inscribed among those registered in the genealogy, but it was not found there, so they were excluded from the priesthood.

65. And the Governor said to them, that they should not eat of the Most Holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

66. The whole congregation together was forty two thousand three hundred and sixty,
68. Their camels were four hundred and thirty five; and their asses six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

69. And some of the chiefs of fathers' houses gave for the work. The Governor gave to the treasury a thousand drachmas of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.

70. And some of the chiefs of fathers' houses gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand drachmas of gold, and two thousand and two hundred minas of silver.

71. And what the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drachmas of gold, and two thousand minas of silver, and sixty seven priestly garments.

72. So the priests, and the Levites, and the gatekeepers, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the people of Israel were in their cities.
1. And all the people gathered as one man in the open place before the Water Gate; and told Ezra the Scribe to bring the Book of the Torah of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.

2. And Ezra the Priest brought the Torah before the congregation both of men and women, and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.

3. And he read from it in front of the open space before the Water Gate, from early morning until noon, before the men and the women, and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Torah.

4. And Ezra the Scribe stood upon a platform of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiyah, and Misaan, and Melchijah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

5. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; for he was above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up;
6. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads, and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

7. Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, helped the people to understand the Torah; while the people stood in their places.

8. So they read in the book in the Torah of God clearly, and gave the interpretation, so that they understood the reading.

9. And Nehemiah, who was the Governor, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said to all the people, This is holy to our Lord; do not mourn, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Torah.

10. Then he said to them, Go your way, eat fat foods, and drink sweet beverages, and send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord; do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

11. So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; do not grieve.
12. And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words which had been declared to them.

13. And on the second day the chiefs of fathers' houses of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe, to study the words of the Torah.

14. And they found written in the Torah, which the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses, that the people of Israel should live in booths during the feast of the seventh month;

15. And that they should proclaim and publish in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go out to the mountain, and fetch olive branches, and branches of wild olive, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.

16. So the people went out, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the open space of the Water Gate, and in the open space of the Gate of Ephraim.

17. And all the congregation of those who had returned from captivity made booths, and dwelt in the booths; for since the days of Joshua, son of Nun, to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was a very great rejoicing.
18. And he read in the Book of the Torah of God, day by day, from the first day to the last day, and they celebrated the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.
1. And in the twenty fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.

2. And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

3. And they stood up in their place, and read in the Book of the Torah of the Lord their God one fourth part of the day; and for another fourth they made confession, and prostrated themselves to the Lord their God.

4. Then stood up upon the stairs of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and shouted with a loud voice to the Lord their God.

5. Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabbiah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6. You, only you, are Lord; you made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host; the earth, and everything that is in it; the seas, and everything that is in them; and you preserve them all; and the host of heaven prostrate themselves to you.
7. You are the Lord the God, who chose Abram, and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans, and gave him the name of Abraham;

8. And you found that his heart was faithful before you, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, to give it to his seed, and you have fulfilled your words; for you are righteous;

9. And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and you heard their cry at the Red Sea;

10. And you gave signs and wonders against Pharaoh, and all his servants, and all the people of his land; for you knew that they acted arrogantly against them. So you made a name for yourself, as it is today.

11. And you parted the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land; and your threw their pursuers into the deeps, like a stone into mighty waters.

12. And you did lead them with a pillar of cloud by day, and with a pillar of fire by night, to light for them the way on which they should walk.

13. And you came down to Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and you gave them right ordinances and true laws, commandments, and good statutes.
14. And you made known to them your holy sabbath; and you commanded them statutes, commandments, and Torah, by the hand of Moses your servant.

15. And bread from heaven you gave them for their hunger, and you brought for them water out of the rock for their thirst, and you told them to go and possess the land which you had sworn to give them.

16. But they and our fathers acted arrogantly, and hardened their necks, and did not listen to your commandments,

17. And they refused to obey, nor were they mindful of your wonders that you did among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a leader to return to their slavery; but you are a forgiving God, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, with loving kindness, and you did not forsake them.

18. Even when they made for themselves a molten calf, and said, This is your God who brought you out of Egypt; and committed great blasphemies.

19. And you in your many mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness; the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; nor the pillar of fire by night, to light for them the way on which they should walk.

20. You gave your good spirit to instruct them, and you did not withheld your manna from their mouth, and you gave them water for their thirst.
21. And forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear old, and their feet did not swell.

22. And you gave them kingdoms and peoples, and allotted every corner to them; so that they took possession of the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

23. And you multiplied their children as the stars of heaven, and brought them into the land, which you had promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

24. And their sons went in and possessed the land, and you subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

25. And they captured fortified cities, and a rich land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells hewn out, vineyards, and olive trees, and fruit trees in abundance; so they ate, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in your great goodness.

26. But they were disobedient, and rebelled against you, and cast your Torah behind their backs, and killed your prophets who had warned them to turn back to you, and they committed great blasphemies.
27. And you delivered them into the hand of their enemies, who made them suffer; and in the time of their trouble, when they cried to you, you heard them from heaven; and according to your many mercies you gave them saviors, who saved them from the hand of their enemies.

28. But after they had rest, they did evil again before you; therefore you abandoned them to the hand of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them; yet when they returned, and cried to you, you heard them from heaven; and many times you did save them according to your mercies.

29. And you warned them, that you might bring them back to your Torah; yet they dealt arrogantly and did not listen to your commandments, but sinned against your judgments, by the observance of which a man shall live; and turned the shoulder, and stiffened their neck, and would not listen.

30. Many years did you forbear them, and warned them by your spirit in your prophets; yet they would not give ear; therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.

31. Nevertheless for your great mercies' sake you did not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for you are a gracious and merciful God.

32. Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome, who keeps covenant and grace, let not all the trouble seem little before you, which has come upon us, upon our kings, upon our princes, and upon our priests, and upon our prophets, and upon our fathers, and upon all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day.
33. But you have been just in all that has come upon us; for you have done right, and we have done wickedly;

34. And our kings, our princes, our priests, and our fathers have not kept your Torah, nor listened to your commandments and your warnings which you gave them.

35. For they have not served you in their kingdom, and in your great goodness which you gave them, and in the large and rich land which you set before them, nor did they turn from their wicked works.

36. Behold, we are slaves today, and with respect to the land that you gave to our fathers to eat its fruit and its goods, behold, we are slaves in it;

37. And its abundant yield goes to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins; they also have power over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.
1. And because of all this we make a firm covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, set their seal to it.

2. And those who sealed were; Nehemiah, the Governor, the son of Hachaliah, and Zedekiah,

3. Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

4. Pashchur, Amariah, Malchijah,

5. Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

6. Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

7. Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

8. Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

9. Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these were the priests.

10. And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;
11. And their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

12. Micah, Rehob, Hashabiah,

13. Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,


15. The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

16. Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

17. Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

18. Ater, Hezekiah, Azur,

19. Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

20. Hariph, Anathoth, Neibai,

21. Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

22. Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,
23. Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

24. Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,

25. Halohesh, Pileha, Shobek,

26. Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

27. And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,


29. And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Temple servants, and all those who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Torah of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one who has knowledge and understanding;

30. They join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse, and an oath, to walk in God's Torah, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;

31. And we will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons;
32. And if the peoples of the land bring ware or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, we will not buy it from them on the sabbath, or on a holy day; and we will forego the crops of the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

33. Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God;

34. For the bread of display, and for the continual meal offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the appointed feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

35. And we cast lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at appointed times year by year, to burn upon the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the Torah;

36. And to bring the first fruits of our ground, and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord;

37. Also the first born of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the Torah, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks; and to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God;
38. And that we should bring the first fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all kinds of trees, of wine and of oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground to the Levites, for they, the Levites receive the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

39. And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes; and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.

40. For the people of Israel and the Levites shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine, and the oil, to the chambers where the utensils of the sanctuary are, and the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers, and the singers; and we will not forsake the house of our God.
1. And the rulers of the people lived in Jerusalem; and the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine tenths to live in other cities.

2. And the people blessed all the men, who willingly offered themselves to live in Jerusalem.

3. Now these are the chiefs of the province who lived in Jerusalem; but in the towns of Judah every one lived in his property in their towns; Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Temple servants, and the descendants of Solomon's servants.

4. And in Jerusalem lived some of the people of Judah, and of the people of Benjamin. Of the people of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the sons of Perez;

5. And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite.

6. All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty eight men of arms.
7. And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Isaiah.

8. And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred and twenty eight.

9. And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer; and Judah the son of Hasenuah was second over the city.

10. Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.

11. Seraiah the son of Hilkiiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God.

12. And their brothers who did the work of the house were eight hundred and twenty two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashchur, the son of Malchijah,

13. And his brothers, chiefs of fathers' houses, two hundred and forty two; and Amashsai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14. And their brothers, mighty men of valor, a hundred and twenty eight; and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of Haggedolim.
15. Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16. And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, had the supervision of the outside work of the house of God.

17. And Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the leader to begin the thanksgiving in prayer; and Bakbukiah the second among his brothers, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18. All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred and eighty four.

19. And the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers who kept the gates, were a hundred and seventy two.

20. And the rest of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

21. And the Temple servants lived in Ophel; and Ziha and Gishpa were over the Temple servants.

22. The overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micah. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers were over the work of the house of God.
23. For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a portion should daily be for the singers.

24. And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the sons of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25. And as for the villages, with their fields, some of the people of Judah lived in Kiriath-Arba, and in its villages, and in Dibon, and in its villages, and in Jekabzeel, and in its villages.

26. And in Jeshua, and in Moladah, and in Beth-Phelet,

27. And in Hazar-Shual, and in Beersheba, and in its villages,

28. And in Ziklag, and in Mekonah, and in its villages,

29. And in Ein-Rimmon, and in Zareah, and in Jarmuth,

30. Zanoah, Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish, and its fields, in Azekah, and in its villages. And they lived from Beersheba to the valley of Hinnom.

31. The people of Benjamin from Geba lived in Michmash, and Aija, and Beth-El, and in their villages,
32. And in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33. Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34. Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35. Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

36. And of the Levites some divisions in Judah were joined to Benjamin.
1. And these are the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua; Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2. Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

3. Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4. Iddo, Ginnetho, 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 Jeshua.

8. And the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who was over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers.

9. Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brothers, stood opposite them in the duty watches.
10. And Jeshua fathered Joiakim, Joiakim fathered Eliashib, and Eliashib fathered Joiada,

11. And Joiada fathered Jonathan, and Jonathan fathered Jaddua.

12. And in the days of Joiakim were priests, chiefs of fathers' houses; of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13. Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14. Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

15. Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16. Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

17. Of Abijah, Zichri; of Minjamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18. Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jonathan;

19. And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaijah, Uzzi;

20. Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

Nehemiah

22. The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were recorded chiefs of fathers' houses; also the priests, until the reign of Darius the Persian.

23. The sons of Levi, chiefs of fathers' houses, were written in the Book of the Chronicles, until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

24. And the chiefs of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, watch group by watch group.

25. Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were gatekeepers standing guard at the storehouses of the gates.

26. These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the Governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

27. And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres.
28. And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, from the district around Jerusalem, and from the Netophathite villages;

29. Also from the house of Gilgal, and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem.

30. And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31. Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies who gave thanks and went in procession. One went to the right upon 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 some of the priests' sons with trumpets; Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph;
36. And his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

37. And at the Fountain Gate, which was opposite them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, to the Water Gate on the east.

38. And the other company of those who gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with half of the people, upon the wall, above the Tower of the Ovens, to the Broad Wall;

39. And from above the Gate of Ephraim, and by the Old Gate, and by the Fish Gate, and the Tower of Hananeel, and the Tower of Hundred, to the Sheep Gate; and they came to a halt at the Gate of the Guard.

40. And the two companies of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God, and I, and half of the rulers with me;

41. And the priests: Eliakim, Maaseiah, Minjamin, Micah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;

42. And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Izrahiah as their leader.
43. And that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy; and also the women and the children rejoiced; and the joy of Jerusalem was heard even from far away.

44. And on that day men were appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, from the fields of the cities, the portions assigned by the Torah for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who ministered.

45. And they performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the command of David and of Solomon his son.

46. For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.

47. And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the gatekeepers, as every day required; and they gave the holy portions to the Levites; and the Levites gave the holy portions to the sons of Aaron.
1. On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people; and was found written in it that the Ammonite and the Moabite should never come into the congregation of God;
7. And I came to Jerusalem, and understood the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, preparing for him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

8. And it greatly angered me; and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah out of the chamber.

9. Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers; and I brought back there the utensils of the house of God, with the meal offering and the frankincense.

10. And I found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them; so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled every one to his field.

11. Then I quarrelled with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

12. Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the treasuries.

13. And I appointed treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the Scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered faithful, and their duty was to distribute to their brothers.
14. Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for his service.

15. In those days I saw in Judah men treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading them on asses; and also wine, grapes, and figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I warned them on the day when they sold food.

16. Men of Tyre, who lived there, brought fish, and all kinds of ware, and sold on the sabbath to the people of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17. Then I confronted the nobles of Judah, and said to them, What evil thing is this that you are doing, profaning the sabbath day?

18. Did not your fathers act this way, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? Yet you bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

19. And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and gave orders that they should not be opened till after the sabbath; and I set some of my servants at the gates, that no burden should be brought in on the sabbath day.
20. And the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice.

21. And I warned them, and said to them, Why do you lodge before the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time on they did not come more on the sabbath.

22. And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and guard the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of your grace.

23. Also in those days I saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab;

24. And half their children spoke in the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but according to the language of each people.

25. And I quarrelled with them, and cursed them, and struck some of them, and pulled off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves.
26. Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Among the many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel; nevertheless foreign women made even him sin.

27. Shall we then listen to you and do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying foreign wives?

28. And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was the son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite; therefore I chased him away from me.

29. Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

30. Thus I cleansed them from all foreigners, and appointed duty watches for the priests and the Levites, every one in his work;

31. And for the wood offering, at the appointed times, and for the first fruits, remember me, O my God, for good.
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